

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org
to register, go to pelham.formed.org

Help Souls on their way to Heaven

When Fr. Von gets called to anoint people who are dying, he calls on a group of people to pray a **Divine Mercy Chaplet** for them. If you would like to join this ministry or want more information, contact Fr. Von at (603)-635-3525 or fathervon@comcast.net.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM

WEEKDAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Thursday 8am
Friday No Mass
First Friday and First Saturday 8am

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day 8am, 10am & 7pm

ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am
2:00-8:00pm

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 eqwright@comcast.net. More information online: www.kofcpelhamnh.org



The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to New Year's. The money will be in next weekend's bulletin.

Saturday January 5
 4pm **John Fitzgerald**, 15th Anniversary,
 requested by his wife & children

Sunday January 6
 8am **Rev. John Sledziona & Teresa Evans** requested by Donna Smith
 10:30am **Raymond Letendre**, 16th
 Anniversary, requested by his
 wife Jeannine
 6pm **Intentions of all our
 Parishioners**

Monday January 7
 8am **Mario Matos** requested by
 his wife Rita
Joe Querol requested by
 Madeline Cinquegrana

Tuesday January 8
 8am **For all Souls in Purgatory**

Wednesday January 9
 8am **Nicholas Betancur** requested by
 his family

Thursday January 10
 8am **Paul McLaughlin** requested by
 the Lemieux family
Michael Groulx requested by
 Dennis & Irene Groulx

Friday January 11
 8am No Mass

Saturday January 12
 4pm **Wayne Montuori** requested by
 the Taylor family
Richard W. Hennessey requested
 by Donna Smith

Sunday January 13
 8am **Joseph Dias** requested by the
 Martin family
 10:30am **Joan E. Murphy**, 1st Anniversary,
 requested by the Petroski family
 6pm **Intentions of all our
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**SECOND ENVELOPES
 FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

Jan. 13 Utility
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for
 the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

Jan. 20 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. Our assessment for
 this collection is \$2,248.

Jan. 28 Faith Life Formation
 This collection helps with expenses for Faith Life.
 Your contributions toward the support of the
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If anyone would like to sign-up to sponsor the
 Altar Flowers for 2019, please contact the parish
 office at 603-635-3525.



If anyone would like to sign-up for the Sanctuary
 Candle in memory of a loved one for 2019, please
 contact the parish office at 603-635-3525.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 6

Faith Life Classes, 11:30 AM, in the school
 Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
 Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Monday, January 7

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, January 8

Faith Life Classes, 6:00 PM, in the church
 Women's Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM, in the parish center

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, January 9

Men's Morning Group, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the chapel
 Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM
 Bible Sharing, 9:00 AM, in the school classroom
 Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Women's AA, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

Thursday, January 10

Men's AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall
 Praise Band, 7:00 PM, in the church

Friday, January 11

Community Dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, in the parish center
 Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



TRUE REFORMERS

Saints of the Catholic Reformation

Monday Night Teachings

Learn about the saints who brought about the true reform to the Catholic Church: St. Thomas More, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Philip Neri, St. Francis de Sales and St. Teresa of Avila.

January 14th, 21st and 28th, February 11th, 18th and 25th 7:00 PM in the **Youth Room** at the **School**.

For more information, contact Fr. Von: fathervon@comcast.net or 635-3525.

AMAZON

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change** your **Charity**. Select St. Patrick as your new **charitable** organization to support us.

CREATE A LEGACY

Be a part of ensuring the future of our Church
 In dealing with the most important questions of where our resources will go after we are not around to manage them, it is important to have a plan. When making these future plans, consider making a legacy gift to St. Patrick Parish and make an impact on our future ministries and the Catholic faith. With a simple bequest in your will or estate plan, you can make a significant difference in the future of our parish for generations to come. For more information about how to include St. Patrick's Catholic Church in your will, please contact Fr. Von or Therese Soucy in the parish office.

<u>Acts of Mercy</u>	
<u>How many</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>
—	Instruct the uninformed
—	Counsel the doubtful
—	Admonish sinners
—	Comfort the sorrowful
—	Bear wrongs patiently
—	Forgive offenses
—	Pray for the living and the dead
<u>How many</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
—	Feed the hungry
—	Clothe the naked
—	Give drink to the thirsty
—	Shelter the homeless
—	Comfort the imprisoned
—	Visit the sick
—	Bury the Dead

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us on Friday, January 11th, from 5:30-7:00 PM, for tasty food, laughter and terrific company at our Community Dinner, held in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Epiphany! A star is in the east. The Magi come. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. You know the story... the Magi have been following a star in order to find the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod (now, be careful... there are six different Herods in the Bible, so if you hear about “Herod” make sure you know which one is being referenced) tries to gain the trust of the Magi so that he can find and destroy this usurper to the throne. This King Herod was so paranoid that he would kill anyone who might have even *thought* about becoming king... even to killing his own family. He was ruthless!

