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**FORMED**

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to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday September 15**  
 4pm **Raymond Gagne, 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 Anniversary, requested by Rick,  
 Gail & family

**Sunday September 16**  
 8am **Patricia Dube, 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,**  
 requested by her family  
**Roland Bourassa** requested by  
 Bernadette Boisvert  
 10:30am **Kathleen Mooers, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary,**  
 requested by the Mooers family  
**Paul Faucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary,**  
 requested by his wife & children  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday September 17**  
 8am **George & Theresa Muldoon**  
 requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth  
 Clark  
**Nicholas Betancur** requested by  
 his family

**Tuesday September 18**  
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by the  
 Bedard family  
**Dominick Nicastro** requested by  
 the Red Sox Lady

**Wednesday September 19**  
 8am **Armand Berard** requested by  
 the 8 O'Clockers

**Thursday September 20**  
 8am **Peggy Thesier, Birthday**  
 Remembrance, requested by  
 Uncle Will & Aunt Ginnie Thesier

**Friday September 21**  
 8am No Mass

**Saturday September 22**  
 4pm **The Choquette & Loisel Family**  
**Rita & Gerry Trottier** requested  
 by Al & Shirley Choquette &  
 family

**Sunday September 23**  
 8am **The DiGiantommaso Family**  
 requested by their family  
**Kathleen Roberts** requested by  
 Paul  
 10:30am **Roland Gonsalves, 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Anniversary, requested by his wife  
 Helen Gonsalves & family  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

## 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 9/9/18

Offertory Envelopes \$5,834

Offertory Electronic Giving \$816

**Total Offertory \$6,650**

**Total Collected \$6,650**

Thank you for your continued support  
 ~Fr. Von~

## Capital Improvements

collected as of 9/9/18

\$1,498

Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

### Sept. 23 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. 30 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

### Oct. 7 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 Altar Flowers are in memory of Patricia Dube, 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, by Norman & Cyndee Tourville

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 16

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school  
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall  
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

### Monday, September 17

Choir Practice, 4:00-6:30 PM, in the church  
Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school

### Tuesday, September 18

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

### Wednesday, September 19

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 20

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall  
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church

### Friday, September 21

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



Please join us for our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Can't wait to see you there!

### THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

Join Trent Horn for a one day conference on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at St. Michael Parish, Exeter, NH. Your registration will allow you to hear three inspiring talks by a very well informed apologist from Catholic Answers. Trent will talk about Refuting Relativism, Dealing with Hard Sayings from the Bible, and How to Talk About Tough Moral Issues. The conference fee will include a light breakfast and hearty lunch and praise and worship music will be provided by our own "Here on Earth" band. For more information or to register go to [www.stmichaelparish.org](http://www.stmichaelparish.org) or call 603-772-2494

### 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



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Fr. Von will have a Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. You can come with your Pets (appropriately leashed, tethered, or in carriers, as needed) to the lower lot parking behind the Church.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Classes will begin this fall. For more information, please contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

### MEN'S CURSILLO

Join Fr. Von in a powerful experience of God's love on October 11-14, 2018. For more information, please contact Fr. Von at 635-3525.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's Gospel speaks to us of how St. Peter correctly identified Jesus as the Christ. In Matthew's Gospel (chapter 16), we hear how Jesus then makes Peter the Pope – changing his name and giving him the keys of the Kingdom. While this weekend's reading from Mark omits this, both Gospels go immediately from this identification of being “Christ” to speaking of His upcoming passion and death. When Peter hears this, he rebukes Jesus, but then Jesus rebukes Peter, calling him “Satan”:

**Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.** (Mark 8:33)

This is a strong reminder to me that while God has given the Church authority – and even called it to attack evil in this world (“**the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it** [the Church]” Matthew 16:18) – the people in the Church will make mistakes, and even sin – sin grievously. We see this as early as when St. Peter denied Jesus, and Judas betraying Him.

As I have mentioned before, I am very much distressed by the reports about Cardinal McCarrick and the grand jury report from Pennsylvania that have rocked the Church over recent weeks. The selfish, hurtful actions of priests and bishops have deeply wounded individuals, the Church and the Heart of Jesus. Reading some of the reports have left me disgusted and ashamed at what some of my brothers have done, and left my heart wounded for those who have been hurt so deeply.

But this does not change what the Church is. This is not the first time the Church has been faced with the deep scars of scandals... and I'm not just speaking about 2002. Over the 2000 years of Church history, there have been untold number of times that the Church has been rocked by the wounds caused by the clergy. In fact, one of the anecdotes I love is when Napoleon was having a frustrating conversation with a cardinal. Napoleon warned the Cardinal to be careful because he had power to destroy the Catholic Church. The Cardinal replied, “If in 1,800 years we clergy have failed to destroy the Church, do you really think that you'll be able to do it?”

This is the truth: if the Church were a human institution, it would have fallen apart centuries ago; it would have been a blip on the radar of history, maybe... maybe making it into the most obscure documents. But the Church still exists because it is of Divine origin. The Church is held in the Hands of God, created by Jesus, and is His Body, His Bride. The Church *is* the Sacrament of Salvation, the gift of Christ that allows us to enter into union with God.

