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**FORMED**

To help you grow in your faith go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday September 28**  
 4pm **Raymond Gagne**, 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary, requested by  
 Rick, Gail & family  
**Eileen Swart** requested by  
 Trisha Yankowskas

**Sunday September 29**  
 8am **Carol A. Campbell** requested  
 by Leo Meaney  
 10:30am **Nancy Romano**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,  
 requested by her husband John  
 Health & Blessing for **Rev.**  
**Timothy Paul Hynes** requested  
 by Priscilla LeBlanc  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**Monday September 30**  
 8am Health & Blessing for **Alice**  
**Haggerty** requested by the  
 Haggerty family  
**Theresa Dore** requested by  
 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon

**Tuesday October 1**  
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by his  
 wife Rita  
**Michael Carrier** requested by  
 Joan Berard

**Wednesday October 2**  
 8am **Albert & Irene Bernard**  
 requested by Katherine Bernard

**Thursday October 3**  
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by the  
 Bedard family  
**Michael Carrier** requested by  
 the Lemieux family

**Friday October 4**  
 8am In Honor of the Holy Spirit  
 6pm Holy Hour

**Saturday October 5**  
 8am In Honor of Mother Mary  
 4pm **Matthew L. Janos**, 34<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary, requested by  
 Joan Janos

**Sunday October 6**  
 8am **Susan Santamaria**, 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary, requested by  
 her family  
**Holmes Tracy** requested by  
 Doug & Laura Masson  
 10:30am **Antonette & Charles D'Alessio**  
 30<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested  
 by the Tocco 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 9/22/19	
Offertory Envelopes	\$5,767
Offertory Electronic Giving	\$1,186
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$6,954</b>
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$6,954</b>

**As of 9/23 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,087**

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

**NH Priest Retirement**

collected as of 9/22/19  
\$2,847

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**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.

**Oct. 20 World Mission Sunday**

On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to "go out to all the world." The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis through the world.

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



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Una Harrington by Virginia Chiasson



**Sunday, September 29**

Parish Picnic, 11:30 AM  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

**Monday, September 30**

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

**Tuesday, October 1**

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the church

**Wednesday, October 2**

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  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

**Thursday, October 3**

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

**Friday, October 4**

Holy Hour, 6:00 PM, in the church  
Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



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

**WOMEN OF MARY**

There will not be a Women of Mary Meeting or breakfast for the first Saturday on October 5<sup>th</sup>. However, Adoration and Mass will be held at 8:00 AM.

**VOCATIONS**

"Fight the good fight of the faith." Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Matt Mason at the Vocation Office at 603-663-0196 or email [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org) Website: [www.liveinblackandwhite.com](http://www.liveinblackandwhite.com)

**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](mailto:jacquelinehynes@gmail.com) or 603-425-8459.

**First Friday Mass is this Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM**

**First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 AM**

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<b>How many</b>	<b>Spiritual</b>
___	Instruct the uninformed
___	Counsel the doubtful
___	Admonish sinners
___	Comfort the sorrowful
___	Bear wrongs patiently
___	Forgive offenses
___	Pray for the living and the dead
<b>How many</b>	<b>Corporal</b>
___	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,

This week, we celebrate the Holy Angels and their work in our lives. Today (September 29<sup>th</sup>), if it were not a Sunday, would be the celebration of the Archangels Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. This Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Memorial of the Guardian Angels. God has given us these spiritual beings to assist us on our road to heaven.

A reminder about a few things angelic. The word “angel” means “messenger.” Throughout the Bible, we hear about these messengers bringing the word of God to His people. So “Angel” is the “job,” but it is not the essence of its nature – of what it is. An angel is pure spirit – intellect and will, but no physical body. Because of the nature of these creatures, their wills are not such that they can change – once they make a choice, it is their choice forever. This is why there are demons – they chose to reject God, and in their full knowledge and full choice of the will, they will never turn from that choice. Nor will the Angels ever change from their choice to serve God. The Church teaches that God created all of the Angels before the physical creation of the universe, and they will continue for eternity. The Angels are pure spirit from the first moment of their existence. They were never human and never become human (despite what *It's a Wonderful Life* seems to indicate) – they are of a different genus and species (as it were) from humans, all together.

