CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Care to join the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Erick Wright at 603-635-8772 or eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: http://www.nhknights.org/

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4PM
Sunday	8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday	8am
Friday	No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday	8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day	8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday	8:30-9:30am
	2:00-8:00pm

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

The Knights and the Women's Guild invite everyone to First Friday Rosary at 6pm in the chapel. The Rosary is followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6:45 PM.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3pm to 3:30pm
	or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. Parents are required to meet with the pastor and participate in a baptismal catechetical session prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday **April 9**
4pm **Lawrence J. Bouchard**, 31st Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos

Sunday **April 10**
8am **Robert Hall** requested by his family
10:30am **John Castelhano**, 19th Anniversary, requested by his daughter
6pm **Intentions for all our Parishioners**

Monday **April 11**
8am **Una Harrington** requested by Dennis & Connie Hogan
8:30am Confessions

Tuesday **April 12**
8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**
7pm Confirmation

Wednesday **April 13**
8am **Richard Anderson** requested by Dick & Maureen Dube
7pm Confessions

Thursday **April 14**
8am **Margaret Rose Gaebel**, 1st Anniversary, requested by Ginger Borst

Friday **April 15**
8am No Mass

Saturday **April 16**
4pm **Walter Blanchette** requested by Blanche Godek

Sunday **April 17**
8am **Helen E. Taylor** "Birthday Remembrance" requested by the Taylor family
10:30am **Dennis Metayer**, 1st Anniversary, requested by Ronnie, Kathy, Ashley & Alyssa Jean
6pm **Intentions for all our Parishioners**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in **$8,700** per week.

Parish Collections for the following week:
Offertory 4/3/16 $7,165

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses $7,165

Thank you for your continued support
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvement
collected as of 4/3/16
$1,748
Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES
FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Apr. 17 **Groundskeeping**
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Apr. 24 **Faith Life Formation**
This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.

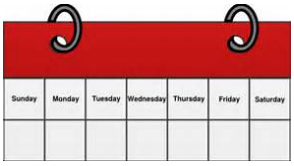
May 1 **Capital Improvement**
This collection helps with projects around the parish.

May 8 **Catholic Communications**
This collection supports diocesan and natural efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs such as Parable Magazine and our diocesan website.

Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY

The Pelham Food Pantry is in need of **Ramen Noodles (no cups)** and **Macaroni & Cheese.**



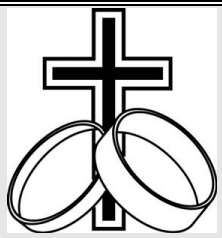
Sunday, April 10
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Monday, April 11
Confessions, 8:30 AM
Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the school
Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church
Tuesday, April 12
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Confirmation, 7:00 PM, in the church
Wednesday, April 13
Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the meeting room
Adoration 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM
Confessions, 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 14
AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church
Saturday, April 16
Youth Group, 6:00-7:30 PM, in the school

THE PENNY SALE IS COMING…

St. Patrick Women's Guild will be sponsoring their 21st Penny Sale on April 16th & 17th. Proceeds from this sale help to support our various charities such as the Food Pantry, scholarships to graduates, and 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 16th & 17th.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr. Von will be joining Bishop Libasci for a Pilgrimage to Rome in the month of April. If you would like to send along your Prayer Intentions, there will be cards in the pews. Please fill one out and either drop it into the collection basket or to the Parish Office by no later then Sunday, April 10th.



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

James Haight and **Marlene Brennan**

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

Mass for the Healing of Those Affected by Child Abuse

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, and the Diocesan Safe Environment Council cordially invite all the Catholic faithful to a special Mass on Thursday, April 28th at 6:30 PM. Please join us as we pray for all those who were abused as children, particularly those who were abused by people representing the Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated at the Parish of the Holy Spirit, St. Bernard Church, 185 Main Street, Keene and will be followed by a brief reception. For more information, please contact Joseph P. Naff, LICSW, Director, Office of Healing and Pastoral Care, at jnaff@rcbm.org or 669-3100 Ext. 110.

ACTS

ACTS, an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, is a lay, parish-centered retreat for all Christian men and women. This is your invitation to attend a Women's ACTS retreat, April 21-24, 2016, at the Espousal Center in Waltham, Massachusetts. Please join us for an uplifting weekend, where you will have the opportunity to strengthen your faith, to renew yourself spiritually, to share your life experiences, and to form lasting friendships with other sincere and caring women. Registration forms are available at the church entrance. If you have any questions, or if you need more information, please contact Director Jacqui Hebert at jah1234@hotmail.com or at 978-499-9925.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

What sadness our parish faces with the sudden death of Fr. John a week and a half ago. I wanted to share my experience of the event surrounding his death. Wednesday, March 30 was like any other Wednesday, as Fr. John concelebrated morning Mass and worked in the Diocesan Offices. He returned in the evening and enjoyed reading the paper in the kitchen while Donna prepared dinner. At 5:15, as is our custom, we went to the rectory chapel to pray Evening Prayer together. Nothing seemed odd. Nothing seemed out of place.

After prayer, we sat down to dinner. As Fr. John meticulously prepared his salad (ripping apart his wedge of lettuce, cutting his tomato slice in half, and pouring salad dressing and pepper over all of it), he spoke about his day, and handed me the list I had given him of upcoming dates for which I needed coverage. He had just finished preparing his salad when he gave a *deep groan*. Standing up, trying to walk off the pain, he said he didn't know what was going on, indicating pain in his abdomen. I saw him start to weaken and jumped up to catch him before he hit the floor, calling to Donna, who called 911. In the eternity between his fall and the arrival of the emergency personnel, I was able to pull the holy oils out of my pocket and administer the Anointing of the Sick. Up to this point, I noticed he struggled breathing. After I anointed him, I noticed his breathing became less labored and more natural. I believe God spared him from dying right then in order to give him more time to prepare his soul to enter eternity.

