

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434**
(all lowercase).

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

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 7
4pm **Raymond Lausier** requested by
Armand & Joan Berard

Sunday October 8
8am **Robert Hall** requested by
his family
10:30am **Antonette & Charles D'Alessio**
28th & 12th Anniversary, requested
by the Tocco family
Robert Duffy, 8th Anniversary,
requested by his mom
6pm **Intentions for all our**
Parishioners

Monday October 9
8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday October 10
8am **Janyn Provencal**, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by the Provencal family

Wednesday October 11
8am **John Comeau**, 7th Anniversary,
requested by his family

Thursday October 12
8am **Rena Cayer** requested by
her family

Friday October 13
6pm Mass & Living Rosary

Saturday October 14
4pm **Dr. Joseph & Joan Chisholm**
requested the Chisholm family

Sunday October 15
8am **Bernardin Raby**, 7th Anniversary,
requested by the Raby family
10:30am **Agnes Lawlor** "Birthday
Remembrance" requested by
Pat Lawlor
6pm **Intentions for all our**
Parishioners

WANT TO GET CLOSER TO JESUS?

Join us for our parish "Light of the World" Retreat on the first weekend of November. Contact Fr. Von (635-3525, fathervon@comcast.net) for more information, and how to sign up.

HELP WITH COFFEE/DONUTS

If you are interested in occasionally helping with coffee/donuts after the 10:30 AM Mass, please contact Jen Harrington at 327-7894 or jenniferjharrington@gmail.com

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 following week:

Offertory 10/1/17 \$8,480

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$8,480

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement

collected as of 10/1/17
\$1,834

Thank you for your generosity!

Hurricane Relief

collected as of 10/1/17
\$2,874

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Oct. 15 Maintenance

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Oct. 22 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 throughout the world.

Oct. 29 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 Altar Flowers are in memory of Robert Duffy, 8th Anniversary, by his Mom

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 8

Extraordinary Minister Retreat, 9:15 AM, in the church

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room

Monday, October 9

The Parish Office is Closed

Choir Practice, 6:30 PM, in the church

Who Am I to Judge, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, October 10

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, October 13

Mass and Living Rosary, 6:00 PM, in the church

FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Juice** or **Sport Drinks (no juice boxes)** and **Plastic Bags**.

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



The Following Couple will enter the
Covenant of Marriage in October:

Tyler Gantt & Jennifer Stanton

Please pray that their marriage
will mirror the Love of God.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Are you interested in making a difference in the Church? Do you want to help form the Church of the future? **We need Prayer Warriors:** people who are willing to pray, sacrifice, and offer up their daily sufferings for our students who will be receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation this year. If you would like to sign up, or have questions, please contact Fr. Von at 603-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

October is the month set aside for members of St. Patrick Parish to nominate others members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations forms are available in the front entrance of the Church. Please use a separate nomination form for each name submitted. Please submit your nomination by Monday, October 30th.

CHOIR PRACTICE

When in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as if the whole creation cried: Alleluia! Starting Monday, October 9th at 6:30 PM we will be rehearsing for the Ecumenical service, hosted by St. Patrick this year, and Christmas. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Hope to see you then. God bless, Jeanne!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you interested in learning how to become Catholic? Curious about the process? Know someone who is interested? Please email Fr. Von at fathervon@comcast.net or 603-635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past week's tragic shooting in Las Vegas stunned a nation. At the risk of sounding old: back when I was growing up, this was unfathomable! Do you remember when we could keep our houses unlocked? Do you remember when we never had to lock our cars? Life seems to have become much more complicated . . . and much more evil. How do we deal with such evil in our times?

I do think these times are more evil than the past. Never in the history of humanity has there been widespread atheism. True, people have not always believed in one God (many of the ancient religions believed in many gods, as some do today), but there was always an understanding that we were not self-sufficient, that there was something greater than ourselves. Now, our society encourages us to look no further than ourselves for meaning – a meaning we can't find without God. Maybe – I'm not sure – but maybe this is part of the reason why some have allowed themselves to fall into such deep evil as to *plan out* the senseless massacre of so many.

