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**FORMED**

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to register, go to [pelham.formed.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:eqwright@comcast.net). More information online: [www.kofcpelhamnh.org](http://www.kofcpelhamnh.org)



The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to the Fourth of July. The money will be in next weekend's bulletin.

- Saturday July 7**  
 4pm **Andre Berard**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, requested by Suzanne & family
- Sunday July 8**  
 8am **Josephine LaPointe**, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Turgeon  
 10:30am **Eileen Sullivan**, 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by her husband  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday July 9**  
 8am **Rena Cayer** requested by the Bedard family  
**Irene Christie**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, requested by her family
- Tuesday July 10**  
 8am **Georgette Guilbeault** requested by her daughter Connie  
**Teresa Evans** requested by Sie & Louis Dalpe
- Wednesday July 11**  
 8am **In Honor of St. Lucy Paul Soule** requested by Arthur & Sue
- Thursday July 12**  
 8am **John Dallaire** requested by his family  
**Teresa Evans** requested by Ginny Leonard
- Friday July 13**  
 8am No Mass
- Saturday July 14**  
 4pm **The Choquette & Loisselle Family & Rita & Gerry Trottier** requested by Al & Shirley Choquette & family
- Sunday July 15**  
 8am **Raymond & Georgianna Hall** requested by Anita & family  
 10:30am **H. Tracy Davis**, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, requested by his wife Joan & family  
 6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**

**SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

**July 15 Parish to Parish Support Fund**  
 This collection provided grants to parishes in NH experiencing financial difficulties.

**July 22 Utility**  
 This collection helps with the cost of utilities for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.

**July 29 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.



This week the Altar Flowers are in memory of Andre Berard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, by Suzanne & family

**AMAZON**

If you have an Amazon account, you can have St. Patrick Parish as your Charity. You sign in to [smile.amazon.com](https://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 a new **charitable** organization to support.

**ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS WITH ST. JOHN PAUL II**

On this Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, the National Vocation Monstrance, which was blessed by St. John Paul II in 2004, will be at St. Patrick Parish. Please join our normal Adoration times (8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM) and pray for a greater outpouring of Vocations.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday, July 10

Baptism Class, 6:00 PM, in the meeting room  
Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM

### Wednesday, July 11

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 and 2:00-8:00 PM  
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall

### Thursday, July 12

AA, 7:00 PM, in the K of C Hall  
Praise Band, 7:30 PM, in the church



Attention: Gardeners when planting this year please plant a row for the Food Pantry. We love fresh produce! We are also in need of **Baked Beans, Cold Cereal (no oatmeal), and Prepared Pasta Sauce.** Thank you!



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were recently baptized here at St. Patrick. They are: **Logan Edward Chrisemer, John David Cruz, Everett George Devaney, Lilly Gisele Gacek, Benjamin Jacob Henschel, Savannah Grace Henschel and Zinachiamaka Emma Okoye.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### Faith and Reason: Is Your Faith Reasonable?

Have you ever tried to explain the relationship between faith and reason? Perhaps someone you know or you yourself have been accused of being irrational because you believe in what God has revealed. Have you ever considered that it is intellectually irresponsible to not believe? For those who would like to hear how reason and faith are complementary, Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:00 AM~12:15 PM in the youth room at the school, seminarian Joe will be giving a presentation on Faith and reason.



When you are out shopping for your back to school supplies, keep the Faith Life Program here at St. Patrick Parish in mind. This year we will have a need for: **Napkins, Paper Plates, Construction Paper, Poster Board, Stickers, Name Tags, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Colored Markers, Colored Pencils, Pens, Single Hole Puncher, Dry Erase Markers and Erasers for White Boards, Rolled Tape for tape dispensers and Travel First Aid Kits.** If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to Mass and leave them in the Chapel or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and your support of the Faith Life Program.

**Acts of Mercy**

**How many \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual**

- \_\_\_ Instruct the uninformed
- \_\_\_ Counsel the doubtful
- \_\_\_ Admonish sinners
- \_\_\_ Comfort the sorrowful
- \_\_\_ Bear wrongs patiently
- \_\_\_ Forgive offenses
- \_\_\_ Pray for the living and the dead

**How many \_\_\_\_\_ Corporal**

- \_\_\_ Feed the hungry
- \_\_\_ Clothe the naked
- \_\_\_ Give drink to the thirsty
- \_\_\_ Shelter the homeless
- \_\_\_ Comfort the imprisoned
- \_\_\_ Visit the sick
- \_\_\_ Bury the Dead

## FROM THE SEMINARIAN

Recently I came across an article which was quite alarming. The article covered the numerous statements (most of which are erroneous) made by a former president of Ireland. The topic of the article regarded infant baptism. The one covered in the story basically said that infant baptism is morally repugnant, or coercive. The statement said that baptism places a child in a contract that he/she was not able to choose. Leaving aside her misunderstandings of the Magisterium, doctrinal development, personal opinion, infallibility, truth, and conscience does she have a point? No!

Why? A few reasons. First, this logic regarding infant baptism is as ridiculous as saying that parents who love their infants coerce their child into a lifelong relationship of love. To deny baptism is a deprivation that is similar to depriving an infant of their parents love. It would be utterly absurd to tell a parent not to love their child because that would coerce the child into a relationship that the child didn't choose. Just as a child needs and is created for parental love and interaction – regardless of its inability to choose it – for a proper and healthy development, even more so, every human being needs and is created for a Supernatural, filial relationship with God. This relationship is not possible in the natural order, hence the need for baptism.

