

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

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 22
4pm	The Choquette & Loisselle 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, 16th Anniversary, requested by his wife Helen Gonsalves & family
6pm	Intentions of all our Parishioners
Monday	September 24
8am	Rick Minton, 4th Anniversary, requested by his aunts Andrea & Georgette Pauline Soucy requested by Roland & Therese Soucy
Tuesday	September 25
8am	William Costa, Birthday Remembrance, requested by his cousin Linda Jacqueline Crawley requested by Roland Crete & Priscilla LeBlanc
Wednesday	September 26
8am	David Meltzer requested by Andrea Genereux Robert Stecchi requested by Donna Smith
Thursday	September 27
8am	Rita Frechette requested by Priscilla LeBlanc & the Letendre family Phyllis Dexter requested by Andrea Genereux
Friday	September 28
8am	No Mass
Saturday	September 29
4pm	Ronald Walsh, 2nd Anniversary, requested by the Walsh family
Sunday	September 30
8am	Rev. John Sledziona & Marcelle Deschene requested by Donna Smith
10:30am	Nancy Romano requested by John Romano Bob Doucette requested by Shirley
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 9/16/18

Offertory Envelopes	\$5,435
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,598
Total Offertory	\$7,033

Utility	\$2,511
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Total Collected	\$9,544
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As of Sept. 16th we have a deficit of **\$4,529**

Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Oct. 14 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, 16th Anniversary, by his wife Helen Gonsalves & family



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Concetta DiGiantommaso by her family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 23

Holy Hour 9:00-10:00 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
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, September 24

Choir Practice, 5:00-7:00 PM, in the church
First, Do No Harm, 7:00 PM, in the school

Tuesday, September 25

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 26

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 27

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

Friday, September 28

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

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 September:

Tyler Glaude & Emily Veloso

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

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 8th, 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.

FIRST, DO NO HARM

What are the effects of hormonal contraception on our human ecology?

Did you know that the World Health Organization lists the birth control pill as a Group I carcinogen (cancer causing substance) or that pill use increases the risk of getting HIV by 60%? Find out more on this Monday, September 24th, at 7:00 PM as **Barbara Donovan** speaks to us about this and more in the youth room at the school.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel today, Jesus takes a child – the smallest one, the weakest one, the one completely dependent on others, the most vulnerable one, the innocent one – and, putting his arms around it, He places the child in their midst as an example. When we look at children, we see in them a weakness (even if from a young age some of them are pretty stubborn! Yes, moms, you know which of your children I'm talking about), a dependence on others. There is no shame in that. While over the years we grow and can take care of ourselves better, sometimes we do the disservice to ourselves to think that we really are independent. We still need God.

The response to the Psalm today is “**The Lord uphold my life**” (Psalm 54). This is the truth: we exist only because God constantly upholds our lives. To put it another way, every breath we take is only because God wills us into existence at this moment; every cell lives, every atom in our bodies is moving because God wills it into existence. But the beautiful thing about our Faith is that we don't believe that God wants us to exist as some sort of experiment (God creates us and then watches to see what will happen), but rather He created us because *He loves us*. Think about this: God created *you* in love, so that you could love Him and be loved by Him forever. Period. This means that God doesn't just *will* you into existence at this moment, He *loves* you into existence in this moment.

You are loved!

Proof of this is that *you exist right now*. If God stopped loving you for even an instant, you would cease to exist. Note, I didn't say you would die... we still exist after death. No, you would just cease to be. In those times when you feel worthless, “less than,” unloved or unlovable, cling to this truth that you are loved right now.

Look at this from another perspective: If God created us like a watchmaker who winds it up and sets it going, we could believe that God may have loved us into being, but that He may not love us as we are right now. He may be disgusted by us, but waiting for us to become the “perfect” version of ourselves so He can love us again. But (and this is a BIG but) because God loves us into existence in *each and every moment* we know that He loves us **as we are right now**. He is NOT disgusted with us, but delights in us, rejoices in our being. Please note that this doesn't mean that God loves and approves of everything we *do* – our actions can kill our souls and our relationship with God – but at no point does *He* stop loving us. In fact God loves us so much, He does not want to leave us where we are, since He longs for us to have *life*!

One other point to ponder about God loving us into existence: He chose to use humans to participate in the making of other humans... He didn't have to; He wanted to. And the way that God chose for us to come into existence is through an act which is the sign of the deep love between a man and a woman in a bond of committed love – to show us in a concrete way that we are loved into existence. (I recognize that because of fallen human nature, not every sexual act is open to the creation of a new, beloved, unrepeatable person who will live forever, nor is every person created in an act of love, but can you see why this is the plan God has for sex, marriage and our existence?)

So “**The Lord upholds my life**.” We are loved into existence, and that existence is constantly upheld by the love of God. At least two things follow from this: 1) we are dependent on God. To put it another way, we don't create our own existence, and we can't make us continue to exist or cease to exist (even if we can take our lives, we exist beyond the grave, either in eternal life, or eternal death [hell]). We need God. Just like that small child who knows it needs Mom and Dad, we have to recognize that we need God. If we live under the illusion that we are completely independent and self-sufficient, we will find out just how weak we really are.

This brings us to the second point: 2) God is not some secondary part of our lives – He is central. Our culture says we can worship (or not) as we want, but that it is akin to an activity, a hobby, “icing on the cake.” Our religion, our relationship with God, though, is not secondary, but primary – it is the central activity of our life, it is the meat and potatoes of the meal (not the dessert)! When we die, we will come before God, and we will not be asked if we played football or Tetris, we will not be asked if we were a brain surgeon or a sanitation engineer, we will be asked if we have come into relationship with our Lord and God. This is what matters. How we live our lives – every aspect of our lives – in relationship to God, is the measure of the success or failure of our lives.

May we truly recognize that “**The Lord upholds my life**” and learn to depend on God in everything, recognizing His great love for us.

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 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



Please join us for our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 30th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Please join us for some delicious food and fellowship! Please join us for our Parish Ministry Fair in the Parish Center after the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. Hope to see you there!

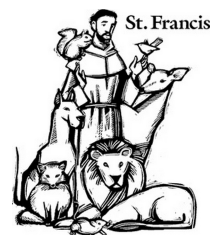
You are cordially invited to the Office of Vespers at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, NH on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. At which Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, will install **Reverend Edward J. Kelley and Reverend Richard 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 24th at ejk2696@hotmail.com

CARS AND CANS!!!

We would like to thank you all for your generous and thoughtful contributions. It has taken us some time to pull everything together but we wanted to let you know we appreciate the support from all of you. Thanks to your help at the **Cars and Cans Car Show** on Saturday, August 18th. We raised a total of **\$1,600** and **3,000** pieces of Food/Perishables for the Pelham Food Pantry. Please follow Cars and Cans of Pelham on Facebook/Instagram for photos, updates, and more!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday, September 26th for a Diocesan Workshop.



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, Fr. Von will have a Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 6th, 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.

MEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Men of New England is having its Men's Retreat on October 5th and 6th 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 or call 781-879-7527 or visit catholicmenne.wordpress.com

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

Join Trent Horn for a one day conference on Saturday, October 13th, 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 or call 603-772-2494.

CRAFTERS WANTED

We are looking for crafters for St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair to be held on December 1, 2018. Cost for is \$30 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. It is a fun day with a coloring contest for kids, scrumptious food and home-made goodies at our Bake Table. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.