

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 21**
4pm Aurel Plamondon, 4th 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
- Monday February 23**
9am Madeleine Jones requested by Judy
& Roger Turgeon
- Tuesday February 24**
8am Zophia & Stanley Kaplon requested
by Bob & Rosalie Ducharme
- Wednesday February 25**
8am Helen & Joseph Clark requested by
Bob & Rosalie Ducharme
- Thursday February 26**
8am Robert Beaudoin requested by the
Maher family
- Friday February 27**
8am Paul LaMarche requested by the
Parish Staff
7pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday February 28**
4pm Victor Pierga requested by Phil &
Jackie Blanchette
- Sunday March 1**
8am Birthday Blessings for Brian
McCormack requested by his wife
Michele
10:30am Lucille Surprenant requested by
Gerry & Rosemarie Martin
6pm Intentions for all our parishioners

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.

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 2/15/15	\$3,870
Fuel	\$851

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses	\$4,221
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Thank you for your
faithful & generous support
~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

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.

Mar. 15 Catholic Relief/Home Mission

This collection provides funding for catholic Relief Services

Mar. 22 Groundskeeping

This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.

Mar. 29 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 22

Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

Monday, February 23

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, February 24

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 25

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

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM, in the church

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

Thursday, February 26

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

CONFESSIONS

During Lent in addition to the Saturday Confessions, we will hold Confessions for the following dates and times.

Sundays,

Times: 7:30-7:45 AM, 9:45-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM (before each Mass).

Cluster Reconciliation Service: March 8th at 3:00 PM, St. Patrick Parish

Fridays after Stations (about 7:30 PM)

Tuesday, March 24th

Time: 8:35 AM

Monday, March 30th

Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM

This is a new and UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS, from Ste. Marie Parish Youth Group, Manchester, NH. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish's spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for very young children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **Friday, February 27, 2015 at 7:15pm** at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH. **DON'T MISS THIS!!!!**

Jr. Youth Program:

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

Teen/Confirmation Ministry:

- 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.

Thank you to all who supported the Teen Ministry 30 Hour Fast. We were able to give \$2,079.00 to the Pelham Food Pantry. God bless you in helping us answer Jesus' call to reach out to the least favored.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Over the past few weeks, I have spoken about prayer in my homilies. Sometimes people look at prayer and say, “Well, that sounds good, and I do want to have a regular prayer life, but I just never seem to be able to do it.” There always seems to be something in the way. Wouldn’t you think that praying would be easy? Shouldn’t it be that we could do it without any problems?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) has a whole article on what it calls, “The Battle of Prayer.” It says, **“The great figures of prayer ... all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does *all he can* to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God”** (CCC paragraph 2725, emphasis added). Hopefully if you have ever struggled with prayer, this will come as a relief: you are not alone in the struggle; it is not your fault that it is hard.

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear about the temptations of Jesus. Unlike in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, which enumerate the temptations, in Mark’s Gospel we hear only that *“he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan”* (Mark 1:13). Jesus, too, was tempted during prayer; He struggled with prayer. The good news is that He conquered those struggles and has given us the Holy Spirit to help us conquer them, too.

So what are some of the struggles which create the “Battle of Prayer”? One of the biggest struggles with prayer is ***distraction***. This seems to affect everyone! St. Bernard tells about how he was out riding with a friend. His friend claimed never to have distractions in prayer. St. Bernard, knowing well the Battle of Prayer, said, “If you get off your horse and pray one “Our Father” without a single distraction, you can have my horse.” His friend got off the horse, and got up to the words, “Give us this day our...” when he said, “Can I have the saddle, too?” Whether we are praying an “Our Father,” reading and meditating on a Scripture passage, or gazing upon a crucifix, it is so easy for our minds to wander and to lose track of where we are. It can be discouraging, too, when we find that our minds have wandered off not even *ten seconds* after we have drawn ourselves back to prayer!

So how do we deal with distractions? First, we need to find exterior silence. We have to shut off the phone (or at least put it in a place where it won’t be a distraction – yes, even texts!), and the iPod. We need to step away from the TV, and other things that will most likely try to steal our attention. Sometimes this is not possible, but to dedicate time to God, we need to make sure we can really give Him that time.

Second, when (note that it is not “if”) distractions arise, we must gently bring ourselves back to our prayer and thinking about God. It does us no good to get angry at ourselves, our weakness, and our inability to keep focused – that is also a distraction! As many times as we find our minds wandering, gently, but determinedly, bring our minds back to our Lord. (I think, maybe, that God so delights in the times when we return our attention to Him, that He allows our distractions just so that He can have the pleasure of us turning back to Him!)

Third, see distractions as an opportunity to grow closer to God. The Catechism says this: **“a distraction reveals to us what we are attached to, and this humble awareness before the Lord should awaken our preferential love for him and lead us resolutely to offer him our heart to be purified”** (CCC 2729). What is this saying? Distractions can show us what is holding us back from having a better relationship with God. We then get to ***choose*** to turn away from those other things – things of lesser importance – and give God our attention and love. The Catechism continues: **“Therein lies the battle, the choice of which master to serve”** (CCC 2729). So there you have it, distractions actually give us the opportunity to show God that we will serve Him, that we love Him above all!

There are, of course, many other struggles in the Battle of Prayer. I invite you to read more from the Catechism about this (2725-2745). For now, let us seek time every day to be with our Lord, to raise our hearts and minds to God (CCC 2559). Let us be vigilant in our prayer that we may give this time wholly and wholeheartedly to Almighty God. Let us not grow weary of the distractions in the Battle of Prayer, but continue to tell God, by our choices, that we love Him first and above all!

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

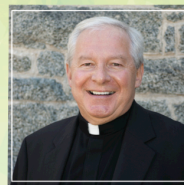
JESUS DOESN'T ASK FOR MUCH....HE ASKS FOR EVERYTHING!

"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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