

FIRST EUCHARIST

Mandatory Parent Meeting for ALL First Eucharist Parents on this 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

This weekend the Blood Pressure Clinic is to be held in the Chapel 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.

1/17/2010**Offertory**

Offertory envelopes 332	\$4,126
Offertory loose	\$1,070
Total Offertory	\$5,196
Needed Weekly Offertory	\$5,500
Parish Deficit (YTD)	-\$1,521
Seminarian Fund	\$2,200

The week ahead

Sunday, January 24

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM, in the school
 Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM, in the school

First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the church

Wednesday, January 27

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

Knights of Columbus Officers, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, January 28

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

Friday, January 29

Alpha, 6:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

OPERATION HELPING HANDS

NH Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers, 10-15 people the week of May 22nd to May 29th to participate in Operation Helping Hands in New Orleans, LA. The focus of the week is to help needy homeowners to clean up their neighborhoods and restore their homes. Volunteers must travel at their own expense. Simple meals and basic accommodations will be provided. For more information or to reserve a space, please call the Laconia office, Leonard Campbell at 603-528-3035.

ST. PATRICK PRAYER LINE

We have an on going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going thru difficulties, loss of loved ones, or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at lmurgia871_@comcast.net or call Rosemary Dole at 6352486.

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.

**SEASONS OF HOPE
BEREAVEMENT GROUP TO BEGIN**

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets for six Mondays beginning Feb. 15th. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 7pm in the Meeting Room below the church. If you are interested you may call the parish office to add your name to the list or you may come and join us Monday, Feb. 15th.

**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

JANUARY 24, 2010

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, February 20th

“Lent. No sackcloth. No ashes...a LONG scream calling for the place of God’s Love.”

On Saturday, February 20th, St. Patrick Parish will host a special Day of Recollection. Mark your calendar now so nothing else gets booked and fill in the registration form. Our lives are so busy that we don’t often find quiet time, much less quiet space, to reflect and pray. February 20th will give us an opportunity to set aside that time and space and respond to Jesus’ invitation to “come away and pray with me a while.”

Sister Claire Provost, P.M. is a Sister of the Presentation of Mary living in Hudson, New Hampshire. She holds a master’s Degree in Spirituality from Providence College, and has been involved in various ministries for 50 years. Sister Claire is coming to share reflections and prayer with us on February 20th. The focus of the talks and discussion will be: What must I do to live lent? How does prayer change my life? Lent is a time to praise and raise our heart to God....do I want to do that? The day of Recollection will begin with registration at 10:00 AM in the chapel for those who have not pre-registered, followed by a talk at 10:30 AM, discussion, and a light lunch served around noon. A second talk will be given after lunch with time for discussion and reflection, and the day will culminate with the 4:00 pm Mass for all who can attend. There is no charge for attendance but a free will offering will be collected.

Won’t you set aside this day to join with other members of St. Patrick Parish to renew, reflect and pray together? Early registration will assist us in estimating food. Please register by completing the registration form below OR go to the website www.stpatricks-pelham.com to register online. Mail the registration form to Day of Recollection, c/o 8 Mt. Vernon Drive, Pelham, NH 03076 prior to February 13th. You can also fill out the form and give it to the person who will be taking registrations in the chapel after every Mass the weekend of Feb. 13th & 14th.

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL. NO: _____

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"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Lk 4:18b-19, 21

Monday January 25

8:00 AM Normand Lemieux requested by
Jeannette Lemieux

Tuesday January 26

8:00 AM Divine Office, Morning Prayer

Wednesday January 27

8:00 AM Divine Office, Morning Prayer

Thursday January 28

8:00 AM Msgr. Colin MacDonald

Friday January 29

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

Saturday January 30

4:00 PM John Lawlor Jr. requested by his
wife & family

Sunday January 31

8:00 AM George & Theresa Muldoon
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth
Clark

9:30 AM Robert Blinn requested by Mr. &
Mrs. William Crane

11:00 AM Laurin & Martin Families
requested by Rosemarie & Gerry
Martin



...This week the Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Norman Provencal, 10th Anniversary, by the Provencal family



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

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