

FIRST EUCHARIST

Mandatory Parent Meeting for ALL First Eucharist Parents on Sunday, January 24th, at 6:30 PM in the church. This includes St. Patrick's School, CCD, and other grade 2 Catholic School Parents. One parent **MUST** be there to pick up workbooks and paperwork and sign up for date to receive the Sacrament. The dates for First Eucharist are:

Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 4:00 PM

Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 4:00 PM

Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 11:00 AM

Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 11:00 AM



The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. We are in need of **Everything**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671. In case of inclement weather or if there is no school the Food Pantry will open the following Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The next monthly Blood Pressure Clinic is to be held in the Chapel January 23rd and 24th after the 4:00 PM, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. Anyone coming to the 11:00 AM Mass is asked to come early before Mass starts and a minister will be there to take your Blood Pressure. Thank you for your continued support.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you have gifts and insights you would like to share? There are a few openings on the Pastoral Council. We are an advisory and visionary board to our pastor that meets once every 4 to 6 weeks. This will be a very interesting time for our parish as we look forward to a new pastor. You may submit your name with a little information about yourself along with your contact information. You may also submit the name of someone in the parish that you think would be a good candidate. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION

Finishing Touch Classes: 5 points is required in this area each year of Confirmation. An updated schedule is on the Parish website. Registration for the classes needs to be completed the Thursday before the class is to begin. Please e-mail Dawn Pavlini at Confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com

Nuts and Bolts: 10 points is required in this area each year of the Confirmation Program.

Reconciliation is required once a year for each year of Confirmation. Confessions are also heard on Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:30 PM.

Service Hours: 15 service hours are required each year of Confirmation (10 hours within the Parish).

Confirmation II on January 31st a Mandatory Meeting for **ALL** Confirmation II Candidates (those that attend both Catholic and Public School) from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

All Confirmation II Candidates are required to attend a retreat during their second year of Confirmation Preparation.

When: Sunday, March 21, 2010

Where: Rivier College Campus (Dion Center)

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Permission slips and Fees are due by Monday, February 15th. Please contact Dawn Pavlini at confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com with any questions.

ALPHA

Alpha will begin on Friday, January 22nd, starting at 6:00 PM in the K of C Hall under the church. Please come even if did not make the dinner on January 10th. You can register at Alpha@stpatricks-pelham.com or call Mike and Ann Kater at 603-893-9458.

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, January, 18th.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1/10/2010 Offertory

Offertory envelopes 332	\$5,568
Offertory loose	\$980
Total Offertory	\$6,548
Needed Weekly Offertory	\$5,500
Parish Deficit (YTD)	-\$3,664
St. Patrick School	\$1,944

SECOND COLLECTION

This week the second collection will be for **the Seminarian Fund**. We thank you for your continued Support.

Next week the collection will be for **Religious Education**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, January 19

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM, in the trailer

Wednesday, January 20

Bible Study, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

Thursday, January 21

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk
3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk
3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor
12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

CLERGY RETIREMENT FUND

Bishop John B. McCormack and the lay and clergy trustees of the diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund are pleased to announce that the second annual collection in the Diocese of Manchester to support diocesan retired priests has raised \$293,284 since it was held in parishes the weekend of September 26, 2009. This compares to \$304,681 raised through the same period a year ago. Both years' collections are among the most successful in diocesan history.

The money collected will be used exclusively to help fund retirement stipends and benefits for priests. Currently, 67 retired priests are supported by the trust fund. Each retired diocesan priest receives a monthly stipend as well as Medicare supplemental insurance and other insurance benefits. The trust fund is also funded by an assessment to each parish in the diocese.

Most priests retire between the ages of 70 to 75. However, many continue to assist pastors in ministering to the pastoral and spiritual needs of parishioners, even after retirement.

This annual diocesan collection was launched to respond to the increasing challenges placed upon the existing retirement benefit program. In 2007, Bishop McCormack accepted the unanimous recommendation of the diocesan Finance and Pastoral Councils, as well as that of the Presbyteral Council, to segregate the funds previously collected through assessments and gifts to support retired priests, into the diocesan Priests Retirement Trust Fund. The trust Fund is administered by Bishop McCormack and a group of laity and priests who serves as trustees. Persons interested in making a donation to the diocesan Priest Retirement Trust Fund may contact Patrick McGee at pmcgee@rcbm.org or 603-669-3100.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

If you know of anyone who has an apartment for rent in the Pelham area with minimal stairs, please contact the rectory office at 635-3525.

REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who have recently died, Henrietta Lemieux

**Stop Abortion Funding in Health Care Reform!
Protect Conscience
Ensure Affordable Health Coverage
Allow Immigrants to Purchase
Private Health Insurance**

As long-time advocates of health care reform, the U.S. Catholic Bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country.

On November 7th, the U.S. House Representatives passed major health care reform that reaffirms the essential, longstanding and widely supported policy against using federal funds for elective abortions and includes positive measures on affordability and immigrants.

On December 24th, the U.S. Senate rejected this policy and passed health care reform that requires federal funds to help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions. All purchasers of such plans will be required to pay for other people's abortions through a separate payment solely to pay for abortion.

Outside the abortion context, neither bill has adequate conscience protection for health care providers, plans or employers.

These two bills must now be combined into one bill that both the House and Senate will vote on in final form. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill, or the final bill must be opposed.

ACTION: Contact your Representative and Senators today by e-mail, phone or FAX.

To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress, go to www.usccb.org/action

Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Contact info can be found on members' websites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov

To stay informed about public issues of concern to NH Catholics, visit: www.catholicnh.org/fcnews

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"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11

Monday January 18

8:00 AM Camella Stecchi requested by the Aho family

Tuesday January 19

8:00 AM Jeannette & Gerard Lemieux requested by their daughter Jeannette Lemieux

Wednesday January 20

8:00 AM Robby Harrison & Sherry Foster, 2nd Anniversary, requested the family

Thursday January 21

8:00 AM Divine Office, Morning Prayer

Friday January 22

8:00 AM Robert Thibault, 17th Anniversary requested by his family

Saturday January 23

4:00 PM Walter Godosky, 1st Anniversary, Rick, Gail, Ryan, Ashley and family

Sunday January 24

8:00 AM Alan Larese, 14th Anniversary, requested by his sister Christine

9:30 AM In loving memory of Norman Provencal, 10th Anniversary, requested by the Provencal family

11:00 AM Wilfred & Germaine Martin requested by Rosemarie & Gerry Martin



... This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of John Fitzgerald, 6th Anniversary, by his wife & children

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