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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
to register, go to pelham.formed.org

Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them.

If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at (603)-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am
Friday No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 5
 4pm **Matthew L. Janos**, 34th
 Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos

Sunday October 6
 8am **Susan Santamaria**, 28th
 Anniversary, requested by her family
Holmes Tracy requested by Doug & Laura Masson
 10:30am **Antonette & Charles D'Alessio**
 30th & 14th Anniversary, requested by the Tocco family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday October 7
 8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**
 For Health & Blessings for **Alice Haggerty** requested by the Haggerty family

Tuesday October 8
 8am **Mary Katherine Blazvich**, 2nd
 Anniversary, requested by Mary Morgan & family
Fernand, Evelyn & Mary Dallaire requested by their family

Wednesday October 9
 8am **John Comeau, Sr.**, 9th Anniversary, requested by his family

Thursday October 10
 8am **Nicholas Betancur** requested by his family

Friday October 11
 8am No Mass

Saturday October 12
 4pm **Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Chisholm** requested by the Chisholm family

Sunday October 13
 8am **Robert Hall** requested by his family
 10:30am **Janyn Provencal**, 5th Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Jeanne Dubreuil by her family

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in \$8,700 per week.	
Parish Collections for the week of 9/29/19	
Offertory Envelopes	\$5,611
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,356
Total Offertory	\$6,967
Faith Life	\$1,508
Total Collected	\$8,475
As of 9/29 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,519	
Thank you for supporting our parish ~Fr. Von~	

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Oct. 13 Utility

This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Oct. 20 World Mission Sunday

On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to "go out to all the world." The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis through the world.

Oct. 27 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Una Harrington by Virginia Chiasson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 6

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the parish center
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, October 7

Faith life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, October 8

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 9

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM
Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, October 10

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00 PM, in the parish center
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, October 11

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Saturday, October 12

Youth Ministry Grades 6-12, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

Acts of Mercy

How many Spiritual

- Instruct the uninformed
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive offenses
- Pray for the living and the dead

How many Corporal

- Feed the hungry
- Clothe the naked
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the imprisoned
- Visit the sick
- Bury the Dead

"THANKS FOR GIVING" VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER



On Behalf of Fr. Von and St. Patrick Parish, you are invited to a celebration of YOU! On Saturday, November 2nd, from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Parish Center. Kindly RSVP to Allyson Condon by October 19th at chris-ally@comcast.net or 978-621-2717. Spouses and infants are welcome!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 25th through November 3rd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 24 Pennacook Street, Manchester, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please email 40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com or call 978-226-3240.

VOCATIONS

"God did not give us a spirit of cowardice." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com

FROM NOTHING TO COSMOS: GOD AND SCIENCE

Monday nights in the Youth Room at the School on October 21st & 28th and November 4th & 18th at 7:00 PM.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, I will be travelling to Pennsylvania for “Theology of the Body II: Into the Deep” (TOB II) conference, given by Christopher West. I thought I’d share a bit about what Theology of the Body is. In the early years of his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II used his Wednesday audiences to teach about how our bodies point to the truth of who God is (hence, *theology* – study of God – of the *body*). Since we are made in the image and likeness of God, then who we are points to the truth of who God is. St. John Paul said this:

The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine.

It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it. (*Theology of the Body* 19:4)

This quote is a powerful reminder that our bodies are not incidental to us; they are not an accident of nature, but point to the invisible reality of who we are and who God is. When people look at us, they must look at our bodies, for they cannot see our invisible souls. When we stub our toes, we don’t say, “The appendage at the bottom of my mobile unit is in pain,” we say, “**OUCH!!!**” (proving that *I* am in pain). Our bodies are us, and we are our bodies. Now, we are more than our bodies (we have immortal souls as well), but our bodies are inherent to who we are. We are ensouled bodies or embodied souls. Our bodies point to the invisible reality of who we are.

Since our bodies make visible the invisible reality of who we are, it means our bodies are not incidental to us. If someone said that he didn’t *feel* he was supposed to have a left arm, and amputated it to make him more “himself,” would that be good? Would that help him become “more himself”? No, it would be a mutilation. When an anorexic teenager thinks she is fat, when really she is unhealthily underweight, do we say that she should continue doing what her inner self feels? No. In both cases, we would think they need help in order to bring their internal view of themselves into alignment with the physical reality. In the same way, when someone is struggling with gender dysphoria. Changing their genitals don’t change the reality of their sex (especially since our sex is more than our genitals – our XX or XY chromosomes are in every gene of our bodies). These people need empathy, of course, not judgment, but they also don’t need to radically change their bodies. They need help, help that may come from counselling, etc., but may also only come through Jesus’ healing love.

Moving on, one key point of John Paul’s Theology of the Body is what he calls the “nuptial meaning of the body.” Nuptial means marital, so the meaning of the body points to marital union. When we look at our bodies, most of our systems could make sense without other people – the Gastrointestinal System makes sense, the nervous system makes sense, etc., even if I were the only human alive. But one system does not – the reproductive system. As an individual, the body’s reproductive system is incomplete – the male sperm or the female ovum only have half of the required genes. To have a full human, you need both sperm and ovum to unite to have the full complement of genes. Even on the visible physical level, the make-up of our genitals makes no sense without the other sex. This points to the fact that our bodies were made for that nuptial union.

