

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 21**
 4pm **The DiGiantomaso 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**

Monday **September 23**
 8am **Rick Minton, 5th Anniversary,** requested by his aunts Georgette & Andrea
Bernie Chartrand requested by Andrea

Tuesday **September 24**
 8am **William Costa, Birthday**
 Remembrance, requested by his cousin Linda
Terry Dore requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx

Wednesday **September 25**
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona** requested by Donna Smith
Jim Harper requested by Maureen & David Groff

Thursday **September 26**
 8am **Paul Pelletier, 4th Anniversary,** requested by his family

Friday **September 27**
 8am No Mass

Saturday **September 28**
 4pm **Raymond Gagne, 14th**
 Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
Eileen Stuart requested by Trisha Yankowskas

Sunday **September 29**
 8am **Carol A. Campbell** requested by Leo Meaney
 10:30am **Nancy Romano, 3rd Anniversary,** requested by her husband
 Health & Blessings for **Rev. Timothy Paul Hynes** requested by Priscilla LeBlanc
 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 9/15/19

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,653
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,079
Total Offertory	\$6,732
Utility	\$1,530
Total Collected	\$8,262

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Oct. 13 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.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Roland Gonsalves, 17th Anniversary, by his wife Helen Gonsalves & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Patricia "Honey" Kosik & Lori Ann Croteau by husband & father, Walter Kosik, Sr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 22

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
 Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, September 23

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the school
 Teaching on the Mass, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the youth room at the school

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

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
 Confession, 7:00 PM, in the church

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

Blessing of the Pets, 1:00 PM



Please join us for our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 29th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Come and share a meal and fellowship with other Parishioners. Hope to see you there!

BOOK STUDY/REFLECTION

Our parish will be offering a book study/reflection on a new book, **The Priests We Need to Save the Church**. The plan is to meet at a future date in October for fellowship, discussion, and reflection on it. The heroic witness of these contemporary priests will not only inspire us how to pray and fast more effectively for holy priests and seminarians, it will also deepen our own prayer and surrender to Christ.

If you would like to be a part of this and purchase a book at a substantial discount (\$10) contact Jackie Hynes at jacquelinehynes@gmail.com or 603-425-8459.

VOCATIONS

"Who will entrust to you the true riches?" The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email mmason@rcbm.org Website: www.liveinblackandwhite.com



"Now, Dad, Can you take us to church, at all, now?"
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Fr. Von will have a Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, September 28th, at 1:00 PM. You can come with your Pets (appropriately leashed, tethered, or in carriers, as needed) to the lower lot parking behind the Church.

Acts of Mercy

<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
___	Instruct the uninformed
___	Counsel the doubtful
___	Admonish sinners
___	Comfort the sorrowful
___	Bear wrongs patiently
___	Forgive offenses
___	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
___	Feed the hungry
___	Clothe the naked
___	Give drink to the thirsty
___	Shelter the homeless
___	Comfort the imprisoned
___	Visit the sick
___	Bury the Dead



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Several years ago, I was in Washington, DC for the March for Life. I forget which year it was, but it was right before the Presidential Primaries in New Hampshire. A “wandering” reporter was trying to get stories from different people about the March. She spoke with me, and we discussed much about the March for Life, our group from New Hampshire, and our trip down. When she found out I was from New Hampshire, she asked my thoughts about the primaries. Politics and I do not mix well, and I remember responding something along the lines of, “I’m just glad that that chaos will be done soon!”

And that’s what got printed in the newspaper.

Here we are, gearing up for yet another New Hampshire primary. I don’t watch television, and I try to limit my time online, but even I can tell this is going to be one whopper of a primary season. Many times, we think that politics and religion should not mingle. This may be a result of too many arguments and even wars over religion throughout the centuries – but then again, politics is pretty emotionally charged, too! At the heart of this separation – I think, anyway – is the misguided understanding of religion as a personal, private matter. The reality is that God is not just something we think in our minds – He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He created all of humanity, and each human in particular, and so God is not something separate from politics, but someone who cares deeply about each choice that is made for a people – an individual, a community, a state, a nation.

This all being said, I’m not writing to endorse one candidate or another, one party or another. As I said, I don’t do well with politics! Rather, I want to bring our attention to the second reading for this weekend. St. Paul is writing to St. Timothy, a young bishop whom he mentored. He writes:

I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. (I Timothy 2:1-4)

Paul is writing to Timothy in a time when Christianity was under attack. In the early church, if Christians were caught, they were forced to worship false gods (offer incense to the gods and/or the emperor), or lose everything, be tortured, exiled, or killed – or all of the above. Yet Paul writes that we are to pray for all those in authority. He was saying to pray even for the “Neros” in authority.

In this time of political division, we have the same responsibility. We may not like our political leaders. We may think they are *all* a bunch of buffoons – yet, the Christian is to pray for them, and to offer thanksgivings for them! Can you believe that?!

Why? St. Paul says it is because God desires “**everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth**” (I Timothy 2:4). It is for their conversion, to know the love and the saving power of Jesus, and so to act justly, rightly, and in truth. Wouldn’t that be great to have politicians who spoke and acted truth?! (I’m sorry... that was a cheap shot!) The prayers of the early Christians were effective. We don’t know the state of the souls of the Roman Emperors (or anyone else, for that matter), but we know that by 313, the Roman government had become open enough to Christianity to recognize it as a licit religion – thereby making it legal to be Christian.

We don’t always see the results of our prayers, but do we trust that God really hears them? Even for our country and our politicians? I encourage you to offer up prayers every day for our local, state and national leaders, after all, they need the prayers more than ever. And always remember, it is not the President, the Congress, or any other human person who is in charge of this world. GOD IS. Trust Him. Trust His love.

THE MASS

Please join us on Monday nights, September 23rd & 30th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Youth Room at the School. Deacon John will be facilitating discussion about The Mass by Bishop Robert Barron. 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 ualdrmflt@comcast.net or the parish office at 603-635-3525.



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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their State Council Raffle tickets after Masses this 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 is a 2nd prize of \$1,000, a 3rd prize of \$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 Parish parishioners. Thank you for hosting the Vocation Blessing Cup in your home for one week. St. Patrick Parish 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.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

St. William's Parish, Tewksbury, MA
November 7 – 10, 2019

St. Thecla's Retreat House, Billerica, MA
For all men age 21 and older

For questions and inquiries, please contact Gene Heider at 978-804-3240 or gheider@verizon.net

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Catholic parishes throughout New Hampshire and the United States will show support for their priests with prayers on September 28th & 29th. The lay faithful of each parish are asked to show appreciation honoring both priesthood and their own Priests. Please acknowledge Fr. Von and Msgr. Kelley in your own way on this special Priesthood Sunday.

Prayer for Priesthood Sunday

In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Father Von and Monsignor Kelley continue Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sustaining and guiding your holy people. Bless Father Von and Monsignor Kelley. Let your Spirit uphold them always in their service to the people of this parish. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD PANTRY

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