Through interpreting the Scriptures, the Church has determined that there are nine celestial Choirs of Angelic beings (from highest to lowest) – Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Principalities, Virtues, Archangels, and Angels. Often, the Preface at Mass (the prayer just before the “Holy, Holy”) refers to them so listen carefully to hear about them singing God’s praise!

God has assigned each of us an Angel to guard us throughout our lives, to help bring us to heaven. Once we die, they are not “recycled” but have us as their unique “assignment.” It is good to remember that our Guardian Angels are not “cute” little beings, but spiritual warriors. If God commanded it, your Guardian Angel could destroy the whole physical universe! While they sometimes protect us from physical harm, their primary purpose is to protect us from eternal harm, moral harm – whereby we choose to reject God. The Angel never sleeps, nor gets weary with us, but cannot *make us* do anything. He can only suggest, and strengthen us if we ask for help. I mentioned above that once the Angels made their choice to follow or reject God there is no repentance (unlike us, who often do change our minds). This is actually good news for us. Could you imagine having an Angel assigned to you that one moment was trying to get you to heaven, then decided it wasn’t worth it and either abandoned you, or tried to get you to hell?!

Jesus tells us that our Angels constantly are gazing on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10) – they are always face to Face with the Good, and so can guide us well. They always know God’s will for us. While they are our friends and they serve us, they are NOT our servants – they are servants of God. This is why we don’t *name* them – we don’t have authority to name them. God has named them.

The Scriptures revealed the names of three angelic beings, though – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. God gave these Archangels special tasks with the human race. Michael and Gabriel both first appear in the book of the prophet Daniel (Daniel 8, 9, 10 and 12). Michael reappears in the letter of Jude (9), and the book of Revelation (12:7). Gabriel reappears in the Gospel of Luke (1:19, 26). Raphael appears as one of the main characters in the book of Tobit.

Remember that it was the Archangel Michael who overcame Satan and drove him out of heaven (Revelation 12). Satan was one of the Seraphim of the highest order of the Choirs of Angels; he was humiliated when Michael drove him out, for Michael is only an archangel with much less natural power. Why is that? Because Michael was obedient to God, and so God used him to destroy the pride of Satan. This is why we pray the St. Michael Prayer – we ask St. Michael to protect us against the evil in this world. As a reminder, I chose to begin praying this prayer after the violence and shootings in our country escalated.

There is much more to say about our special friends, the Angels. Be careful, though, because most of the information out there is inaccurate. I encourage you to go to the *Opus Angelorum* website, especially the FAQ section: [www.opusangelorum.org/membership/questions\\_answers.html](http://www.opusangelorum.org/membership/questions_answers.html).

## PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

### REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you are a resident of Pelham and are looking for assistance with heat, electricity, food, rent and other household expenses, please call one of the following telephone numbers. Your call will be in strict confidence or visit us on our website at [www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org](http://www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org). Please call 603-508-2898, 603-635-7272, 603-508-8131 or 603-893-1713. You can also make a credit card donation on line through the same website or you can send us a donation by making your check payable to:

Pelham Good Neighbor Fund  
P.O. Box 953  
Pelham, NH 03076

All donations are tax deductible since we a non-profit 501 (C) (3) Charitable organization tax ID #02-0484080.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their State Council Raffle tickets after Mass this Saturday and Sunday. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, at the State Council Ball in Derry. In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$3,000 there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$1,000, a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$500 and (5) \$100 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Ticket prices are \$1.00 per ticket or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Thank you for your support of his endeavor.

### THE MASS

Please join us on Monday night, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ualdrmflt@comcast.net) or the parish office at 603-635-3525.

## VOCATION BLESSING CUP

The Vocation Blessing Cup will be dedicated this Sunday which is 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.

### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Catholic parishes throughout New Hampshire and the United States will show support for their priests with prayers on this Sunday. 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.



### 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!