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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 3**
 4pm Yvonne Maglio, 11th Anniversary,
 requested by her family
- Sunday January 4**
 8am Raymond Letendre, 12th
 Anniversary, requested by his wife
 Jeannine
 10:30am Lorraine Haight requested by
 Armand & Joan Berard
 6pm Simone Lausier requested by her
 family
- Monday January 5**
 9am Reverend Monsignor James J.
 Markham
- Tuesday January 6**
 8am Robert Scruton Jr. requested by
 Judy & Roger Turgeon
- Wednesday January 7**
 8am Rev. Real Bourque requested by
 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon
- Thursday January 8**
 8am Bill & Fred Kaplon requested by
 Bob & Rosalie Ducharme
- Friday January 9**
 8am No Mass
- Saturday January 10**
 4pm Jeanne Dubreuil requested by
 Krina Lekakos
- Sunday January 11**
 8am Emile Deschesne, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & family
 10:30am Wilfred & Germaine Martin
 requested by Gerry & Rosemarie
 Martin
 6pm Lorraine Haight, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by her husband & family



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Simone Lausier by the Michaud 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:

Offertory 12/21/14	\$9,370
St. Patrick Catholic School	\$1,354

Total funds collected for this week for parish expenses **\$10,724**

Thank you for supporting our parish
 ~Fr. Von~



SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

Jan. 11 St. Patrick Catholic School
 This collection helps with the school assessment from the Diocese.

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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Monday, January 5

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, January 6

Food Pantry, 6:30 PM

Women’s Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Wednesday, January 7

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

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

Food Pantry, 1:00 PM

RCIA, 6:30 PM, in the meeting room

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30 PM, in the K of C Hall

Thursday, January 8

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

Choir Practice, 7:30 PM, in the church

Saturday, January 10

Men’s Club, 7:30 AM, in the parish center

ST. PATRICK MEN’S CLUB

St. Patrick Men’s Club will be held on **Saturday, January 10th** from **7:30 AM to 9:00 AM**, for breakfast and fellowship. If any man or young man is interested in attending/joining the Men’s Club, please come and join us. All men are welcome!

ADORATION

This Wednesday, we will be having Adoration from 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM in the Church. If you are interested in signing up for an hour please contact the Parish Office.



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are:

RYAN QUINN BARTLETT, BRANSON DAVID CORRIGAN, SIOBHAN ELIZABETH O’SULLIVAN and AVAH LYNE THOMPSON. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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



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



My dear brothers and sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Day. We had to get the bulletins out early over Christmas, and so I decided to take a short hiatus from the "From the Pastor" column... but now we're back!

As we continue to look through the Mass, we move now to the "Sign of Peace." We remember in this moment the words of Jesus at the Resurrection. When He appears to His Apostles in the upper room (John 20:19), His first words are not those of condemnation or reprisal for all of His friends who abandoned Him (or denied Him) in His hour of need, but rather, "Peace be with you." He had told His disciples at the Last Supper that He was going to leave them *peace*, not as the world gives, but true and lasting peace. This *shalom*, this wholeness of being, goes right to the heart and soul – deeper than outward appearances. He gives us peace that is forever.

We are invited then to offer each other a sign of peace. Most of the time this might be pretty easy, as we hug or kiss family members, shake hands with those closest to us and wave at other people. This becomes harder if we are holding a grudge with someone. Can we offer the olive branch? Jesus tells us that if we recall that someone has something against us, we are to go *first* and be reconciled to them before we go to the Altar (cf. Matthew 5:23-24). St. Paul says in another place, "Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger," (Ephesians 4:26). It is soooo important to be at peace, to be one Body in the Lord.

After the sign of peace, there is the Breaking of the Bread. The presider's Host is broken. As Jesus' Body was broken on the Cross, so also His Eucharistic Body is broken for us. At the same time, a small piece of the Host is placed into the Chalice. The practice of the *fermentum* came about as deacons in the Church of Rome would take the Eucharist from the Pope's Mass, and go to all of the priests in Rome. At their Masses, they would take a piece of the "Pope's" Eucharist and place it in the Chalice, as a sign of union with the Pope.

Meanwhile, we sing or say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. ... grant us peace." Jesus is the Lamb of God – the sacrificial Lamb who takes away all of the sin of the world. Like the Passover lambs of Israel, so Jesus, too, is slain so that the Angel of Death will *pass over* us. Remember, our sins were forgiven at a high price – the Blood of God. Yet, He gives this gift willingly and lovingly. He does not grudge us this sacrifice, and would do it again should it be necessary.

At this time, also, the priest prays a quiet prayer to God asking that through the Eucharist, he may not receive condemnation for his sins, but mercy and healing.

The priest then holds up the Eucharist and calls us to look – to gaze on God in the words of St. John the Baptist: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world..." (John 1:29). In this moment, we can gaze with Faith on the Lord of love who has given His ALL so that we could become one with Him.

We respond to this call with the faith of the centurion, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my [soul] shall be healed" (Luke 7:7). Almighty God has deigned to enter into the dwelling of our bodies and souls – temples of the Holy Spirit – and we are called to recognize that we are not worthy. Our sins, our selfishness, our unforgiveness of others, our constant indifference to God's incredible love – all of these things make us utterly unworthy to enter back into relationship with God, to have Him come to us. Yet, the good news (okay, that's not big enough), the **GOOD NEWS** is that since He has broken the power of sin and death through His death and resurrection, all He needs to do now is to "say the word" and we are healed. All that we did to offend God, He washes away at a *word*! And even more: He is desiring, even *longing* to say this word of healing to you and to me!

Before we receive our next Communion, may we truly prepare ourselves to receive such an *awesome* Guest, and respond with great gratitude for His merciful love!

**FAITH LIFE PROGRAMS:
UPCOMING DATES:**

Jr. Youth Program:

January 4th No Classes

Junior Youth sessions resume on January 11, 2015 from 4:00-5:45 PM in the K of C Hall

No class on January 18th

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

Teen/Confirmation Ministry:

No classes for Confirmation 1 & 2 on January 4th

Teen Ministry/Confirmation sessions resume on January 11, 2015 from 4:00-5:45 PM in the school

No class on January 18th

January 25th class, please note change of location: in the Parish Center from 4:00-5:45 PM

Grades 1, 3-6

Sessions resume this week on January 5th or 6th from 6:00-7:15 PM in the school

January 12th or 13th **at the church with the parents** from 6:00-7:15 PM

No session on January 19th or 20th

January 26th or 27th 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.



On behalf of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, we wish to thank you all for your help again this year with the "Children's Gift Program." Your generous support is greatly appreciated by the Good Neighbor Fund and the families of the children we help.



**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

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 you know of someone who is homebound & would like to be in the directory, please contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Florence & Ed Bradley, John, Kevin and Kerrie Newcomb, Theresa Elliot, Mike Kemler, Gino Ippolito, Mildred Delisle and Marion Joubert

By: Ginger Newcomb & Family