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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. More information online: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday January 17**
 4pm John Fitzgerald, 11th Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & children
- Sunday January 18**
 8am Lorraine Haight requested by
 Vinnie & Jackie Messina
 10:30am Arthur & Rose Laurin requested by
 Gerry & Rosemarie Martin
 6pm Paul Riess requested by his sister
 Rosemary
- Monday January 19**
 9am St. Anne
- Tuesday January 20**
 8am Juliette Witkos requested by the
 Maher family
- Wednesday January 21**
 8am Robert Thibault requested by his
 wife
- Thursday January 22**
 8am Joseph J. Gelly requested by Connie
 & Dennis Hogan
- Friday January 23**
 8am No Mass
- Saturday January 24**
 4pm Walter Lambert, 8th Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & family
- Sunday January 25**
 8am Louise Bousquet, 5th Anniversary,
 requested by her daughter Patty
 Kennedy
 10:30am Norman M. French, Jr. 8th
 Anniversary, requested by Anne T.
 French & family
 6pm Noella & Bourgeois Family
 requested by Albert P. Bourgeois



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of John Fitzgerald by his wife & children

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 1/11/15	\$6,784
St. Patrick Catholic School	\$1,350

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$8,134**

Thank you for your continued support
 ~Fr. Von~

**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

- 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.
- Feb. 1 St. Patrick Catholic School**
 This collection helps with the school assessment from the Diocese.
- Feb. 8 Capital Improvement**
 This collection helps with projects around the parish.
- Feb. 15 Fuel**
 This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory and Parish Center.
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Sunday, January 18

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

Monday, January 19

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, January 20

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

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

Wednesday, January 21

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, 1:00-3:00 PM

RCIA, 6:30 PM, in the meeting room

Thursday, January 22

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church



**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 8th. 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.

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SPCSPelham

Twitter: SPCS@SPCSPelham

School website: www.saintpatrickschool.net

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, 635-3525).

STEUBENVILLE EAST

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

A Special Mass for Pro-Life will be held at St. Joseph Parish, Salem, NH on Friday, January 23rd, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.



The Food Pantry is in dire need of either a **new** vacuum or a **gently** used vacuum. If you are interested in donating one to the Food Pantry, please contact Cheryl Brunelle at 603-635-3610.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Last week we looked at the practical part of receiving Communion. Today, we will look more closely at what it means to receive this great gift.

Remember that the Eucharist is not a symbol of Jesus, but truly IS Jesus. It is His whole humanity that He took from Mary – Body, Blood, and Soul – as well as His total Divinity, or Godliness. St. Cyril of Jerusalem put it this way: “We have been instructed in these matters and filled with an unshakable faith that what seems to be bread is not bread, though it tastes like it, but the Body of Christ, and that what seems to be wine is not wine, though it tastes like it, but the Blood of Christ” (qtd. in *Norms* 13). Our senses can deceive us as to what this Communion is, but our faith reminds us that Jesus’ Presence is there. That the Eucharist is not so much a “what” as a “who,” Jesus the Lord.

The Church reminds us that the heart of “the celebration of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer, [but] the consummation of the Mass is found in Holy Communion” (*Norms* 5). Communion is a *union of love*. His Presence cries out for us – “I thirst!” (John 19:28). He longs for us; He thirsts for our love, for union. This is truly the consummation of the Mass. As in a marital union, the husband gives himself to his wife, and the wife receives him into her, so (in a non-sexual way) there is this marital union between Christ and His Church in Communion. This is the height of God’s love for us. Remember that at the Last Supper, Jesus says to His disciples: *This is my Body given for you*. We see this lived out the next day on Calvary, as Jesus gives Himself fully on the Cross. The Eucharist is the total, faithful, free and fruitful gift of love of Christ for His Church. When we receive Communion, this is the consummation of the marriage between Christ and His Church – your soul.

Have you ever thought of this before? Too often we neglect the love of Christ. Too often we don’t prepare ourselves properly to receive Him in Communion – to consummate the marriage of the Lamb. We so often treat Him as a dead object. Jesus, speaking to St. Faustina, said:

I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object. (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowlaska: Divine Mercy in My Soul* #1385)

Indifference to Jesus’ love is a sword that pierces His Heart! He is so in love with us and desires a union of love; He longs for our love.

Our souls need to be purified to be in union with Him. If we have grave sin on our souls, we need to go to confession so we can be washed clean and made right with God. We need to repent even of our venial (smaller) sins. The Church reminds us:

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should *not be conscious of grave sin* and normally should have fasted for one hour. *A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession* except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all. (*Norms* 5, emphasis added)

St. Paul also reminds us that we are to receive Communion in a state of grace, or it could be a serious harm to us:

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying. (I Corinthians 11:27-30)

May we truly be aware of the gift God gives us in Communion, and prepare well to receive Him!

WOMEN RETREAT

Women's Lenten Retreat featuring talks by Genevieve Kineke (author of *The Authentic Catholic Woman*). Come closer to Christ and prepare your heart for His coming this Easter! Presented for women of all ages and stages of life. Saturday, March 14th at Saint Patrick Parish, 29 Spring Street, Nashua, NH.

The day will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM and conclude with an opportunity for confession at 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided and a hot lunch served. Registration required by March 6th. Cost is \$25 per person. To register or for more information contact: Stephanie Janiak 603-718-8629 or email sjaniak07@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Teens in the Confirmation program will participate in a 30 hour fast on January 31, 2015

What is a 30 hour fast?

Over the course of the 30 hours, participants pledge to fast from a variety of things such as cell phone, texting, computer games and/or go without food and drink (except for water and a minimal amount of bread) for a period of 30 hours.

Through their participation, the teens are helping to raise awareness and funds for those who often go hungry and have less than we.

Most of the funds the Teen Ministry raises will go to the Pelham Food Pantry.

The teens will gather at 4:00 PM on January 31st beginning with Mass to spend six hours of the fast together. If you know a teen in our confirmation program and would like to support him/her for their 30 hour fast, please put the donation in an envelope titled: **30 hour fast** with the teen's name on it and place it in the offertory basket. Thank you for helping our teens answer the call of Jesus, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..."

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

FAITH LIFE PROGRAMS:

Jr. Youth Program:

No class on January 18th

Class on January 25th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall

No class on February 1st

Class on February 8th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall

Teen/Confirmation Ministry:

No class on January 18th

January 25th class, **please note change of location:** in the Parish Center from 4:00-5:45 PM Saturday, January 31st, 30 hour fast from 4:00-10:00 PM

No class on February 1st

Class on February 8th from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school

Grades 1, 3-6

No session on January 19th or 20th

January 26th or 27th in the school from 6:00-7:15 PM

February 2nd or 3rd **at church with parents** 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 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