

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS
OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteers are needed to help with the parish picnic on Sunday, September 13th, at 10:00 AM in the parish center. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Pavlini at confirmation@stpatricks-pelham.com

CONFIRMATION II

Confirmation II Candidates: please make an appointment with Fr. Paul for a 10 minute interview once you have handed in your Personal Tracking Record.

SHANTYTOWN

Saturday, Sept. 19th at 2:00 PM to Sunday, Sept. 20th at 12:00 PM on St. Patrick Church Grounds:
3 Finishing Touch Points
2 Nuts and Bolts Points

**CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 15, 2009, 7:00 PM**

All sponsors and candidates are expected to arrive no later than 6:30 PM in the Church for practice on Wednesday, October 14, 2009. If your sponsor can not attend, please have someone who can stand in for them. All sponsors and candidates must arrive at 6:00 PM in the Church Basement for the Confirmation Ceremony on October 15, 2009.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Religious Education and Confirmation registration forms have been mailed. If you do not receive a form please contact the Religious Education office at 603-635-1447 and leave your name, address, phone number, and child's grade in September and a packet will be mailed to you.

Religious Education covers grades 1-7

Confirmation (2 yr. Program) starts in grade 8

Confirmation registration is required for ALL grade 8 students including those attending a Catholic school.

MOVIE NIGHT

On Sunday, September 20th, at 6:00 PM in the parish center, we will be showing a movie about Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Look in the bulletin for more information in the next few weeks.

Wedding Banns



The following couples will enter the Covenant of Marriage in September:

Monica Harty & Gregg Albach
and
Jamie Provencal & Brian Robicheau

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

FOOD PANTRY

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

Poverty and difficult times do not take a break during the summer months. Please remember the Food Pantry during July and August. The following are items which the Pantry is in constant need of: **Protein Products, Paper Products, Cleaning Supplies and Other items.**

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
FALL SOCCER PROGRAM**

Any Girl or Boy interested in playing soccer that are in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate. Practice is Monday through Thursday from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the school field. Those interested in playing soccer, please show up at practice and sign in with the coach.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR MEDJUGORJE

If you or your family would like to send prayer requests to Medjugorje with David Meltzer or Bob Foster please put them in a sealed envelope and give to Bob or Dave or drop off at the parish office by Tuesday, Sept. 8th. If you have already put a prayer request on the parish prayer line you don't have to give it to us because we are bringing the parish prayer line requests with us.

In preparing our budget for the next fiscal year and with the support of the Finance Committee, there will be 11 weeks during the summer months, last 2 weeks of June and the months of July and August, that will reflect a lower expected offertory collection. This was done to reflect a more realistic income through the summer months.

Aug. 16, 2009	OFFERTORY
Envelopes 249	\$ 3,689
Loose	\$ 644
Sub-Total Offertory	\$ 4,333
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 4,500
Parish Gain (YTD)	\$ 576
Fuel	\$ 1,753



Monday, August 24

Farmer's Market, 4:00 PM, in the church parking lot

Wednesday, August 26

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM, in the trailer

Knights of Columbus Officers, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, August 27

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

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
WORKSHOPS**

St. Patrick Parish will be offering workshops for Protecting God's Children. These workshops are provided to comply with the requirement of the State of New Hampshire when volunteering with children. The workshops will be held at St. Patrick's K of C Hall and you are asked to come ½ hour early to fill out the paperwork. The workshop will last for 2 hours.

Tuesday, Sept. 15th, registration 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, registration 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 27th, registration 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 to register as space is limited.

A NOTE FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends,

This weekend, we will be welcoming Father Don Gilbert who will be covering all the Masses since I will be away. Fr. Don was the Pastor of St. Matthew in Windham and is now working in the Tribunal Office 2 days a week. Please extend to him a warm welcome.

For almost 50 years St. Patrick's School has been a gift to our parish and to our town. Generations of students have gone through our school. Now is the time for us to begin to develop a fund for assisting families in need. There has been a donation of \$1,200 for this fund already. If you are interested in helping this fund grow, please make your donation to the rectory office. For further information please contact Fr. Paul.

On the weekend of August 29th & 30th we will be having our Mission Co-Op Speaker from the US Catholic Mission Association. Our speaker is Mr. Kevin Day who served as a lay missionary in Mexico and Guatemala. This will be a special collection and please use the Mission Co-Op envelope in your packet.

Save the date! September 13th, after the 11:00 AM Mass, will be our parish picnic/welcome feast!!! The summer travels has taken us here and there and everywhere and now as fall arrives we gather back for our normal parish activities. Please join us for some hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and desserts and some time for fellowship. Mass will be inside and the gathering will be in the parish center.

Your prayers are helping! My foot is well and on the mend and my doctor is very pleased. My driving privileges have been restored and he has allowed me to go on vacation. After vacation we are going to enter into discussion about the type of shoes I can wear. Thank you again for your prayers, and concern.

FP

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**INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE
ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process through which adults are introduced to, learn about, and are welcomed into the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you want to learn more about your faith, please plan to attend a **Night of Inquiry on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM.** For more information, contact Claire Ross at 603-893-7353, or rosssaalem@comcast.net or complete this form and drop in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

RCIA

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

____ I would like to know more about RCIA

____ I am interested in or thinking about becoming a catholic

____ I definitely want to become a Catholic

____ I am a baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist/Communion and/or Confirmation

____ I am a confirmed Catholic and I am interested in learning more about our faith

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 9.....

This years **Bible Study** will begin September 9, with an 8 week video lecture series called **Lands of the Bible.** Lands of the Bible invites participants to take a visual and spiritual journey to the Holy Land. This course will identify key places and landscapes of the Bible which will speak their own inspiring message for the spiritual life. We will follow with a scripture study of **Paul's Letters from Prison** found in Philipians, Colossians, and Ephesians. In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison, Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship. These studies are considered basic studies, perfect for any level of bible familiarity. Please join us weekly beginning September 9th at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM. The total cost for both studies is \$18. For additional information, please contact Donna Beals, dbeals1@comcast.net or 898-0308. Hope to see you there.

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Monday August 24

8:00 AM Intentions for the parishioners

Tuesday August 25

8:00 AM Intentions for the Blessed Mother

Wednesday August 26

8:00 AM Margaret Cavanaugh requested by Mike & Connie Cannon

Thursday August 27

8:00 AM A special intention for all cancer patients

Friday August 28

8:00 AM Raymond Jean Sr. requested by his family

Saturday August 29

4:00 PM Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois

Sunday August 30

8:00 AM Clint Updyke requested by Dan & Sue Martin

9:30 AM Barbara Gallo requested by Joseph Gallo

11:00 AM Gerry & Jeannette Lemieux requested by the Lemieux family



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of David Berard by his family



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

Next week the collection will be for the **Religious Education**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.