

## 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for helping to keep all of our brothers and sisters warm for the winter.

## 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.

### Readings for the Week of December 16, 2007

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**The deadline for Christmas Memorials is on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Wedding Banns

The following couple will enter the Covenant of Marriage in December:

**Bonnie Caggianelli**  
and  
**Matthew Arseneault**

Please pray that their marriage will mirror the Love of God.

## ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

St. Patrick School PTO is once again selling the popular Holiday Calendar. For \$10 the recipient has the chance to win cash or prizes every day in January. Once you win your name goes back into the basket so you can win again and again!!

These make great gifts, stocking stuffers, last minute gifts, or the perfect gift for that person who has EVERYTHING.

They will be on sale after all the Masses until Dec. 21st in the Sacristy. All proceeds benefit the students and teachers of St. Patrick School.

## “ALPHA IS COMING”

Thought-provoking weekly sessions on.... “Who is Jesus?” “Why Did Jesus Die?” “How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?” “Why and How Should I Read the Bible?” “Why and How Do I Pray?” “How Does God Guide Us?” “How Can I Resist Evil?” “Does God Heal Today?” These are some of the session topics. It is low-key, friendly and fun! Come try it out before you make a commitment. An ALPHA course will begin at St. Patrick Parish in January.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

**If you are planning to put any information into the Church Bulletin between Christmas and the weekend of January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of Production deadlines.**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Dec. 7, 2008	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 320	\$ 5,510
Loose	\$ 1,855
<b>Sub-Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,395</b>
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
<b>Parish Deficit (YTD)</b>	<b>\$20,836</b>
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,587
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,855</b>

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES REPORT**

**Your Parish Total 2008 Appeal**

Cash received                 \$13,370.00   \$2,665,878.79  
 Balance Due on Pledges \$     50.00   \$ 126,422.81  
 Total as of 11/30/08       \$13,420.00   \$2,712,301.60

# of Donors Participating – 114

**Your parish's 2008 Goal:    \$26,500**



**Wednesday, December 17**

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

**Thursday, December 18**

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

**SECOND COLLECTION**

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

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

**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). The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> after all Masses in the chapel.

**A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL**

Dear Friends,

It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent and what have you done to prepare your heart and mind for the coming of the Christ Child for Christmas? To assist in your spiritual preparation for Christmas the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday evening, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Church.

We are still looking for Shepherds, Angels, Townspeople, and Kings for the Pageant. Our next rehearsal is Saturday at 9:00 AM. Then to assist the musical celebration of Christmas we are looking to form a couple of children's choirs. The first would be at the 4:00 PM Family Pageant Mass and this group could be young people from grades 3-6. There rehearsals are Saturday morning at 9:00 AM downstairs in the Church. For our 7:00 PM Mass we are looking for junior high and high school students to form this choir. There rehearsals will be with the regular choir on Thursday nights between 7:30 and 9:00 PM.

Thank you for your generous response to Brown Bag Sunday and to the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund Tag Drive. Your response has truly made the different in the lives of those in need. Thank you again!!!

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**SISTERS OF MERCY**

On Saturday and Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> the Sisters of Mercy will be selling raffle tickets on a Quilt they made. The Quilt is Queen Size. The money they collect will be sent to benefit the Women of Plaisance, Haiti. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10.00.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

On Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, we are looking for volunteers to help stock the Food Pantry Shelf. If you are in Confirmation or High School and looking for Community Service Hours, please call the rectory office at 635-3525 to sign up.

## **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 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.

Thank you for your support

The RCIA team

## **SONSHINE SOUP KITCHEN**

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry is collecting original Shaw's receipts to redeem in their rewards program. They will receive 1% of all Shaw's receipts they collect. This will not impact St. Pat's Food Pantry because it is a soup kitchen, not a food pantry and St. Pat's doesn't use this program. We have a basket at the main entrance of the church for receipts and will make sure they get to the Soup Kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

 **HANKS!**

Thanks to everyone who helped with donations for the Food Pantry's Thanksgiving offerings. Special thanks to John Bilsky & Fireye for their donation of 12 turkeys, to the Fire Department for their cash donation, and to the Police Department for their very generous check that was used to assist in buying turkeys as well.

A special thanks goes out to Liz at Bits 'n Pieces Quilt & Fabric Shoppe who was able to make a substantial donation of food and other supplies on the First Brown Bag Sunday by offering a 30% discount to shoppers who brought items to be donated to the Food Pantry.

**DECEMBER 14, 2009**

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*John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.*

*At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6*

**Monday December 15**

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

**Tuesday December 16**

8:00 AM Jacqueline Curran requested by  
Armand & Joan Berard

6:30 PM James Mulligan, 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
requested by his family

**Wednesday December 17**

8:00 AM Dorothy Stevens requested by  
Deborah Myrick

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

**Thursday December 18**

8:00 AM William Purtell Sr. requested by  
Dot Matthews

**Friday December 19**

8:00 AM All Souls

**Saturday December 20**

4:00 PM Antoinette St. Jean, 28<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary, requested by Mr. &  
Mrs. Donald Colby

**Sunday December 21**

8:00 AM Aldo Larese, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by the Raby family

9:30 AM Robert Hall requested by his  
Family

11:00 AM James Buscema, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
requested by his family

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4:00 PM Children Mass**

**7:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9:30 AM Mass**

**NEW YEAR EVE**

**4:00 PM Mass**

**NEW YEAR DAY**

**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass**