

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

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

Reconciliation: Candidates are required to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation once during each year of the Confirmation program. A perfect opportunity to fulfill this requirement would be to attend the upcoming Reconciliation Service on December 10th at St. Matthew's in Windham.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The Health Care Ministry will be hosting a Blood Pressure Clinic on the weekend of November 29th & 30th in the chapel after all of the masses. We hope you had a great summer, and look forward to serving some of your health care needs.

BLANKETS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

This year **new blankets** for the Christ Child will be collected in the chapel. These blankets will be delivered to area shelters. Please bring your blankets in by Monday, December 15th. We thank you for helping to keep all of our brothers and sisters warm for the winter.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

St. Patrick's Women's Guild is sponsoring a trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette on Dec. 4, 2008. **Cost is \$35** for bus and donation fee to LaSalette. Food and other purchases are extra. **Departure time** from St. Patrick parking lot is **1 PM** and **leaving LaSalette at 8:30 PM.**

Here are some of the events that you can attend while you are there...Christmas Concert with Fr. Pat - 3:00 & 7:00 PM; Display of Nativity Sets - 4:00-8:30 PM; Gift Shop - 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Mass - 5:30 PM; Cafeteria - 4:00 - 9:00 PM; Christmas Trolley - \$3 per ticket purchased at bakery booth. Please send a check for \$35 made out to St. Patrick Women's Guild, 12 Main St., Pelham, NH 03076 by Nov. 21st. Space is limited to 55 people.

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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual citrus fruit drive. We will be in the K of C Hall after all the masses. You can order all oranges, all red grapefruit or mixed. The price is 20 lbs for \$20.00. The order will be in before Christmas. You can order from any brother knight or call Frank Maglio Jr. at 635-2251.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Monday morning at 8:00 AM, School Mass is at 10:00 AM and the evening Mass is at 7:00 PM. There will be no vigil on Sunday evening.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Tuesday, December 2

Women's Guild Meeting, 6:00 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

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

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

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

On the weekends of December 13th and 14th throughout the United States the Annual Collection for the Retired Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests will be taken. Next weekend on December 6th and 7th Sister Rachel Jette a Sister of the Holy Cross will be speaking at the Masses on behalf of the Retired Religious. Envelopes for this collection are in your packets and will be in the pews next weekend.

THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR

is sponsoring the Christmas Gift Program again this year. The tags are on the wall downstairs in the Church. Please take a tag, purchase a gift and bring the gift – **unwrapped** back to the Church and drop it off in the chapel. Please tape the tag to the gift. Deadline is Sunday, December 14th. Thank you so much.

“ALPHA IS COMING”

H is for helping one another learn.

What's the point of life?

What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today?

ALPHA is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed non-threatening setting.

Alpha...Is there more to life than this?

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!!! As we begin the Church New Liturgical Year with the season of Advent we are asked to prepare our hearts and mind for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. To assist us in our preparation of Advent you will find two Advent aids. One which you are familiar with is the **Blue Book** for Advent. This year I would like to add the **Welcome Yule** bulletin insert which will have opportunities for family prayer and activity during each week of the Advent and Christmas season. Also the Advent cluster penance service will be Wednesday night, December 10th, at 7:00 PM at St. Matthew's in Windham. Also for the Advent season the Tuesday evening mass at 6:30 PM will return.

Calling all Shepherds, Angels and Townspeople I am looking for parish children from Kindergarten to grade 2 to assist in the parish family mass and pageant on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 PM Mass. If your child is interested please come to the first rehearsal on Saturday, November 29th, at 10:00 AM. For further information please contact Fr. Paul.

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CHRISTMAS TREES

The annual sale of Christmas Trees to benefit St. Patrick School will begin on Saturday, November 29th. The trees will be on sale over the weekend and during the week at night. For further information, please contact the School at 635-2941.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Next Sunday is our Brown Bag Sunday where we ask you to bring a non-perished food item for the Food Pantry. With the change of weather and the economy more demands have been made of the Food Pantry. Your help and support is deeply appreciated.

DECEMBER 2, 2008

**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 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 635-2486.

RCIA

RCIA is a process through which adults are introduced to, learn about, and are welcomed into the Church. RCIA is going to be held on Wednesday night in the meeting room at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or, if you've received some sacraments, but have not been confirmed, or, if you're simply interested in learning more about your Catholic faith, please come join us. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact Claire Ross at rcia@stpatricks-pelham.com or call 603-893-7353.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

This coming Friday, December 5th, will be the First Friday of the month. Rosary starts at 7:00 PM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8:00 PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said at 7:45 PM. Please come and pray with us. All are welcomed.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If anyone would like to sign up for Altar Flowers for 2009, please contact the rectory office at 635-3525.



Thank you to all who supported and attended the Turkey Cheer. It was a great success.



*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Mt 24:42-44*

Monday December 1

8:00 AM Yvonne Maglio, 57th Wedding Anniversary, requested by her family

Tuesday December 2

8:00 AM Raymond Christian requested by his family
7:00 PM John Lawlor Jr. requested by his wife & family

Wednesday December 3

8:00 AM Phillip John Ciezynski, 9th Anniversary, requested by his family
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday December 4

8:00 AM Intentions of the parishioners

Friday December 5

8:00 AM John Veiga requested by his family

Saturday December 6

4:00 PM The DiGiantommaso Family requested by Mr. & Mrs. Hudson

Sunday December 7

8:00 AM Jeannette Lemieux requested by a friend Janet Dutil
9:30 AM Maria Marks requested by Pat & Sid
11:00 AM John McDonough requested by his wife & 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 **Capital Improvement**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.