

**CONFIRMATION REMINDERS**

**Finishing Touch Classes:** Candidates may sign-up for these classes as soon as they know which ones they would like to attend. Certain classes have limited space and fill up quickly. Please check the Parish Website for an updated class schedule to see if there are any classes that may be closed. To sign-up, please e-mail Dawn Pavlini at [confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com](mailto:confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com)

**Nuts and Bolts:** Candidates are reminded that 10 points are required in this category for each year of the Confirmation program.

**Service Hour Opportunities:** Candidates are reminded that 5 service hours within the parish are required for each year of Confirmation. Please check the bulletin or the Parish website for updates.

**Confirmation I:** Mandatory meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, has been changed to Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the K of C Hall.

**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY**

I hate to mention this word but, as we move toward Winter, I want to remind you that if there is a delayed opening or school cancellation the morning mass is also cancelled. If it is not safe for the school buses then it is not safe for you. Any mass intention will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

On **Wednesdays** we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:30 AM till Noon. At 11:00 AM we pray the Rosary for all those on our St. Patrick Prayer List & add to our list at this time. At 11:45 AM we pray the Divine Chaplet. Please stop in and say hello.

**ST. PATRICK'S MEN'S GROUP**

St. Patrick's Men's Group will be meeting in the Parish Center on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM for breakfast and fellowship. If any man or young man is interested in attending/joining the Men's Group, please come and join us for breakfast. All men are welcome!

**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 David Meltzer at [meltzerd@aol.com](mailto:meltzerd@aol.com) or call Rosemary Dole at 635-2486.

**The Alpha Course  
St. Patrick's Church**

Anyone can come. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith is welcome.

Learning and laughter- Join others in a relaxed atmosphere.  
**Pasta** (or other great food) – Each weekly session begins with dinner.

**Helping one another** – Dinner is followed by small group presentation and discussion.

**Ask anything** – Here's your chance to ask your questions and express your opinions.

The program will begin January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Please register at [Alpha@stpatricks-pelham.com](mailto:Alpha@stpatricks-pelham.com), or call the office 635-3525

**Begins at 6:15pm Dinner will be served at 6:30**

For more information: Call Mike or Ann Kater 603-893-9458

**What is Alpha?**

Alpha is a ten-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith for our lives today. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity with loads of opportunity for discussion. The style of Alpha is informal, friendly, and non-pressured.

**Alpha is enjoyed and appreciated as much by those who have never set foot in a church as it is by those who once attended and by the regular churchgoer.** No matter what their background, whether investigating Christianity for the first time, revisiting their faith, or active in their church, participants get a lot out of an Alpha Course.

Each week people meet together for a meal, a talk on topics such as "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I be Sure of My Faith?", and "Does God Still Heal Today?" followed by small group interaction. There is a day retreat midway through the course, which focuses on the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

There are over 5000 Alpha courses running the US and about 1,000,000 people in America and Canada have already participated. Thousands of Alpha courses are now running in many countries and it has been translated into many different languages.

Church leaders report the astonishing impact the course has on non-churchgoers and existing Christians in their areas. And it's spreading fast to many secular locations – prisons, university campuses, businesses and schools.

**PARISH OFFICE NEW HOURS**

St. Patrick Parish New Office Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. Starting Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dec 21, 2008	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 247	\$ 4,363
Loose	\$ 638
<b>Sub-Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,001</b>
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
<b>Parish Deficit (YTD)</b>	<b>\$26,055</b>
St. Patrick School	\$ 1,980
Christmas Memorials	\$ 2,310
Christmas	\$11,534
Groundskeeping	\$ 2,116
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,855</b>



### Tuesday, January 6

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

### Wednesday, January 7

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

RCIA, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

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

### Thursday, January 8

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

Bible Study, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

### Saturday, January 10

Men's Group, 7:30 AM, in the parish center



### BAPTISM

Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Brooke Lynn Bergeron, Makenzie Emma Comtois, Erik Brian Knight and Sarah Marie Wilson.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

The Sisters of Mercy would like to extend a gracious thank you to all the parishioners for purchasing raffle tickets for their handmade quilt to raise money for the Women of Plaisance in Haiti.

### A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who made my first Christmas here at St. Patrick's so special! Your warm hearts, encouraging words, and generous spirit have really made this Christmas very special for me.

At the same time I wish to thank the many parishioners who work very hard to make our Christmas celebrations so special. The music was excellent, the decorations were elegant and simple. The Pageant went off without any major problems. All and all everything was tremendous.

I wish to thank you for your generous spirit toward me this Christmas. The cards, the gifts, and the goodies were over whelming. You are a very generous and special people and you are making the battle of the bulge harder to win.

Finally, if your travel plans take you away from Pelham this New Year, on behalf of Deacon John, The Rectory Staff, Mr. Dumont, The Faculty of St. Patrick School and Myself we wish you and your loved ones the fullest Blessing of the New Year and may 2009 be a year of Blessings for you and your loved ones.

Happy New Year!!!

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Fr. Paul and the Rectory Staff would like to extend a big thank you to all the Parishioners for their kindness and generosity.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Paul will try to have daily mass Monday – Friday at 8:00 AM. Depending on weather and scheduling issues starting Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>.

*JANUARY 4, 2009*

## **RCIA Prayer Support Program**

The parish is starting its prayer partner program for the RCIA candidates. We ask you to be a visible sign with prayer of the parish's support for our candidates.

As a prayer partner you will be asked to do the following:

- Encourage your candidate by writing messages regularly.
- Show a general interest in your candidate's spiritual growth.

The focus of the program is intended to be supportive in there journey of personal faith formation. This opportunity provides a more personal support of the candidates.

If you believe this is something you would like to do, please contact John or Paulette Jacobs 603-835-3908, email [vze3hvdj@verizon.net](mailto:vze3hvdj@verizon.net).

Thank you for your support

The RCIA team

## **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

St. Patrick's Health Care Ministry wants to welcome anyone interested in the health, wellness, and safety of our parish community. No specific training or credentials or long term commitment are necessary. Life experience is certainly a qualifier. Please call Janice Storch, RN at 898-5117 or e-mail [ljstorch@verizon.net](mailto:ljstorch@verizon.net)

### **Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If anyone would like to sign up for Altar Flowers for 2009, please contact the rectory office.

*JANUARY 4, 2009*

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*And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Mt 2:9-11*

**Monday January 5**

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

**Tuesday January 6**

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by Vince & Jackie Messina

**Wednesday January 7**

8:00 AM Caroline Cashman requested by Pat & Sid

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Thursday January 8**

8:00 AM Janet Artimovich requested by Pat Fitzgerald

**Friday January 9**

8:00 AM For all Souls

**Saturday January 10**

4:00 PM Nicholas & Janet Artimovich requested by Mike & Ann Kater

**Sunday January 11**

8:00 AM Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois

9:30 AM Barbara Gallo requested by her husband

11:00 AM Ann Dinano requested by Doris A Houle



This week the second collection will be for **Capital Improvement**. We thank you for your continued support.

Next week the collection will be for **St. Patrick School**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.