Why do I say this? To downplay the horror of the abuses and cover-up of the clergy? **No.** Absolutely not. The wounds they have caused need to be healed, and those who have wounded the Church need to repent. (In fact, as I write this, I think about how many ways I have wounded the Church, and my own need of repentance. How many times has my anger, impatience, or lack of love and care for others left the Church wounded? True, the wounds may not be as deep or grievous as others, but I know full well my weakness and my own need to repent.) But this doesn't mean that we should leave the Church. This is the time, more than ever that we need – yes, *need* – the Church. Pope Francis has referred to the Church as a “Field Hospital.” This is so true. We are all wounded – even the doctors and nurses in this hospital – yet this is the best place to receive healing.

I ask that in the midst of the turmoil of this time in the Church, that you keep your eyes fixed on Christ, the Healer. He comes to us in powerfully healing ways through the Sacraments – especially Holy Communion and Reconciliation. It will only be in getting closer to Christ and His Church, not by distancing ourselves, that we will find the healing we need.

On another note: please pray for me and pray for all priests. Satan has us in his crosshairs. Think about this: if Satan takes out a lay Catholic (through temptation or other means), that effects that person, maybe his or her family, and those directly entwined in the situation. If he takes out a priest, however, it effects a whole parish, maybe a whole diocese, and, as we are seeing, maybe even further. It is more efficient for Satan to target priests. We – I – need your prayers to protect us from Satan's attacks. Please, pray. Thank you. Know that I pray for you every day.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after Mass next weekend September 22 & 23. This is for our State Council's Annual Charity Raffle to be held at the State Ball on October 6, 2018. There are attractive cash prizes to be won. Ticket prices are \$1.00 per ticket, a book of 6 for \$5.00. For tickets, contact Norm Aubin at 635-3088 or email at [nva48@comcast.net](mailto:nva48@comcast.net) or Mike Melia at 898-3292. Proceeds from this event go to the charitable works of our order and in addition, our Council earns 50 cents for every ticket sold by our Council. Rules require that we donate these earnings to a charitable organization that we designate. We have chosen the Pelham Food Pantry to be our chosen recipient of these funds. Last year we were able to donate \$359.00 to the Pantry from this event, part of the \$1,000.00 donation we made to this charity over our last fraternal year. Please support us in this worthwhile cause.

## MEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Men of New England is having its Men's Retreat on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sarto Center Retreat House. Led by the Friars of the Primitive Observance, we will be discussing *Humanae Vitae* and Pope Francis' latest encyclical *Gaudete et Exsultate, On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. **Registration is only \$50** and includes meals and lodging. For more information contact Al Lemieux: [al@lemieux-design.net](mailto:al@lemieux-design.net) or call 781-879-7527 or visit [catholicmenne.wordpress.com](http://catholicmenne.wordpress.com)

You are cordially invited to the Office of Vespers at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, NH on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. At which Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, will install **Reverend Edward J. Kelley and Reverend Richard Kelley, as Chamberlain's to His Holiness the Pope with the title of Reverend Monsignor**. A reception will follow. Please omit gifts. RSVP by Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at [ejk2696@hotmail.com](mailto:ejk2696@hotmail.com)

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

Would you like to have the Sanctuary Candle dedicated to the memory of a loved one? Please contact the parish office for more information.



## Our Next Event:

**September 21, 2018 7:30 PM - 12:00 AM**

**St. Joseph the Worker Shrine (Lowell)**

**Social Event:** The 2018 Fall Forum & our signature pizza social networking event to follow.

**Parking:** Validated garage parking available – 75 John Street & limited street parking. Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, a unifying organization for all local Catholic young adult groups, for its second annual fall forum event! Following our usual evening of Adoration, Confession, Praise & Worship music led by Shalom Catholic Community, and Mass celebrated by Fr. Steve Conserva, we invite all local young adult groups and organizations to share their missions with attendees at our Fall Forum. This is an amazing opportunity for YOU to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. For more information visit our Facebook page JESUSaCROSStheBorder or email us at [info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org](mailto:info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org)

## Memorial Mass/Prayer Service

These are very difficult times in our society with all of the sad & heartbreaking news of young and old people alike struggling with Addictions & Suicide. St. Patrick's Church in Pelham, NH will be hosting a Memorial Mass/Prayer Service on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of this Mass is to bring families, relatives, friends and others together, who are suffering and struggling from the loss of their loved ones and for those who are still battling these issues due to drugs, alcohol, suicide & tragic deaths, etc. We believe coming together in Prayer will help heal, cope, & bring peace to one another. We plan to have a couple of easels to display a photo, if you choose, of your loved one. Also, feel free to write the name of your loved one on a piece of paper & bring it to the Church for Blessings! Hospitality will provide pieces of paper as well. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Center for Fellowship and sharing. Any questions or concerns you may call Jane or Romeo Croteau at 603-893-4640 or Jane cell 603-714-8093.