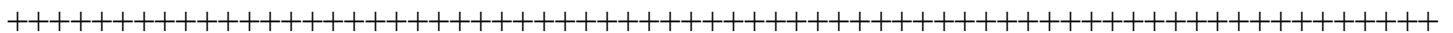
At heart, this is a story of searching.

The Magi are searching for something, for someone who will fill the emptiness in their lives. They have a longing in their hearts. Their longing drove them through dangerous and difficult travel, guided at night by a star, to a foreign land, to find a king. They seek... and they *find* in Christ. Luke tells us that after encountering the baby Christ, they “departed for their country by another way” (Luke 2:12). They are changed, so that they will never be the same.

Herod is searching for something. He has built his little kingdom around him, but it is all on his power, and in his desperate attempt to hold onto his power, he will kill anyone who gets in the way. He seeks stability and reassurance, but by seeking it in himself – in his own power – he will never have it. He is destined to live out his life in uncertainty, emptiness, insecurity, anxiety and self-doubt. Had he honestly sought the Christ-child, as had the Magi, he would have found the peace for which he was seeking.

Most of all, this is a story of a God seeking His people. Almighty God sets a star in the sky to show that He is coming. He makes Himself so small that anyone can hold Him. The passionate desire of His Heart is the *love* of His people that He created. He comes into our humanity seeking you and me!

As we continue through this Christmas Season, I invite you to *let God find you*. Let Him enter into your life in a deeper way, and let Him find you loving Him with your hearts.



Our annual Christmas drive was possible because of thoughtful contributions from generous people. On behalf of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund “Sponsor a Child” program committee members, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of clothes and toys. Your support will make it possible for us to help the wonderful families who had reached out to the PGNF at Christmas time. All of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee members would like to wish you and your families a happy holiday season.



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 email at Lmurgia 871@comcast.net

Here at St. Patrick we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls are made by many volunteers and are either knitted or crocheted. If you know of someone who is sick or needs comfort, please call the parish office to receive one. We have many shawls of varying colors. The Prayer Shawls are free.

On the other hand, if you are interested in making prayer shawls, the parish office has instructions. Just call us at 603-635-3525 and we will get the instructions to you.

MASS ON PARISH WEBSITE

You can watch Mass now on our Parish Website. Go to the Parish website www.stpatrick-pelham.com and look under the quick links and click on Mass on Pelham Television. Then click on the link ptv.viebit.com

ST PATRICK APP!

If you have not yet signed up for our parish app, here is the link for you to sign up: <http://myapp.parihapps.com/St%20Patrick%20Pelham%20NH> The app will help you quickly find Mass Times, Parish Staff Directory, Events Calendar, and much more. We are also on Facebook.

**PTV – SCHEDULE – CHANNEL 22
For St. Patrick Mass Schedule**

- Sunday – 8:00 PM
- Monday – 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM
- Tuesday – 9:00 AM & 8:00 PM
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM & 10:00 PM
- Thursday – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Friday – 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Saturday – 6:00 AM & 2:00 PM – **4:00 PM “LIVE”**
Subject to change

PELHAM FUNERAL HOME

A very generous donation from the Pelham Funeral Home to St. Patrick Church has been received in loving memory of the people of St. Patrick Church whose families the Pelham Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 1, 2017 through December 18, 2018. It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the Pelham Funeral Home that the support of family, friends, and faith may guide these families through this holy season and bring those blessings into the New Year. May their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ:

- Mary C. Steffen, Theresa M. Ferreira, Shirley A. Barlow, Anthony J. Gordon, Stephen R. Koch, Ellen T. Lemieux, Gladys M. Orzechowski, Nicholas G. Betancur, True Gauvin, Paul V. McLaughlin, Francis J. Kochanek, Jr., Diane M. Timm, Richard W. Hennessey and George D. Field.

STEUBENVILLE EAST REGISTRATION

All high school students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for a truly life changing weekend. This summer July 12-14 over 3,000 teens will gather on UMAS Lowell Campus to have a face to face encounter with Jesus. Music, good food and good fellowship all weekend long. It may seem early but, registration for this retreat opens in January and it does fill up! Let our Director of Faith Life, Adam Castor, know you want to attend ASAP. You can email him at faithlifeformation@comcast.net or call 603-635-1447.