

Nov. 15, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 249	\$ 4,117
Loose	\$ 731
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 4,848
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 5,500
Parish Gain (YTD)	\$ 248
Fuel	\$ 1,995

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 22

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM, in the school
 Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM, in the school
 Confirmation I Mandatory Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Monday, November 23

Bereavement Support Group, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, November 25

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, November 26

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

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Pelham Community Spirit, Inc. is looking for people to help with this year's first annual Southern New Hampshire Festival of Trees. Volunteers are needed to staff this festive event by collecting admissions, selling raffle tickets and overseeing the hall. Come participate in this new holiday tradition to be held in Pelham's own Sherburne Hall from Friday, November 27th through Saturday, December 5th. If interested, please contact Loryn Ferrara at (978)521-9041 or lferrara@comcast.net.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Ms. Amy Marrello, Music Teacher at St. Patrick School, is looking for someone who can play the piano and would be willing to accompany the St. Patrick School Chorus. Practices are on Mondays from 3:00 Pm – 3:45 PM and the performance will be on December 14th for the Para-liturgy

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 or call Rosemary Dole at 6352486.

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is starting again this year the "Children's Gift Program". This is our chance to help our local boys & girls have a special Christmas. Please look for the tags downstairs of the church. Thank you all for caring, Priscilla Pike Church.



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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation I Mandatory meeting for all Confirmation I candidates on Sunday, November 22nd, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the K of C Hall. (Catholic school as well as Public school students). Please bring a food item for the Food Pantry.

HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Kansas City! I am in the process of “auditioning” parishes to see what might be the best fit for me. I selected my first choice by the proximity to where I am staying. I got to church early, partly because I didn’t know exactly where I was going but also I wanted some private time to settle in. It turned out to be a new church and rather nice aesthetically. The music ministry was playing and was very good. I thought I had made a good choice.

As I was sitting there, I was also observing the people entering and taking their places. It was quite a diverse group reflecting God’s people. It struck me that even though we were all there for the same purpose and we were all united by our faith and the Eucharist, I felt alone. It was then that I began to think back to the community that I left behind in Pelham. It was then also that I said a quick prayer for each of you.

You never know what you have until you lose it. How true that is! My prayer for St. Patrick’s is: Rejoice in the unity that you have in your shared faith and the Eucharist you celebrate but rejoice also in the unity you have because of the personal relationships that you have with each other. Continue to support one another; continue to pray for one another. Continue to be there for one another. You are community. You are family.

Pray for me as I pray for you.

Peace,
Deacon John

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

For Thanksgiving there will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service on Thanksgiving Eve at the Pentecostal Church at 7:00 PM. On Thanksgiving morning, we will have mass at 9:00 AM to celebrate God Blessings for our families and friends

A Reminder from Your Healthcare Ministry

December is Hand Washing Awareness Month. Hopefully, you had a chance to practice good hand hygiene at the Health Fair last weekend. If not, here are a few reminders:

- Wet hands with running water and apply soap. Lather well.
- Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Get all surfaces, including backs of your hands, wrists and between your fingers. Do under your nails.
- Dry hands with a clean or disposable towel or air dry. Use towel to turn off the faucet.

Hand sanitizer is an excellent choice if you don’t have access to soap and water. For more information, see www.mayoclinic.com/health/hand-washing.

The Health Ministry will be doing a blood pressure clinic this weekend 11/21 & 11/22 after all Masses, except Sunday 11 am. (Please come to church between 10:30-11 Sunday and a Health Minister will take blood pressure then.)

“All of us from the St. Pat’s Health Care Ministry would like to extend a sincere thank you to anyone who participated in anyway to our first health fair last weekend. The sponsors with donations were very generous and all who supported us by raffle tickets, getting information, sampling our refreshment table and those who got flu shots; we thank you very much. We hope to make this an annual event.”

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

Lord, as we bow our heads to pray,
We celebrate Thanksgiving Day.
Help us have the right attitude,
As we turn to you in gratitude.

Thank you for our festive mood;
Thank you, Lord, for this good food;
Thanks for blessings great and small;
Thank you, thank you for it all.

By Joanna Fuchs

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**THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND
ANNUAL DRIVE**

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee is asking for your financial support so that we will be able to help individuals and families during Christmas with food, clothing and toys for the children. There are so many families in Pelham who are going to need our help this year because of the tough economic times which has resulted in loss of jobs along with the high cost of food and energy. We are asking individuals, families, businesses, organizations, school, civic and church groups to be as generous as possible. **We are in desperate need of people who would like to sponsor a child or family for Christmas or if you need help during the holidays, please call one of the people listed below. Please call no later than Friday, December 6th.** Your call will be handled in strict confidence.

Jean Robarge	(603)635-3363
Gerty Sousa	(603) 401-4065
Nancy Vachon	(603 521-4045
Bonnie Ward	(603) 635-8537

Volunteers will be accepting donations of food and money on Saturday and Sunday, December 12th and 13th from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Pelham Plaza in front of Hannaford Supermarket. If you would like to make a credit card donation on line, please visit our web site at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org. There is also a container for food donations at the food pantry located behind St. Patrick's Church and inside Hannaford Supermarket. If you would like to make a donation of a turkey or other food items, please call Jim Roche at (603) 893-1713 or Frank Sullivan at (603) 204-5299. The committee also uses the money collected during this drive to provide financial assistance 52 weeks a year for food, heating oil, electricity, rent and other household expenses. We need to bring the true meaning of Christmas to our Neighbors In Need in the Town of Pelham.

Please make your check payable to:

**THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND
P.O. BOX 953
PELHAM, NH 03076**

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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Monday November 23

8:00 AM Kenneth Benoit, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by his family

Tuesday November 24

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

Wednesday November 25

8:00 AM Gene, Skee & Michael requested
by Rena & Monica

Thursday November 26

9:00 AM Thanksgiving

Friday November 27

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday November 28

4:00 PM Donna Drobnic requested by
Raymond & Rosemarie Graham

Sunday November 29

8:00 AM Armand Groulx, 18th Anniversary
requested by Dennis & Irene
Groulx

9:30 AM Henry St. Onge, 2nd Anniversary,
requested by his wife & family

11:00 AM Irene Steckiewicz, 2nd
Anniversary, requested by her
family



... This week the Altar Flowers are in
memory of Gene & Skee by Rena and Monica.

SECOND COLLECTION

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

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