

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need of **Canned Fruit**. If you would like to make a donation or donate any items, please call Marietta Potter at 635-2671.

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.

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.

LENTEN MISSION: Being Church with St. Paul on March 16 – 19, St. Joseph at 7:15 AM or Mary Queen of Peace at 7:00 PM.

Monday: "I give thanks for you" Col.1:3-14; Phil. 1:3-11

Tuesday: The struggle to be Church. I Cor. 1:10-25, 3:3-23

Wednesday: "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Romans Opportunity for Reconciliation

Thursday: To be the Body of Christ. I Cor. 11-13

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, May 9th 4 spots available

Sunday, May 17th 9 spots available

Saturday, May 30th 12 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**.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mar. 1, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 274	\$ 4,625
Loose	\$ 937
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 5,562
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 6,400
Parish Deficit (YTD)	\$35,814
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,251
Aide to Eastern Europe	\$ 871
Tithing	\$ 1,109
Weekly Totals	\$ 746
Total to date	\$ 1,855



Sunday, March 8

Religious Education Classes, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM
 Religious Education Classes, 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon
 Confirmation II, 6:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Wednesday, March 11

Bible Study, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
 Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer
 Confirmation I, 6:30 PM, in the K of C Hall
 RCIA, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

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

SEDER-MEAL

On Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM, as part of our Lenten observances, we are planning a modified Seder Meal, which will show the inter-relationship between the Jewish and Christian traditions. The story of how the Jewish people were freed from being slaves in Egypt will be told. We will relate what Jesus did with His Apostles on Holy Thursday and what the early Church did. Following this service of eating lamb, bitter herbs, parsley and matzah, we will have a potluck supper. Please watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for more information and a contact number to sign up for the Seder Meal and Pot Luck Supper.

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are one fifth of the way through the season of Lent and we still have the little black books at the doors of the Church as well as a few Operation Rice Bowls. The weekly inserts will continue through Pentecost and hopefully you will find them an aid to your 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.

In the bulletin you will find some information about a modified Seder Meal on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Please consult that section of the bulletin for more information.

Now that March has come in as a Lion hopefully it will calm down and we will have the promise of spring. As you may have noticed 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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Congratulations to St. Patrick Parish Mites Girls CYO Basketball Team! The girls have sewn up third place in the Deanery Standing and they will be headed to the State Tournament. Come and cheer the girls on as they take on the Parish of the Resurrection on Thursday, March 12th, at Rivier College at 6:00 PM. Winners advance to the finals on Saturday, March 14th, at NHTI at 11:15 AM. There is a small cover charge at the door to help defray the cost of the league. A concession stand is also available.

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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.

THE PENNY SALE IS COMING..... THE PENNY SALE IS COMING

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 15th Penny Sale on April 18th and 19th. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, an adopted daughter in Africa, Samaritans Purse, projects at St. Patrick's Church and so much more. If anyone would like to donate items to the Penny Sale, please bring the items down to St. Patrick's Office in the rectory basement or call Therese Soucy at 635-3525 or 635-2117. So don't forget to keep the dates open and join us on April 18th & 19th.

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

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Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

Monday March 9

8:00 AM Yvette Groulx requested by
George & Anne Balch

Tuesday March 10

8:00 AM Jacqueline Curran requested by
Armand & Joan Berard
6:30 PM Clinton Updyke requested by
Madeline Cinquegrana

Wednesday March 11

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

Thursday March 12

8:00 AM Jesse Le Drew USMC requested
by the Connor family

Friday March 13

8:00 AM Gordon Clark requested by his
family and friends
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross and
Benediction

Saturday March 14

4:00 PM Norman Gabert requested by Fr.
Bob, Roger Dumont & Therese
Soucy

Sunday March 15

8:00 AM John Lawlor Jr. requested by his
wife & family
9:30 AM Noella & Bourgeois Family
requested by Albert P. Bourgeois
11:00 AM Rose M. Maglio, 1st Anniversary,
requested by her husband



This week the second collection will be for **St. Patrick School**. We thank you for your continued support. Next week the collection will be for **Groundskeeping**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.