So back to that question: how do we deal with such evil in our times? While I think that there is more evil rampant today than ever, evil is not new. In the second reading today, St. Paul has some sound advice to us in our crisis:

**Whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9)**

While there is evil in the world, and we are not to ignore it, *we cannot focus on it*. When called, we reach out to repeal evil, help those in need, to do what we can to fight evil . . . but we must not focus on it. If we spend too much time focusing on evil, *it will consume us*. Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said, "I can't get into the mind of a psychopath," and I think that is a good thing. The answer is not to spend too much time trying to figure out his demented logic, but rather spend it on thinking about what is true and honorable and just and pure and lovely and gracious and excellent and worthy of praise.

You see, God has the final word. Please don't misunderstand me: the shooting was NOT God's will (moral evil NEVER is, and we should be careful not to blame God for the evil choices *we* make). However, in the mystery of God, He did allow it, knowing that He can make a greater good come out of it. This is the Mystery of the Cross – the worst evil in the world (we *killed* God) God turned into the greatest good (a sign of His immense love for us, and the path to eternal life). He does this. GOD WINS. He will make a greater good come out of this evil. By focusing on what is good and pure, by keeping our eyes on the God who loves us and wants only good for us, hate will not consume us, nor a desire for revenge, nor the darkness and fear that can lead us to hell.

As we pray for the victims of this tragedy and their families, let us turn to God asking Him to help us to keep our eyes focused on all that is good, so that *love will consume us*, not hate.

**All Parishes within the Diocese of Manchester
are restoring the Original Order of
Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation
between 2018-2021**

In the early church, people were initiated into the community at one single event. They were baptized, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharist. The sacraments, over time, have been separated from one another and this happened for a variety of reasons.

The Second Vatican Council asked the Church to make it more clear that Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism and the whole of Christian initiation. This also helps us to see that Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church.

Go to www.catholicnh.org/lifelong for more information on this important change.

We welcome all parishioners to join Diocesan Staff to learn more about Restored Order and the Lifelong Faith Formation Initiative. We will meet in the cafeteria of the school on **Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 PM**. Come, learn more and have your questions answered.

**MONDAY NIGHT TEACHING
WHO AM I TO JUDGE**

Our world teaches that there is no objective truth, no truth that is true for everyone. Join us for an eight part video series by Dr. Edward Sri called, "Who Am I to Judge" which discussed relativism. The classes are at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room at the School. Dates are: 10/9, 10/23, 10/30, 11/20, 11/27, 12/18. For more information, contact Fr. Von in the office or fathervon@comcast.net



Our craft fair is coming up on December 2nd and we are looking for plates, bowls and/or cups for our Bake Shop. So as you are doing your fall cleaning and you don't know what to do with all those plates, bowls and cups, think of us here at St. Patrick. If you have any of these treasures, please bring them down to the parish office Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. We will be happy to take them off your hands. Thank you!



Tryouts for the CYO 2017-2018 basketball season will be held on October 24th and October 26th. The season runs from October through early March. Practices are once a week with a game on the weekend – generally on Sunday afternoon. All interested children of parishioners are encouraged to tryout. All St. Patrick CYO players are required to register and attend Faith Life Classes.

Time slots and gym locations for the tryouts are as follows:

Tuesday, October 24th at New England Pentecostal gym (Rte. 38 – St. Margaret's Drive)

Boys, 5th & 6th grade at 6:00-7:30 PM

Boys, 7th & 8th grade at 7:30-9:00 PM

Thursday, October 26th at Pelham Memorial School (59 Marsh Road)

Girls, 5th & 6th grade at 6:00-7:00 PM

Girls, 7th & 8th grade at 7:00-9:00 PM

Eligibility: St. Patrick Parish Members who are currently enrolled in Catholic School or the Faith Life Programming.

Registration Fees: \$165/player

\$140/each additional child

For more information, please contact Jennifer Nale at jennifernale@yahoo.com

Marie-Line Morin, soprano, who sang at our parish last spring, is inviting you to her next concert: **It's All About Love**, that will be held at **St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester** (145 Lowell St.), on **Saturday, October 28th at 7:00 PM**. Accompanied by pianists, Lucille Fortin and Lyle Hamel, she will sing sacred, classical and popular songs including French songs, while sharing her faith journey testimony as a French-Canadian immigrant. Professor Morin, from Laval University, Quebec, recently returned to New Hampshire, where her family resides the 70's, to care for two of her siblings who have a disability. She will also talk about a "Listening Ministry" project in the diocese associated with the Institute of Psych Religious Counseling that she founded in Quebec. Suggested donations: \$15 per person, will benefit this project. Details at <http://bit.ly/1V9W2Sk>