



Saturday September 10

4pm ~ Kevin Godosky, 2nd Anniversary, Walter Godosky, 13th Anniversary, requested by Rick & Gail Gagne & family
Anthony Marino, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his wife & family

Sunday September 11

8am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners
10:30am ~ Bob Doucette requested by Shirley
Beverly Peterson requested by Wayne & Sue Cope & family

Monday September 12

8am ~ For All the Saints

Tuesday September 13

8am ~ Helen Belanger, Birthday Remembrance, requested by James & Dorreen Dolan

Wednesday September 14

8am ~ Lucien Dalpe requested by St. Patrick Parish

Thursday September 15

8am ~ Paul A. Pelletier requested by his family

Friday September 16

8am ~ No Mass

Saturday September 17

4pm ~ The Choquette & Loisselle Families and Rita & Jerry Trottier requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
Clint St. Onge, 2nd Anniversary, requested by Mom, Dad & Curt St. Onge

Sunday September 18

8am ~ Corey Lemieux requested by Anita Hall & family
10:30am ~ Intentions of all our Parishioners



Sunday, September 11

Faith Life Parent Session, 11:30 AM, in the school cafeteria

Coffee/Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the parish center

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

Monday, September 12

Faith Life Parent Session, 6:00 PM, in the school cafeteria

Catholic Social Teaching, 7:00 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, September 13

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 14

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-9:00 PM

Food Pantry, 1:00-2:30 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Confessions, 8:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, September 15

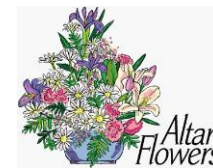
Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the school

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 16

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Jackie Slater by her family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Anthony Marino, Birthday Remembrance, by his wife & family



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we have an incredible Gospel of God's love and mercy. This passage from Luke 15 shares the story of the Lost Sheep (the Good Shepherd), the Lost Coin (the Searching Woman), and the Prodigal Son (the Loving Father). The theme in all the parables is the person responsible **seeks** that which is lost – the sheep, the coin, the son.

Jesus uses these parables to show us the Heart of God. We talk about God as Father, but do we understand how much this Father loves us. After we (repeatedly) insult Him by our sin, He is still looking for us, and runs out to meet us when we desire to come back. He seeks us out, even when it means leaving the ninety-nine. He searches for us more than a woman who has lost one tenth of her wealth. He goes out to us even when we refuse to come in to the celebration because of resentment. As the song goes, "Oh the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God! Oh it chases me down, fights till I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine!"

God chases us down! He's not trying to catch us because we're in trouble, but because He loves us so much! Just read the poem "The Hound of Heaven" by Francis Thompson, and you'll get a glimpse of God's love coming after us.

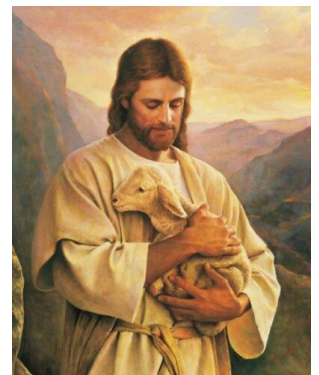
Do we let Him catch us? Do we let Him find us? I think of the play "Li'l Abner": Abner and Daisy Mae are talking about how he wants her to catch him, yet he always *just* pulls away from her grasp. For some reason, even though he wants to be caught, he doesn't want to. That can be us: we want to be loved, to experience God's mercy and peace, but something makes us run from Him. **Why?** This would be excellent fodder for our prayer time: asking God why we run from Him.

I think about the younger son in the parable. Even when he hit hard times, it took him awhile to realize he should just go back to his father. What shame must keep him down. What dread or resentment! I think about the fear he must have experienced – "What would my father say if he could see me now, tending the swine? How will my brother react? They'll laugh and mock me and say I got what I deserve." It is only in desperation that his pride is crushed and he is finally able to go where he knows his needs will be satisfied. And what happens in that humility? His needs are met, yes, but more than met! The father welcomes him back as a full son. He doesn't ask where he's been, what he's done with the money, or how he dares to come back after insulting him. Rather, the father "*Ran to his son, embrace him and kissed him!*" (Luke 15: 20).

Do we believe this is the attitude of Almighty God toward us?

We have to repent, of course. We have to get up and return to the Father; we have to *let* the Shepherd carry us back home, so there is work on our part. God can do anything and everything, but He *will not* step on our freewill. If we choose to stay in our sin, in our distance from Him, He will come after us, but He will *not* force us to come home to Him. But, when we do repent – when we do get up and return to Him – He does all of the heavy lifting. He welcomes us back with open arms.

