

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES**St. Patrick Parish**

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<i>Saturday</i>	4PM
<i>Sunday</i>	8AM, 10:30AM
<i>Sunday</i>	6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Monday</i>	9am
<i>Tuesday through Thursday</i>	8am
<i>Friday</i>	No Mass
<i>First Friday</i>	8am
<i>First Saturday</i>	8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Holy Day</i>	8am & 7pm
When school is in session	10am

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

<i>Saturday</i>	3pm to 3:30pm or by appointment
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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

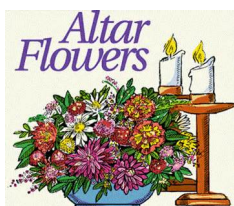
Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 14
4pm	Bernadette Bouchard, 30 th Anniversary, requested by Joan Janos
Sunday	February 15
8am	Nancy LaPlant, 25 th Anniversary, requested by her daughter
10:30am	The Martin & Laurin Families requested by Gerry & Rosemary Martin
6pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
Monday	February 16
9am	Fr. Andre Gagnon
Tuesday	February 17
8am	Louise Bousquet requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy
Wednesday	February 18
8am	Health & Blessings for Bobby Signor requested by his Godparents
10:00am	School Mass
7pm	Intentions for all our parishioners
Thursday	February 19
8am	Alexandrine Thivierge requested by Therese Goupil
Friday	February 20
8am	Irene R. Lebel
Saturday	February 21
4pm	Aurel Plamondon, 4 th Anniversary, requested by his wife Therese
Sunday	February 22
8am	Linda Bousquet requested by her sister Patty Kennedy
10:30am	Joseph Dias requested by Karen & Kevin Martin
6pm	Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Simonne & Phil Gauvin by Sister Terry Gauvin

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 2/8/15 \$7,547

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses \$7,547

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Capital Improvements

Collected as of 2/8/15
\$1,259

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Feb. 22 Faith Life Formation

This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life. Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

Mar. 1 Capital Improvement

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

Mar. 8 St. Patrick Catholic School

This collection helps with the school assessment from the Diocese.

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

Ash Wednesday Masses are as follows:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

When you are leaving Church please pick up any trash that was left behind especially dirty tissues, food, etc. This will help the volunteers who clean the Church. Thank you for keeping our Church clean.



Sunday, February 15

Children of Mary, 11:45 AM in the meeting room
Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall

Monday, February 16

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, February 17

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the meeting room

Wednesday, February 18

Men's Morning Group, 6:00 AM, in the meeting room

Adoration 2:00-6:00 PM, in the church

Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Thursday, February 19

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

PARISH CENTER EXPENSES

The average monthly cost of heating the Parish Center is \$3,011. The average monthly electric bill is \$545. We have posted a sign by the thermostat and the light switches in the Parish Center to remind users the responsible use of utilities. Please be vigilant! Each dollar saved is one less needed. Thank you.

Making a difference in someone's life!

Become a Volunteer!

Opportunities to help others abound!
If you would like to make a difference in someone's life and serve in healthcare,

Call us to learn more about how to

D'Youville Life & Wellness Community

981 Varnum Avenue

Lowell, MA 01854

Contact:

Sr. Kathleen Walsh SND

Director of Mission and Values

978-569-1000 ext. 2030

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

Consoling the Heart of Jesus is a Do-It-Yourself Retreat inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, has put together this ten week program to help us grow in holiness and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. This retreat will be offered at St. Patrick Parish beginning on Tuesday, March 3rd. We will gather in the downstairs meeting room at 8:45 AM. Coffee and light refreshments will be available. The class will begin promptly at 9 AM and end at 10:30 AM. We begin with a prayer, followed by a video and discussion period. To participate, you will need to purchase a book and workbook for a fee of \$25.00. Pre-registration is required, as materials need to be ordered.

We will be also offering an evening class starting on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 PM in the meeting room.

For more information, or to register, please call the parish office at 603-635-3525.

Jr. Youth Program: February 18th Ash

Wednesday 6:00 PM special class on Lent in Parish Center followed by 7:00 PM Mass

- **No Class on February 15th, 22nd or March 1st**
- **Classes resume March 8th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C hall**

Teen/Confirmation Ministry: February 18th Ash

Wednesday 6:00 PM special class on Lent in Parish Center followed by 7:00 PM Mass

- **February 15th class only for teens participating in the Living Stations, from 3:00-5:00 PM in the K of C Hall**
- **No classes on Feb. 22nd or March 1st**
- **March 8th Living Stations rehearsal from 3:00-5:00 PM in the school. Teens not participating in the Living Stations have a home assignment**
- **March 15th Living Stations rehearsal from 3:00-5:00 PM in the church. Teens not participating in the Living Stations from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school**

Grades 1, 3-6

- **No classes until March 9th and 10th**

To parents of Faith Life Students in grades 1, 3 to 6: due to the Monday/Tuesday storms, many have not received their gospel weeklies. Parents are welcome to do them at home with their children. Feel free to drop in the parish office for them from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday-Friday.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This is a great season in which we are called to grow closer in our relationship with Christ. Following the words of Jesus (Ash Wednesday's Gospel, from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18), the Church points out three ways in which we can grow closer to Almighty God: **fasting**, **almsgiving**, and **prayer**.

