

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.

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 14th has been changed to Wednesday, January 21st, 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.

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. Just a reminder that this weekend they will be holding the Blood Pressure Clinic in the Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



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.

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.

SISTERS OF MERCY

This weekend December 27th & 28th 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.

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Parish Office will close on Wednesday, December 31st, at 12:00 Noon and will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

January 1st is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses for the Holy Day are New Year Eve, December 31st, at 4:00 PM and New Year Day, January 1st, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Because of production deadlines the money will be in next week bulletin.

Reminder that next weekend is Brown Bag Sunday.

The week ahead

Thursday, January 1

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

ALPHA IS COMING!

Alpha has run in 150+ countries and 62 languages.

There is Hunger for meaning and purpose

-What am I doing of earth?

-What is the point of life?

-Where am I heading?

Jesus said: "I am the way"

Does it matter what we believe?

We want to understand Truth

And experience Truth

Jesus said: "I am the truth"

Come renew; come and learn; now is the season; now is the time.

Alpha will have an introduction evening on **January 16th at 6:30 in the K of C Hall.**

Come with a friend; your spouse; your high school students.

Call the office and register or register on line at St. Patrick's website

www.stpatricks-pelham.com/

Is There More to Life Than This?

REGISTER FOR ALPHA

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, and 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!!!

FP

Mark your calendars now for St. Joseph/Mary Queen of Peace's up-coming.

Comedy Night Extravanganza!

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Atkinson Country Club

6 PM Cocktails, 7 PM Buffet Dinner

8 PM Comedians, 9:30 – 11 PM Dance floor opens

All for \$50 per person or tickets are available for \$25 per person for the Comedy Show and Dancing only. Tickets go on sale January 2nd at St. Joseph's Rectory in Salem. (898-4933)

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.

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12- 17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt
2:1-12

DECEMBER 28, 2009



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

Monday December 29

8:00 AM For all souls

Tuesday December 30

8:00 AM Jacqueline Curran requested by
Rosemary Dole

Wednesday December 31

4:00 PM Regina Moffitt requested by
Monica & Paul Kean

Thursday January 1

9:00 AM Joey Altobelli requested by the
Vigneault family

11:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

Friday January 2

8:00 AM No Mass

Saturday January 3

4:00 PM William & Clara Wells, 80th
Wedding Anniversary, requested
by their son Leon

Sunday January 4

8:00 AM Yvonne Maglio, 5th Anniversary,
requested by her family

9:30 AM Henry St. Onge requested by Bob
& Betty Champagne

11:00 AM Raymond Letendre, 6th
Anniversary, requested by his
wife



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.