

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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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 September 14
 4pm **Don, Sr., Winifred & Rita Goyette** requested by Don & Liette Goyette

Sunday September 15
 8am **Patricia Dube**, 32nd Anniversary, requested by her family
Barbara Tracy requested by Doug & Laura Masson
 10:30am **Bob Doucette** requested by Shirley
Newman Al E. Walton, Jr., requested by Shirley
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

Monday September 16
 8am **In Honor of the Blessed Mother**

Tuesday September 17
 8am **Michael Greeley** requested by Lillian Murgia

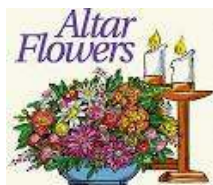
Wednesday September 18
 8am **Raymond A. Bernard** requested by his wife Katherine

Thursday September 19
 8am **Larry Callahan** requested by Pat Fitzgerald

Friday September 20
 8am No Mass

Saturday September 21
 4pm **The DiGiantommaso Family** requested by their family
The Choquette & Loïselle Families & Rita & Jerry Trottier requested by the Choquette family

Sunday September 22
 8am **Patricia "Honey" Kosik & Lori Ann Croteau** requested by husband & father Walter Kosik, Sr.
 10:30am **Roland Gonsalves**, 17th Anniversary, requested by his wife Helen Gonsalves & family
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Patricia Dube, 32nd Anniversary, 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 9/8/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,706
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,036
Total Offertory	\$6,742

Total Collected \$6,742

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

collected as of 9/8/19
 \$1,710

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Sept. 22 NH Diocesan Priests Retirement
 This collection supports the NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund. This fund provides retirement benefits to retired NH diocesan priests.

Sept. 29 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

Oct. 6 Capital Improvements
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.

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, September 15

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, September 16

Teaching on the Mass, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, September 17

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, September 18

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, September 19

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, September 20

Youth Ministry, Grade 6-12, 7:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

THE MASS

Please join us on Monday nights, September 16th, 23rd & 30th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Youth Room at the School. Deacon John will be teaching about The Mass by Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Deacon John at ualdrflt@comcast.net or the parish office at 603-635-3525.

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

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



COME TO THE ALTAR **Friday, September 20th** **7:00 PM**

Join us for a night of Praise and Worship Adoration. Adoration begins at 7:00 PM in the Church. Food and Fellowship downstairs at 8:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share. Worship led by Sammie Moore of Here on Earth Worship Band.

FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Paper Towels, Pasta Sauce and Baked Beans**. Thank you for your generosity!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells three parables about God's love and mercy. All three are familiar to us, but it is always good to be reminded again.

The first is the parable of the lost sheep – Jesus speaks about how the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep to go in search of the one lost sheep. Not only does he search for it, when he finds it, the shepherd *carries* the sheep home. He doesn't just guide it home, but takes the sheep upon his own shoulders to carry it home. The second parable is about the lost coin. The woman lights a lamp, sweeps the house, searching and searching. The third parable is the famous "Prodigal Son" story. The father keeps watch for his son. When his wayward son returns, the father *runs* out to meet him, and immediately restores him to his role as "son" in the house. When the older son refuses to come in, the father goes out to speak with him. With each of these parables, there is great rejoicing at finding what was lost.

And so does God respond to us. He rejoices when we come home. He calls all heaven to rejoice when a sinner repents – turns away from sin.

Note, too, that the shepherd, the woman and the father go out of themselves, spending themselves to find what was lost. The shepherd endangers himself by going out into the wilderness to find the lost sheep. The woman expends a lot of energy searching for the lost coin. The father literally runs to meet the younger son, and later leaves the party to go out to plead with the older son.

In these parables, Jesus puts the lie to the understanding that we have to go out in search of God. God Himself, Jesus tells us, comes in search for us. While most religions in the world may be about humanity's search for the divine, Christianity – Jesus tells us – is about the endless pursuit of God for humanity. We are lost. We run from God. We too often have our priorities out of whack, as we prefer the *immediate* to the *lasting reward*. Yet God seeks us out. He is relentless in chasing us! We have but to *let God* take us upon His shoulders and carry us home. We have but to let Him shine His light on us and find us. We have but to turn back to Him, and let Him run out and embrace us. We have but to let Him call us back into the house. God is in pursuit of us ... because He is head-over-heels in love with us.

Francis Thompson (1859-1907) wrote a famous poem called "The Hound of Heaven." I encourage everyone to read it (despite its length). In this poem, the narrator speaks about how he has fled from almighty God – over and over seeking to avoid Him: "I fled Him down the nights and down the days;/ I fled Him, down the arches of the years..." With each new idea, Thompson shows how he ran from God, but how he was never satisfied. God continues to pursue him ("those strong Feet that followed... with unhurrying chase,/And unperturbèd pace"):

They beat—and a Voice beat
More instant than the Feet—

'All things betray thee, who betrayest Me.'

At the end of each section, the Voice emphasizes again that nothing will satisfy if it is not of God, everything will ultimately betray us if it doesn't lead to God:

'Naught shelters thee, who wilt not shelter Me.' ...

'Lo! Naught contents thee, who content'st not Me!' ...

'Lo, all things fly thee, for thou fliest Me!'

Thompson recognizes how we so easily want to run from God. We buy the *lie* that God wants us miserable, or that to follow Him is to give up all pleasure and happiness. This is not the case at all. Rather, God knows that when we settle for "fleeting things," we are betrayed, unsheltered, discontent, and empty. It is when we allow God to chase us down, to catch us, to hold us in His arms of love and mercy, to bring us home rejoicing – then, and only then, do we find safety, satisfaction, happiness, and fulfillment.

I pray that we may allow the Hound of Heaven, the Good Shepherd, the Loving Father to run after us, catch us, and bring us back home to His Heart!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their State Council Raffle tickets after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, September 21st & 22nd, and again on September 28th & 29th. Our council earns 50 cents for each dollar we sell in tickets. We have, in recent years, given our earnings to the Pelham Food Pantry and will continue that for this year. Last year's amount given to the Pantry was \$334.50. The drawing will take place on Saturday, October 12th, at the State Council Ball in Derry. In addition to the 1st Prize of \$3,000 there are 2nd prize \$1,000 and 3rd prize \$500 and (5) \$100 4th prizes. Please consider purchasing tickets for yourself or to sell to family and friends. You will be helping both our council and the Pelham Food Pantry. Tickets prices are \$1.00 per ticket or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Thank you for your support of his endeavor.



VOCATION BLESSING CUP

The Vocation Blessing Cup will be dedicated on September 29, 2019 on Priesthood Sunday and is hosted each week in homes of St. Patrick Catholic Church parishioners. Thank you for hosting the Vocation Blessing Cup in your home for one week. St. Patrick Catholic Church Vocation Blessing Cup Ministry was created to inspire a greater awareness of God's call within our community. During the time that you host the Vocation Blessing Cup, you are asked to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, as well as for those who are already serving the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Perkins at 603-759-8642 or the Parish Office at 603-635-3525.

VOCATIONS

"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 Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com



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!

HOPE Conference 2019 - #MERCY

Steeped in Catholic tradition, this full day conference promises to refuel hungry hearts and ignite the cooling ashes of smoldering faith. With four powerful talks, praise and worship music, the celebration of Holy Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation, attendees will experience the joy and Holy Hope that comes from sharing the fullness of faith with community. COME - and be engulfed in the glorious #MERCY of the One true Source:

October 5, 2019

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM (doors open at 8:00 AM)

Lowell Memorial Auditorium

50 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852

Register online at www.hopeconferences.com



Please join us for our annual **Parish Picnic** on Sunday, September 29th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Can't wait to see you there!

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