

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rivier Retreat: All forms and fees are due by March 6th. You may drop these off at the Rectory or mail them to:

Religious Education Office
c/o Dawn Pavlini
12 Main Street
Pelham, NH 03076

Confirmation II Mandatory Meeting: Sunday, March 8th, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the K of C Hall.

Confirmation I Mandatory Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the K of C Hall.

Reconciliation Please remember that you are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year of Confirmation preparation. The perfect opportunity to meet this requirement would be at the Lenten Penance Service to be held at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem on Sunday, March 15th, at 2:00 PM.

Service Hour Opportunity: For those candidates interested in volunteering at the Fish Fry. Please e-mail Dawn Pavlini at confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com

For those candidates interested in volunteering at the St. Patrick's Women Guild Penny Sale during the weekend of April 18th & 19th, please contact Therese Soucy at 635-3525.

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.

PELHAM'S FARMERS MARKET

In as much that there is still snow on the ground summer is really just around the corner which means fresh produce from area farmers. This year we need your help. Anyone interested in helping to organize and help work the market are asked to call St. Patrick parish at 603-635-3525. The market is a lot of fun and brings community spirit. Hope to hear from you.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Our weekday masses will be Monday – Friday at 8:00 AM and Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. On Friday evening there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30 PM.

REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 25th, and **Good Friday**, April 10th, are days of fast and abstinence **Fridays of Lent** are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all who are 18 years of age and older, and for those who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all who are 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciples of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

LUCKY STRAW GAME

My name is Lynne Lindsey and I will be organizing the Lucky-Straw game this year at our annual Family Fun Day that is held in June. I am asking for those generous donations (both new toys and monetary), and crafts that always have the players of this game trying to win while having a great time. The preparation for Lucky Straw's usually takes about 20 hours or more. If there is anyone who would like to help in the preparations they will count for volunteer hours with St. Patrick's and/or students who need confirmation hours. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 635-2085 or 603-508-1638. Thank you very much for your continued support for St. Patrick's as well as Family Fun Day and Lucky Straws.

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, May 9th 10 spots available
Sunday, May 17th 8 spots available
Saturday, May 30th 6 spots available
Sunday, May 31st closed-full

Forms are due in Religious Education Office **ASAP**.
Workbooks are due **COMPLETED** in the Religious Education Office by **Tuesday, April 14th**.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Feb. 15, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 274	\$ 4,008
Loose	\$ 846
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 4,854
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
Parish Deficit (YTD)	\$35,076
Religious Education	\$ 1,749
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
Total to date	\$ 1,855

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 1

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM

Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

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, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

Fish Fry, 4:00 PM, in the parish center

Alpha, 6:15 PM, in the K of C Hall

Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 6:30 PM, in the church

FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will host Fish Fries in the Parish Center on each Friday during Lent. Our times and prices have changed and as you remember you got a hearty meal. Prices for adults are \$9.00 and seniors & children \$8.00. Hours are from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are ordering take out, please call 635-3829. Take out orders are \$9.00. All are welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

It's here **LENT!** It is time for us to change our hearts and turn to the Lord to assist us in this conversion process. We will have at the Church doors the little black books of Lenten devotionals. This week and up until Pentecost we will be inserting weekly devotional papers in the bulletin to assist us all in our Lenten and Easter practices.

Our Liturgical schedule for Lent will be Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM, an evening Mass on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM, Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30 PM on Friday evening. The Lenten Penance Service will be held on March 15th at 2:00 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Salem.

Recently a number of parishioners have come up to me with a concern about wheat allergies and with the reception of Holy Communion. We have received special host which are liturgically approved for these parishioners. If you have these allergies please **stop by the sacristy before Mass** so I can make the proper arrangement for you to receive one of these special host.

With the ending of February, the coming of March and the promise of spring hopefully our weather will improve. As you may have notice the offertory over the winter has had a significant drop. Any help in catching up with missed envelopes would be deeply appreciated.

Take care

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FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need of **Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671. This weekend is Brown Bag Sunday.

MARCH 1, 2009

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for enrollment for 2009-2010 school year for grades K-8.

PRE-K PROGRAM

St. Patrick School is tentatively considering offering a pre-K program in September, 2009. Pre-K children would have to be **4 years of age by September 30, 2009**, and also be **toilet-trained**. The same *criteria for acceptance* that guides us for students at all grade levels will be utilized for the pre-Kindergarten program.

The projected pre-K program would follow our annual school calendar, and these students would also be allowed to participate in our extended-day (before and after-care) programs if necessary. The daily times for the program would be the same as the times for the other students...8:45 AM to 2:50 PM. The tuition rate will be set as the budget for next year becomes clearer and receives Diocesan approval. The tuition rate will definitely be competitive (and probably lower) than the rates set by other local private pre-Kindergarten programs, and the student-teacher ratio will likewise be in accordance with stat standards. More information will be forwarded as the process unfolds.

If you (or someone that you know) are interested in being considered for the pre-K program, kindly notify the school office at 635-2941.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each week the 4:00 PM Mass is shown live on channel 22 on Comcast and 5-6 times during the week. We are in need of volunteers to work the cameras during the Mass. If interested, please contact Dennis Hogan through the rectory office at 635-3525. We will provide training.

FOCA PETITION

This weekend we invite you to join with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Knights of Columbus, and concerned citizens throughout our country to voice your disagreement with the FOCA Act. This act is a challenge against life and the protection of the unborn. Your support of the petition is deeply appreciated.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

This month **Blood Pressure Clinic** will be held on the weekend of March 28th & 29th in the chapel. All are welcome to come and have their Blood Pressure checked.

MARCH 1, 2009



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Monday March 2

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by her sister Noella & Sam

Tuesday March 3

8:00 AM Michael Murphy requested by the Taris and Castrucci family
6:30 PM Nancy Robichaud requested by Lillian Murgia

Wednesday March 4

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

Thursday March 5

8:00 AM Mary J. Rossetti requested by Therese Soucy

Friday March 6

8:00 AM Anita Boule requested by her family
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday March 7

4:00 PM Skee Bedard requested by the Bedard family

Sunday March 8

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners
9:30 AM Dorothy Lake, 2nd Anniversary, requested by the Sullivan family
11:00 AM Lise Demers requested by her family

SECOND COLLECTION

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.