Why did God make us this way? He didn’t have to, since He made other beings asexual in their reproduction. John Paul points to the truth that the nuptial union is a visible sign of the Trinity. When a husband and wife unite in the marriage act, the two become one flesh. They are united in love, and it is often called “making love” (in our fallen world, of course, it is not always done by husband and wife, nor is it always a love act, but this is how God created it to be. Much like the fact that God made our GI system for eating, but we can overeat, under-eat, or eat the wrong things – in this, as in all things, we can go against God’s plan). This union, this love, is so real that nine months later you may have to give it a name. So two become one, and one becomes three – an image of God as Trinity in unity, unity in Trinity. God made our bodies in such a way that they point to how He made us by love, for love, in love, and that God *is* love. God’s love is gift, and we receive – gift and reception.

Knowing this, we see that the marriage act – which is essential to marriage – is an image of God’s love, which is total, faithful, free, and fruitful (seen from Christ’s perfect love for us on the Cross). It is total – it holds nothing back, for it is total gift of the self to the other. It is faithful – it is “until death do us part” and allows no other love to get in between, and act of love to be shared only between life-long partners. It is free – it cannot be pressured or coerced. It is fruitful – it brings life and love to the other, and is open to the possibility of “third” person coming (a baby). When we look at the Church’s sexual morality in light of this truth, everything makes sense. Does pornography point us to union with another? In masturbation, are we able to gift ourselves to another? Is the hookup culture faithful? Does rape point to gift and reception? Are homosexual acts open to life? The answer to all of these is “no.” This is also why artificial contraception is morally wrong – it mutilates the marriage act so that it is no longer open to life, and it gets in the way of a total gift of self (“I want you... but not your fertility” “I want you... but not your sperm.”).

I know I’ve probably gotten a few people upset, and I don’t have enough space to elaborate on these teachings of the Church. If you are struggling with the Church’s teaching on sexual morality, I would encourage you to continue seeking the truth, especially in the beautiful teaching of John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Please don’t just “shut down,” but ask why the Church teaches what it teaches. One good resource is Christopher West’s book *Good News about Sex and Marriage: Answers to Your Honest Questions about Catholic Teaching: Revised Edition* (Servant Books).

Because of You: Catholic Charities

New Hampshire: Update

Through your support of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, you have brought hope, healing and compassion to 68,800 Granite State residents living amid despair and crisis this year. This includes helping 1,080 individuals move from poverty and a lack of basic life needs to stability and self-sufficiency; more than 400 homebound and disabled elderly avoid isolation and maintain their independence; and 242 individuals work to overcome grief, depression and significant mental health challenges. While we're proud of what we're able to achieve together, our work is far from done. Thanks to you, we will continue to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, just as Jesus Christ calls us to do. To learn more about the profound impact of your support and generosity, visit www.cc-nh.org/impact.

Warde Assisted Living in Windham Expands

Warde Assisted Living, part of Warde Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Windham, is adding three brand-new assisted living rooms. While Warde Assisted Living offers the same level of support and features you'll find at more expensive assisted living facilities, we pride ourselves on our close-knit community. We're a place where everyone knows and respects each other. Services include a wide range of meals, housekeeping, group trips, exercise programs, spiritual support and various social and recreational services.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Bret Pomeroy at 603-890-1290 or whc.administrator@cc-nh.org. Warde Assisted is owned and operated by Catholic Charities New Hampshire.

2019 CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Experience God's Unconditional Love

Join us for the Diocesan Youth Conference featuring Paul J. Kim as keynote, Praise & Worship music by Delmore Worship, Adoration, Confessions, Breakout sessions and Mass. The day will provide youth, grades 7-12, the opportunity to experience God's Unconditional Love and understand their worthiness in today's world. Event: Bishop Guertin High School, Nashua, on Saturday, November 16th, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Cost: \$25-\$30. Stay tuned, a parish group will be forming as the event draws closer. Email: Adam Castor with any questions at faithlifeformation@comcast.net

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are a resident of Pelham and are looking for assistance with heat, electricity, food, rent and other household expenses, please call one of the following telephone numbers. Your call will be in strict confidence or visit us on our website at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org. Please call 603-508-2898, 603-635-7272, 603-508-8131 or 603-893-1713. You can also make a credit card donation on line through the same website or you can send us a donation by making your check payable to:

Pelham Good Neighbor Fund

P.O. Box 953

Pelham, NH 03076

All donations are tax deductible since we are a non-profit 501 (C) (3) Charitable organization tax ID #02-0484080.



BABY BOTTLES

St. Gianna's Place - a new home for women in crisis pregnancies - has recently opened its doors in Hudson, NH. Money is being raised to help defray the costs of day-to-day operations and maintenance. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with loose change or bills, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by October 13th. With your support, we can change mothers' lives and save unborn babies. If you would like to assist us with passing out or collecting the bottles, please contact Lydia Sobocinski at 603-216-7320. Thank you!



Seminarian Brunch Fundraiser

Come meet our Seminarrians at the first Black & White Brunch Fundraiser. On Saturday, October 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Manchester Country Club. Tickets are \$100 per person and you can register or become a sponsor at www.liveinblackandwhite.com.