Most of us are familiar with the **fasting** piece – we give up something for Lent. Many people give up something like chocolate or sweets. I encourage you to think about what really stands in the way of your relationship with God, what keeps you from loving others, and consider giving that up (in whole or in part) for Lent. So, if you find you spend too much time texting or on Facebook, you might decide to give these up for Lent, so that you can spend that time loving God and others. For some creative ideas, check out: lifeteen.com/what-to-give-up-25-creative-ideas-for-lent.

Almsgiving: The heart of the Christian life is to become more like God, who constantly gives of Himself. We are also called to be generous givers. I invite you to think about that you have in your house and what you *really* need. Do you have things that you could give to those who need it more than you? Maybe you could donating time to the Food Pantry, or a meal center, like *Cor Unum* in Lawrence. The Rice Bowls help people around the world through Catholic Relief Services – maybe instead of putting in the loose change in your pocket, you could make a conscious decision about how you can stretch yourself to give to others. You might decide to connect it with part of your fasting: if you always drink Dunkin' coffee, and you give that up for Lent, you could put the money you *would* have given to Dunkin' to the Rice Bowl.

I've been talking about prayer the last couple of weeks. Lent is a great time to look at our prayer lives and expand them, so we can get closer to God. The time that we have been given is a gift from God. The primary purpose for our being here, for existing, is to get to **know** God in a personal way, so that we can grow in **love** of God, and then in love, **serve** Him in this life, so that we can **be with Him forever in Heaven**. Our time is precious. *Every* moment, God gives us opportunities to know Him better, to love and serve Him. We are called to be good stewards of the gift of time. **Prayer** is a key part of this stewardship. If we can waste a couple of hours watching television, or surfing the net, or Facebook stalking, we should be able to spend time with something that really has meaning – eternal meaning: getting to know our God in prayer.

What are the ways you might be able to expand your prayer during Lent? If you do not have a daily prayer life, fight to make that time in your life. There are plenty of other things you might want to try adding, as well. Here are some suggestions:

- Go one daily Mass every week, in addition to the “Sunday obligation”
- Get a Mass journal, bring it to Mass, and ask God, “Show me one thing in this Mass that can help me to become a better version of myself.” When He shows you something in that Mass, write it down. Take a moment every day that week to look back on what God showed you at Mass. Do it throughout Lent (and beyond)
- Attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings (7:00pm)
- Set your alarm for 3:00pm, and spend a few moments (or longer) everyday consoling the Heart of Jesus at this precious hour when He gave His life for us
- Set aside family prayer time every day
- Pray the Rosary (to learn how: ewtn.com/devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm)
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (to learn how: ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/dmmap.htm)
- Do an Examination of Conscience at the end of each day (for one format, see: forums.catholic.com/showthread.php?t=845055)
- Get to Confession during the Lenten season (check out the bulletin insert for a list of times here)
- Commit to going to Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays (8:30-9:30am, 2-8pm, every week)
- Regularly stop into the Eucharistic Chapel at St. Patrick's (open 24/7) to say hello to Jesus

These are just some suggestions. There are plenty of other ways to be good stewards of prayer. The important thing is to do something to expand your relationship with God. Don't go overboard, saying you'll do 12 things – pick one or two, and do them well. It would be wonderful to make a life-changing decision, and not give it up at the end of Lent. Let's prepare now for Lent, so we can come into closer relationship with God!

LENTEN MISSION

LENTEN RENOVATION

March 2-4, 2015

St. Patrick Church, Pelham, NH

Mission begins at 7 pm

Confessions | 6-6:45 pm — Rosary (optional) | 6:30PM

MONDAY, MARCH 2

CLEARING OUT THE JUNK....A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

"Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me." (Psalm 51)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

JESUS DOESN'T ASK FOR MUCH....HE ASKS FOR EVERYTHING!

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?" (Lk. 9:25)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 IF JESUS IS IN YOUR HEART,
PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR FACE**

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of
God has been poured out into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit which has been given to us." (Romans 5)



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