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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*Saturday*

4PM

*Sunday*

8AM, 10:30AM

*Sunday*

6PM

**WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE**

*Monday*

9am

*Tuesday through Thursday*

8am

*Friday*

No Mass

*First Friday*

8am

*First Saturday*

8am

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

*Holy Day*

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**

*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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday January 10**  
 4pm Jeanne Dubreuil requested by Krina Lekakos

**Sunday January 11**  
 8am Emile Deschesne, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & family  
 10:30am Wilfred & Germaine Martin requested by Gerry & Rosemarie Martin  
 6pm Lorraine Haight, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by her husband & family

**Monday January 12**  
 9am Armand Groulx, Jr. requested by Dennis & Irene Groulx

**Tuesday January 13**  
 8am Fr. Andre Gagnon

**Wednesday January 14**  
 8am Raymond Jean Sr. "Birthday Remembrance" requested by his family

**Thursday January 15**  
 8am Juliette Witkos requested by the 8 o'clockers

**Friday January 16**  
 8am No Mass

**Saturday January 17**  
 4pm John Fitzgerald, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children

**Sunday January 18**  
 8am Lorraine Haight requested by Vinnie & Jackie Haight  
 10:30am Arthur & Rose Laurin requested by Gerry & Rosemarie Martin  
 6pm Paul Riess requested by his sister Rosemary



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Don Gillis, Sr. and Don Gillis, Jr. by their family

**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:

Christmas	\$15,549
Christmas Memorials	\$2,685
Fuel	\$3,647
<b>Christmas Offerings</b>	<b>\$21,881</b>
Offertory 12/28/14	\$8,651
Faith Life Formation	\$1,311
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,102
Offertory 1/4/15	\$6,562

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$18,626**

Thank you for your faithful & generous support  
 ~Fr. Von~

**Capital Improvements**

Collected as of 1/4/15  
 \$1,475

Thank you for your generosity!

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

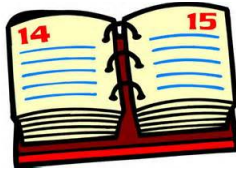
**Jan. 18 Diocesan Seminarian Fund**

This collection funds the education and formation of men discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester. Your contribution helps promote vocations to the priesthood.

**Jan. 25 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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**Sunday, January 11**

Children of Mary 11:30 AM, in the meeting room

**Monday, January 12**

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Tuesday, January 13**

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 14**

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

RCIA, 6:30 PM, in the meeting room

**Thursday, January 15**

Blood Drive, 3:00-8:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

**HEALING MASS**

On Friday, February 6, 2015 St. Patrick will be having a Mass of Healing and Hope at 7:00 PM. Come and experience God's healing love through Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist, and the laying on of hands. For more information, contact Fr. Von ([fathervon@comcast.net](mailto:fathervon@comcast.net), 635-3525).

**STEUBENVILLE EAST**

**CALLING ALL YOUTH** - anyone currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Fr. Von and thousands of teenagers at UMass Lowell. This incredible weekend runs from Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in more information, please contact Fr. Von at 603-635-3525.

**YOUTH GROUP**

The next Youth Group meeting will be on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room. All students grades 7-12 are invited to attend. This is NOT class time, so there's NO HOMEWORK!!!!



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Abigail Beverly Batherwich** and **Andrew Thomas Gouger**. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**MEMORIALS**

A contribution has been made in loving memory of the families of St. Patrick Parish whom the Pelham Funeral Home was honored to serve this past year. May the support of family, friends and faith help guide you through this holiday season and bring you blessings for the New Year.

Olive Thibeault, Henri Zannoni, Lorraine Haight, Jeannie Dubreuil, Victor Pierga, Blanche Forest, Jennie Warchol, Rena Cayer, Wanda Paquette, Jeanne LaFrance, George R. Desmarais, Michael L. Lacharite, Beverly Philbrick, Patricia Coccoziello, Louise Grogan, Margaret Jensen, Mary Thyne, Lillian Sergio, Robert Chatel, Margaret M. Whelan and Janyn Z. Provencal

*Thank You!*

A heartfelt thank you from the Salem Knights of Columbus along with Saints Mary & Joseph Parish for helping with the free Christmas Dinner. We fed 200 and sent over 70 meals home to the homebound, ill, etc. and all of the help was greatly appreciated, from being there to serve, cook, clean up, delivering, etc. to donating the needed items. We are really blessed with the response and hopefully will be able to host this function next year. Again many thanks.



My dear brothers and sisters,

Our next topic at which we will look is Communion. While for each person this is a relatively short part of the Mass, it is vastly important and cannot be covered in one article. In this first article, I will speak about the practical piece of receiving Communion. Next week, we'll look at the spiritual piece.