May we let the God of the universe – who loves us so much – catch us and bring us home.



**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Community Dinner**, Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the parish center  
**Adoration for Care of Our Common Home**, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the church  
**Parish Picnic**, Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass

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**Blessing of the Pets**, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 PM, lower parking lot behind the church

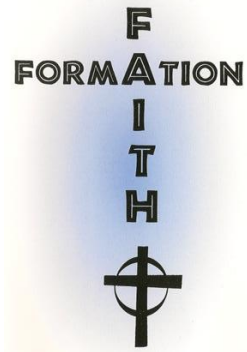
**Mass for the Conclusion of the Season of Creation**, Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the church

**Holy Hour for Life**, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00 PM, in the church

**Blood Drive**, Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in the parish center

**Men of St. Joseph**, Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-9:00 AM, in the parish center

**Healing Mass**, Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in the church



**Our Faith Life Program Has Begun!**

What a blessing and pleasure it is to begin another Faith Life year. The first month of the Family of Faith books we use is always committed to an orientation of sorts to the program. This program brings the family together to learn together about their faith and grow closer to Jesus! We will also take time to remember how important we are as Parents. We truly are the first teachers of the faith in our children's lives and the Church is here to support us in this great endeavor.

God Bless you all and I will see you soon!

Adam Castor

Director of Faith Life

St. Patrick Parish

**VOCATION**

“This brother of yours was dead and has come to life.” Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (603 663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL  
Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion  
Saturday, September 24, 2022**

Doors open 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Free Admission

Ticket Registration Required

~ Day includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession, Eucharistic Preacher, Diocesan Holy Hour, and the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

~ Buses from all deaneries will be available for those that do not want to drive. Information to come.

~ Some seating under cover – some grassy areas suitable for blankets/lawn chairs. Food concessions available and encouraged.

For more information or to Register visit: [www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org](http://www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org)



Join us October 21-24, 2022

For a life-changing retreat!

Light of the World

Held at St. Patrick School

Sign up by contacting

the Parish Office at 603-635-3525 or

[kathy7421@comcast.net](mailto:kathy7421@comcast.net)

The retreat is free,

and you sleep at home.

Please indicate dietary restrictions.

**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://pelham.formed.org)



**Annual Parish Picnic  
Sunday, September 25, 2022**

After the 10:30 AM Mass

Join us for Food, Fun, Fellowship, Kids activities and our First Parish Cornhole Tournament While the Picnic is free, registration for the tournament is \$20 per team of two, and needs to be in by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Space for the Tournament is limited to the first 16 teams, so register soon. Register by filling out the bottom of the flyer and sending it into the Parish Office.

Join us for our Monday Night Teachings on **Catholic Social Teaching** at 7:00 PM in the youth room at the school. The dates are September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

Please join the Vocation Ministry this Priesthood Sunday in praying for our priests, praising God for their courage and their generosity. Also, please take a moment after Mass on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to visit the Vocation Ministry table at the parish picnic and fill out a spiritual bouquet, which is an offering of prayer for both of our priests. Let us show Fr. Von and Msgr. Kelley our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God bless our priests!

**The Right of Life Benefit Banquet** is on November 3, 2022 at the Event Center in Nashua. If you register before September 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will receive a discount. For more information or to register go to [nhrtl.org/banquet2022](http://nhrtl.org/banquet2022).

**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 9/4/22

Offertory Envelopes \$6,585  
Offertory Electronic Giving \$2,067

**Total Offertory \$8,652**

**Total Collected \$8,652**

Thank you for supporting the parish  
~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvement**

collected as of 9/4/22

\$1,684

Thank you for your generosity!

**Mission Co-op**

collected as of 9/4/22

\$2,561

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every penny counts!*



**SECOND ENVELOPES  
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**Sept. 18 Faith Life Formation**

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

**Sept. 25 Evangelization**

To help promote the faith in our community through Retreats, Community Dinners, Charity and so much more.

**Oct. 2 Capital Improvements**

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

**Oct. 9 Utility**

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

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

## **CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**

12 Main St.  
Pelham, NH 03076  
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603-635-3919 (fax number)

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

Website: [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com)

### **Pastor**

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Steve Caruso 603-401-0837

### **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](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net)

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

### **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**

*Monday-Thursday* 6:30-7:40am  
*Wednesday* 8:30-9:30am  
2:00-9:00pm

For more information, or to sign up call the Parish Office at 603-635-3525

### **RECONCILIATION**

*Saturday* 3pm to 3:45pm  
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.

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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