The very attentive Pelham emergency personnel, assessed the situation, and brought him to Lowell General Hospital. Donna went immediately to be with him. I stayed behind in order to lead the Divine Mercy Novena – asking people to keep Fr. John in prayer. I know from there, word spread and many were praying for him. Immediately after the Novena, I went to Lowell General where I found out that he had been rushed to emergency surgery for an abdominal aneurysm. Throughout the evening and into the night, Donna and I kept vigil, praying for Fr. John, as I also kept key people informed, from the Provincial House of the Vincentians in Connecticut (his religious order), to Fr. Anthony, to Bishop Libasci and the Vicar for Priests in our Diocese. At about 9:30, an Operation Room (OR) nurse shared the doctor's concern that only about 2% of patients in Fr. John's situation survive. Donna and I fortified ourselves in prayer. We prayed for a miracle, but trusted even if God did not do *our* will.

Around 10:30, some of the OR nurses came to the waiting room and invited me to go to anoint him. Through all of this, I have to commend the incredible staff at Lowell General. They were incredibly attentive to our needs and our pain, going above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that we were taken care of. Also, throughout the evening (and the subsequent days), so many of you from the parish have stepped forward offering your help and support; I cannot thank you enough for your generous spirits!

What nervousness I felt to walk into the OR! The surgeon took me aside to explain the situation, how fragile Fr. John was, and that, while he had been able to do everything he could, the next 24 hours Fr. John would be very unstable. Walking into the OR with doctors, nurses, and operating room techs all hushed, reverently awaiting the healing touch of God in the Sacrament of the Sick – how can I describe it?! Fr. John was completely covered except for his head. I lay my hand on his head, praying quietly for healing. I anointed him with the Sacrament of the Sick – this gift from the very hand of Jesus Himself – and prayed the prayer of Apostolic Pardon – a prayer for the remission of all sin and punishment due to sin.

After about a half hour, they had stabilized Fr. John enough to bring him to the ICU. At this point (about 11pm), I went home, leaving Donna to keep vigil. At 1:40 in the morning on Thursday, March 31, Donna called to inform me that Fr. John had just died. I got up and celebrated a private Mass for the repose of his soul, entrusting him into the Merciful Hands of Almighty God. Fr. John had died within the Novena of Divine Mercy, in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, on a Thursday – the day of the institution of the priesthood.

At morning Mass, I announced his passing, and in my homily reminded us that the Eucharist is truly the Body of Christ; the WHOLE Body of Christ. The Church is the Body of Christ – and the Church is made up of the Church Militant (we here on earth), the Church Suffering (the souls in Purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (those in Heaven). With every Communion, we have Communion not only with Jesus, but with the whole Church – we are united also with Fr. John, and all of our loved ones who have gone before us and await the Resurrection! May this knowledge help us to grieve our loss, and find peace in Christ.

FAITH LIFE FORMATION

• Faith Life Classes are held this weekend on April 9th, 10th and 11th in the school cafeteria.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation rehearsal will take place on this Sunday, April 10th from 4:00-5:45 PM. This rehearsal will be held in the main sanctuary of the church and I would ask that all sponsors accompany the Confirmation Candidates. If the sponsor is not able to attend than I would ask that a parent stay at the rehearsal in their place.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on this Tuesday, April 12th at 7 PM. I would ask that all Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors be there no later than 6:30 PM. All Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors will be meeting in the Parish Center before the Mass so we can line up and prepare for the procession.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Rehearsal dates and times:
We have set dates and times for upcoming First Communion rehearsals in May. These rehearsals are mandatory and I would ask that all families please attend the correct day and time. All rehearsals will take in the church.

For children receiving First Communion on May 15th at 10:00 AM – rehearsal is Wednesday, May 11th from 6:30-7:30 PM.
For children receiving First Communion on May 15th at 1:00 PM – rehearsal is Thursday, May 12th from 6:30-7:30 PM.
For children receiving First Communion on May 21st at 10:00 AM – rehearsal is Wednesday, May 18th from 6:30-7:30 PM.
For children receiving First Communion on May 21st 1:00 PM – rehearsal is Thursday, May 19th from 6:30-7:30 PM.

REINVIGORATE YOUR FAITH

Inspire your faith through a **Cursillo weekend.** The Spring **Women's weekends** are April 21-24, April 28 - May 1 and June 2-5. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Fr. Von for more information (603-635-3525).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Friends of the Library in Pelham, (FLIP), is offering a scholarship to Pelham residents. It is open to any high school senior. Applications and more information may be obtained from the Library or the Pelham High School Guidance Office. Deadline for applications is on May 1, 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

St. Patrick Women's Guild grants three $500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School and in the Parish Office and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turn in to the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick Parish Office by Friday, May 6, 2016.

PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding their 17th Annual Scholarship for $2,500.00. The criteria to qualify is as follows:
• Formal Acceptance to a 2 or 4 year College
• Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the college
• Demonstrated Financial Need
• Provide High School Record of Academic Achievement
• Work, Community and/or School Activities
You can pick-up an application at the Guidance office at the Pelham High School. The application must be returned by Saturday, May 21, 2016 and mailed to: Bonnie Ward
19 Clark Circle
Pelham, NH 03076

"Introduction to Respect Life"

Linda Thayer, Archdiocese of Boston Respect Life Education Office, presents "Introduction to Respect Life." Linda discusses life stages in the womb and the issue of abortion. Included are beautiful images of prenatal development. The talk also emphasizes purity in dating. Appropriate for junior high through adult. Admission is free. Refreshments served. It will take place on Thursday, April 14th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Patrick Parish Center, 118 S. Broadway, Lawrence, MA.