Up to this point in the Mass, we should have been preparing our hearts and souls to receive our God. "While the heart of the celebration of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer, the *consummation* of the Mass is found in Holy Communion" ("Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America ["Norms"] 5, emphasis added). The reception of Communion is the culmination of the Mass, and so we must prepare ourselves. As we process forward, we "should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God!" ("The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass" [RHCM] [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)). We are not on parade, nor should we be looking around at the people we are passing, but recognizing that this is the **high point** of our week – we are about to receive Almighty God into our bodies and souls! This is a Mystery we need to ponder constantly: that Almighty God humbles Himself that much because He loves us so much and wants to be united to us!

The Church asks that what we do at Mass be done in unity, as one Community, and so we are to "shun any appearance of individualism or division" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #95). We sing a Communion Song as we process in order to be together, be united as one.

When we come to receive Communion we are to make an act of reverence – some action to show honor and love to the God we are to receive, and humility before Him. In the United States, we are to make a profound bow (a bow from the waist), and in the ordinary form of the Mass (what we celebrate here at St. Patrick), we are to receive the Eucharist while standing.

When the minister says, "The Body of Christ," the proper response is, "Amen" (not *thank you*). Remember that *Amen* means "I believe" or, deeper, "I would stake my life on it." There are countless beautiful stories about people who have loved our Lord in the Eucharist so much that they have risked (or even given) their lives in order to protect the Host from desecration. We respond, "Amen," "YES, I BELIEVE IT IS REALLY JESUS, ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO IS ABOUT TO ENTER INTO MY BODY AND SOUL!!!!"

The Church gives us the option of receiving on the tongue or in our hands. If you receive on the tongue, I would ask that you make sure your mouth is sufficiently open, and tongue forward to receive the Lord. This is a practical point that makes it easier for the ministers to place Jesus in your mouth. If you receive the Eucharist in your hands, the hands should be clean (after all, the One who *is* purity is about to be placed there). Normally, you should not reach out with your fingers and take the host from the minister, but rather receive Him: let Him be placed in your hands (cf. RHCM). You should make a throne for the Lord, as St. Cyril of Jerusalem has said:

"When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand [if you are right handed] as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (Quoted in *Norms* 41).

After receiving the Lord, we return to our seats to reflect on the Mystery which we have just received. We continue to sing the Communion Song while Communion is given out, to signify that in the Eucharist, we are all one – of one voice and one spirit.

Okay, so we spent some time looking at the practical piece of receiving Communion. Next week, we'll look more deeply at the Mystery of Jesus giving Himself to us in the Eucharist.



**Jr. Youth Program:**

Junior Youth sessions resume on January 11, 2015 from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall  
 No class on January 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Class on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall

**Teen/Confirmation Ministry:**

Teen Ministry/Confirmation sessions resume on January 11, 2015 from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school  
 No class on January 18<sup>th</sup>  
 January 25<sup>th</sup> class, please note change of location: in the Parish Center from 4:00-5:45 PM

**Grades 1, 3-6**

January 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> **at the church with the parents** from 6:00-7:15 PM  
 No session on January 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> in the school from 6:00-7:15 PM

**A message to Parents who do Home Instruction for Faith Formation:**

Your packets are available in the parish office. Please come for them any day Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

**ST. PATRICK PRAYER LINE**

St. Patrick Parish has an on-going Prayer Line. Many of our friends and family are going through difficulties; the loss of loved ones or personal problems and sickness. Our mission is to pray for them. If you want to pray for others or need prayer, you are welcome to e-mail Lillian Murgia at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net) or call Rosemary Dole at 603-635-2486. Anyone wishing to serve on the Prayer Line, praying for other people, please contact, Lillian Murgia at 603-635-2634 or e-mail at [Lmurgia\\_871@comcast.net](mailto:Lmurgia_871@comcast.net)



**Saint Patrick Catholic School  
 Open House**

Come help us celebrate Catholic School week and join us for our parish school open house: Sunday January 25, 2015 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. St. Patrick Catholic School is a full service school for grades Pre-k thru 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the core classes, St. Patrick Catholic School offers Religion, Music, Art, Physical Education, French, Library, Computer, Band instrument and String lessons, and after school sport programs. We have a flexible before and after care program to support working families.

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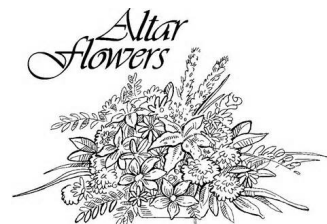
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**LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY**

We recently had a Lifetouch Photography event. If you elected to have your complimentary 8x10 sent back to our organization for pick up, the portraits are now located in the parish office for you. Please stop by to receive your portrait. If your portrait is not in the current shipment, it means it will be coming in a future shipment and we will notify you of when that occurs.



If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for 2015, please contact the rectory office at 603-635-3525.