Just as the relationship of love between parent and child is not a contract, neither is baptism. Baptism establishes the human person in a covenantal relationship with the Holy Trinity, wherein they are able to experience and participate in Divine love, not to mention the entire Communion of Saints. It's a birth into a family of a Supernatural (divine) origin. There is a big difference between contract and covenant. It is simple to distinguish: contracts are essentially an exchange of goods for services rendered; covenants are an exchange of persons in a response of love, wherein the beloved is possessed by the lover and vice versa. Anyone who would like to argue that God impinges upon human freedom or is in any way in opposition to it is not talking about the True God, the God of Christianity. In reality, the closer one is to God, the freer he or she is and thus the more he or she flourishes. If one argues this point, then they do not know what human freedom is for: it is ordered for human flourishing, which is to say perfection – something that obtains only in intimate covenantal relationship with The Holy Trinity. This relationship and perfection of man implies right worship of God; man discovers his identity in true worship of God.

Moreover, to say that baptism is a contract is like saying that God gets goods – i.e., baptized people – out of the services He renders – i.e., the possibility of Heaven. Let it be clear: if God desired some good outside of Himself then He wouldn't be God. Think about it. If God desired or was constrained for something outside of Himself, well then, he wouldn't be the greatest good, because there would be something further beyond him that He desires. He wouldn't be pure perfection, because there would be another perfection outside of Himself that He sought. Now certainly, God desires our salvation, but not because it's good for Him like He gets anything out of it that He doesn't already have. He wills it because it is solely good for us. He desires it insofar as we participate in *His* Goodness and perfection and it is *His* Goodness and perfection that He desires. This is a good thing. This means that God's love doesn't change. But back to the point, if there were any necessity in God with regard to our creation and salvation then He would not be God. The True God freely offers intimate relationship within His very life to us, without any constraint. God is self-sufficient, He has no need of our praise, or us. Period. He freely bestows existence and offers salvation because He is Goodness itself, He is Love itself: love is diffusive of itself. God is Love. Just as an aside: families are not contracts and humans are not self-sufficient, we need God.

Of course, baptized children have the ability to choose disbelief and avoid or reject their relationship with God just as they can with their parents. But that does not therefore excuse them as creatures from worshipping God. Worship is still due to God whether you're baptized or not and is a reality as well as a demand of justice that cannot be avoided. Actually, baptism enables one to participate in the perfect praise and worship Jesus offers. Whose worship of God would be deserving of God and fulfill justice: Jesus' (who is God) or man's (who is a creature).

Sadly, the woman in the article and others like her seem to demonstrate an attitude that is ignorant of the reality of grace, sacramental realism, God, human freedom, human flourishing, and the New Covenant that Jesus established. But perhaps this can be a wakeup call for us to look at these topics and come to, by the grace of God, a re-appreciation of these incredible gifts that God has poured into our hearts. Let us earnestly pray for the grace to appreciate what God gave to us at baptism. We are participants in the divine nature, let that point alone sink in. Also, pray that the gifts which have been poured into your hearts may flourish and grow. Pray for people such as the one mentioned in the article that they come to know God's love for them.

Your servant in Christ,  
Seminarian Joe



Come join in and have some fun! **Monday Night at the Movies** bring along a friend! Movies will be shown in the School Youth Room from 7:00-9:00 PM. I will provide water and popcorn for snacking.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Heaven is for Real

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Babette’s Feast

What better way to experience the Christian themes in some of our well known movies...Looking forward to sharing Monday nights with other minded Christians. For more information, please contact Roberta Wilson at [roberta.wil@comcast.net](mailto:roberta.wil@comcast.net)



**We will be joined by guest speaker  
JANNA ANDRUS**

**ANNUAL MOTHERS’ RETREAT**

All Mothers are welcome to join us on July 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We will meet in the St. Therese Youth Room located at St. Patrick’s School. Food and Drinks will be provided. A love offering will be taken to help cover the cost of the food. Please register by emailing Adam Castor at [faithliformation@comcast.net](mailto:faithliformation@comcast.net)

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Annual **Fathers’ Retreat** will be on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Twenty Fifth Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Campbell’s Scottish Highlands Golf Course in Salem, NH for the benefit of the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, which is celebrating its 49<sup>th</sup> year. The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund is a 501 (C)(3) Charitable organization and provides financial assistance for our less fortunate residents in Pelham throughout the year for emergency situations which include heating oil, electricity, rent, food, transportation and other household expenses. In 2017, this amounted to \$28,483.00. All 15 members are volunteers who are dedicated to helping Our Neighbors In Need where 100% of the donation go back into the community. If you are interested in being a sponsor, the cost is as follows:

- Tournament Sponsor \$1,000  
(Includes foursome and 24x36 sign)**
- Corporate Sponsor \$300 (24x36 sign)**
- Tee Sponsor \$100 (18x24 sign)**
- Sand Trap Sponsor \$50 (12x18 sign)**

If you would like to play in the tournament the entry fee is \$125 per golfer, which includes pre-game coffee and doughnuts, green fees, golf cart, lunch and prizes. You can register to play or make a donation with your credit card by visiting our website at [www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org](http://www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org).

If you prefer to register and pay by check, or have any questions regarding the golf tournament, please send us an email at [pelhamgoodneighborfund@outlook.com](mailto:pelhamgoodneighborfund@outlook.com) Checks can be made payable to PGNF Golf Tournament and mailed to:

**Pelham Good Neighbor Fund  
Golf Tournament  
P.O. Box 95  
Pelham, NH 03076**

If you would like more information, please call:

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Your support of our major fundraiser would be appreciated so that we can continue to provide financial support for our Neighbors In Need. Brochures are available at the Enterprise Bank in Pelham.