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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**

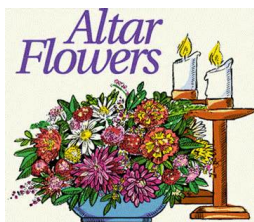
Arrangements with the parish must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding. Fulfillment of a Diocesan, pre-marriage program is required.

**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 24**  
 4pm Walter Lambert, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife & children
- Sunday January 25**  
 8am Louise Bousquet, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her daughter Patty Kennedy  
 10:30am Norman M. French, Jr., 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Anne T. French & family  
 6pm Noella & Bourgeois Family requested by Albert P. Bourgeois
- Monday January 26**  
 9am Paul Lods requested by Carol Blazon
- Tuesday January 27**  
 8am Etta Genereux, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her daughters
- Wednesday January 28**  
 8am Juliette Davignon requested by Therese Goupil  
 10:00am School Mass
- Thursday January 29**  
 8am Margaret Whelan requested by Dennis & Connie Hogan
- Friday January 30**  
 8am No Mass
- Saturday January 31**  
 4pm Walter Godosky, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Rick, Gail & family
- Sunday February 1**  
 8am Andrew Lorrain requested by Michele & Brian McCormack  
 10:30am Michael Lacharite requested by Armand & Joan Berard  
 6pm Intentions for all our parishioners



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Walter Lambert, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, by his wife & family

<p><b>PARISH COLLECTIONS</b></p> <p>In order for the parish to meet its regular expenses, our offertory and other designated parish collections must bring in <b>\$8,700</b> per week.</p> <p>Parish Collections for the following week:          Offertory 1/18/15                      \$7,483</p> <p>Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses                      \$7,483</p> <p>Thank you for supporting our parish          ~Fr. Von~</p>
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<p><b>Diocesan Seminarian Fund</b>          Collected as of 1/18/15          \$1,557          Thank you for your generosity!</p>
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**SECOND ENVELOPES  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**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.

**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.

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**Sunday, January 25**

Children of Mary, 11:30 AM in the meeting room  
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

**Monday, January 26**

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

**Tuesday, January 27**

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, January 28**

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 29**

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

**FOOD PANTRY**

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.

**PARISH MISSION**

**Save the Date.....**

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> through Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Fr. Marc Montminy from St. Michael Parish in Exeter and St. Mary Parish in Newmarket, NH will come and lead us in our Parish Mission.

**HEALING MASS**

On Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Saint Patrick Catholic School  
Open House**

Come help us celebrate Catholic School week and join us for our parish school open house:

This Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Follow us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/SPCSPelham](http://www.facebook.com/SPCSPelham)

Twitter: SPCS@SPCSPelham

School website: [www.saintpatrickschool.net](http://www.saintpatrickschool.net)

**All Students Grades 8-12**



**July 17-19, 2015 @ the Tsongas Center at  
UMass Lowell**

**Steubie or not Steubie..???**

**Have any questions?**

*Students and parents:*

Stop by the informational meeting in the Parish Center on **Sunday, February 1, 2015** immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass.

Come learn more about the Steubenville East experience.

Registrations accepted at the meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Please feel free to contact St. Pat's Steubenville Group Leader, Cindy Turco (603)321-9002 [cturco970@comcast.net](mailto:cturco970@comcast.net) or Fr. Von (603)635-3525 with any questions.

## FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Over the last two weeks, we have looked at the consummation of the Mass – Communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Again, this is when we come into union with God in a profound way. We become like Him whom we receive – Jesus, our God. The proper response is then *gratitude* and *love*.

When we get back to our pews, of what is our prayer made up? Sometimes, we spend the time distracted – watching the other people pass us as they go to Communion. We might even be judging them for what they wear, or how they look, or what they smell like. Imagine that – we have just received the Lord of the universe, the Lord of love, and we are *judging* the people He died for! Hopefully these judgments and distractions are rare. Maybe when we get back to the pew, we are making all sorts of petitions to God, asking Him to take care of this and that. That is okay, but still missing something.

What is God looking for from us after Communion? *Love and gratitude*. It is a time of thanksgiving, thanking Him for bringing His divinity, His Godliness, down to unite to our – to my – humanity! We thank Him for coming so close to us. We tell Him that we love Him. We console His Heart for all of the times that people receive Communion without loving Him. We thank Him and we love Him.

Usually the time of thanksgiving after Communion is relatively short during Mass. The Church invites us to spend more time, even after Mass is over, thanking Him for the *great gift* of His love. Imagine how consoled Jesus would be – He who loves so much and is so little loved – if everyone spent a few minutes thanking Him after receiving Communion! When I think about how many people walk out after receiving Communion, and without spending time to say “thank you” to Jesus... it must break His Heart. It is like a guest who comes to our house, eats dinner and runs out the door without waiting for dessert, without saying “thank you” or “goodbye”! May this never be us, but may we always thank our Host, Jesus, for His incredible graciousness.

After this, we have the Prayer after Communion (signaled by another “Let us pray”). Typically, this is a prayer thanking God for the gift we have just received, and asking for what we need to live out the Mystery we have received. This signals the end of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Concluding Rites begin with optional announcements. Finally we come to the final Blessing. The Blessing truly is a gift from God. It is like that dessert I mentioned earlier. The Lord Jesus wants to give us the grace and power to live out our Christian commitment. He blesses us to live in the Heart of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Believe me, you don’t want to miss this gift. Receive it often – let it enter into your heart, so that you can be empowered to live the grace of your Communion!

The deacon, or in his absence, the priest then dismisses us (“Go forth, the Mass is ended” or “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,” or “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,” or “Go in peace”) and we respond, “Thanks be to God.” Now remember, this is not, “Oh, thank goodness it is over! Boy was that long!” Rather, *we are being sent on mission*. Jesus gave us a Mission, and set up His Church – His Body present and visible on the earth – to carry out that mission. The mission is to carry the Gospel – the Good News of God’s saving love – to the ends of the earth. We receive the *shalom*, the peace of Christ so that we can go with that peace to the world. When we leave Church, do we feel like our obligation is over for the week, or do we realize our Mission is just beginning?

After the Dismissal, the priest and deacon kiss the Altar (an act of love for the God who has just come down on that Altar), and then the ministers bow to the Altar, and process out. Very often we also sign a hymn as we leave, a song of praise to God for all He has done.

This ends our survey of the Mass which we began in September. I hope that it has helped you to have a greater understanding of what is happening at Mass, and so to get more out of it. We’re working on getting these onto our website, as well as audio recordings of my homilies. Check out [www.stpatricks-pelham.com](http://www.stpatricks-pelham.com) over the few weeks to find archived articles and homilies. May God continue to bless you.

## 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.

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

Please keep our teens in prayer as they participate in a 30 hour fast next Saturday. Over the course of the 30 hours, the teens 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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..."



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

## Jr. Youth Program:

- Class on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall
- No class on February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Class on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM special class on Lent in Parish Center followed by 7:00 PM Mass

## Teen/Confirmation Ministry:

- January 25<sup>th</sup> class, **please note change of location:** in the Parish Center from 4:00-5:45 PM
- Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 30 hour fast from 4:00-10:00 PM
- No class on February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Class on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school

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## Grades 1, 3-6

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

February 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> **at church with parents** 6:00-7:15 PM

February 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<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.

## **Upcoming Cursillo for Men – February 5-8:**

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life. Cursillo is open to Christians at least 21 years of age. The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday evening. For married couples, it is recommended that husbands attend first. If you are interested, please send St. Basil's your contact information, by email or contacting them at 978-683-2959. Applications can be found online <http://saintbasils.org/about/cursillio/>