



Saturday March 28

Jeannette Clark, 1st Anniversary, requested by Ronnie, Kathy, Ashley & Alyssa Jean
Dora Carpentier, 1st Anniversary, requested by Cheryl Brunelle & Carpentier family

Sunday March 29

Joshua Jeanson requested by his family
Leonard & Francoise Lebel requested by the Lebel family
Ashley Drolet requested by her family
Intentions of all our Parishioners

Monday March 30

For an end to the Coronavirus

Tuesday March 31

Rev. John Sledziona, 4th Anniversary, requested by Donna Smith

Wednesday April 1

Rena Cayer requested by the Bedard family

Thursday April 2

Daniel Mendes requested by Judy Turgeon

Friday April 3

Josephine Lavoie requested by the Lemieux family
Judy Eaves requested by Linda

Saturday April 4

Women of Mary
Frank Agrella, 34th Anniversary, requested by his daughter Barbara Barrett
Michael J. Taylor, Jr., 14th Anniversary, requested by the Taylor family

Sunday April 5

Robert Hall requested by Anita Hall & family
John Castelhano, 23rd Anniversary, requested by his daughter
Intentions of all our Parishioners

Sunday, March 29

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school

Wednesday, April 1

Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM and 2:00-8:00 PM

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

Thursday, April 2

Blood Drive, 1:00-6:00 PM, in the parish center

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

Friday, April 3

Men & Women AA, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the school



This week the Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Raymond A. Bernard by his wife & children

CONFESSION DURING LENT
Sundays 7:30-7:45, 10:00-10:15 AM and 5:30-5:45 PM.
Wednesday, April 1st, at 7:00 PM.
Holy Week: Monday, April 6th, at 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM.
Good Friday, April 10th, from Noon-2:45 PM

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, April 2nd, from 1:00-6:00 PM in the Parish Center. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter code: STPATRICKS-PELHAM.

The Knights of Columbus Meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st has been cancelled.

The deadline for the Easter Memorials will be Monday, April 6th.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So much has happened in the past week. Last week, I wrote my article on Monday (as I am doing now), and each day brought news about the Coronavirus, as well as the cessation of public Masses in New Hampshire and across the United States. Who knows what this week will bring?

That being said, there are some truths that don't change, and we can cling to these. One is the truth that **Jesus has power even over death**. This weekend's Gospel speaks of it with the raising of Lazarus. After four days of being dead, Jesus raises him to new life. This is a sign to Jesus' disciples – and us – that if we stay close to Jesus, we have nothing to fear. Yes, there may be suffering. Yes, there may be sickness, and even death (Jesus Himself underwent the most tortuous death), yet *death does NOT have the final word!* Jesus conquers death, sickness, sin, suffering by His

Resurrection.

As we look at the state of the world today, we, obviously, need to be cautious about how we interact. We have to wash hands often and well (and use lots of moisturizer!), and sterilize what we touch. But we need to remember that *our God saves*. We were made for more and the best is yet to come! We don't need to fear death, for death is NOT the end, but only a transition into the eternal.

What we do need to do, however, is make sure that we go on to *eternal life*, NOT eternal death. This is an opportunity to grow in holiness. This can be a wake-up call to us from God. Will we spend the time we need getting closer to God? As my seminary professor (now) Bishop Robert Barron told us, "Don't just do something, *sit there!*" God is calling us to deeper prayer in this time.

There are so many resources out there to help us. Maybe you have one of those books we gave out at Christmas or Easter and it's just been sitting on the shelf. This is a great time to read it. Remember all of the incredible options for prayer through the **media**. While the obligation for Sunday Mass has been lifted, I strongly encourage you to watch Mass. Maybe that can be part of your family time on Sunday. There's Catholic TV, EWTN, and many priest who livestream Mass online (as of this moment, I haven't figured that out, though someone did livestream the 10:30AM Adoration last Sunday).

I have picked up my social media presence. I'm now recording my daily homilies (not just weekends; by the way, you can hear all of my weekend homilies, from 2013 on, by going to our website's "QUICK LINKS" and clicking on "FR. VON'S HOMILIES"). I have also started sharing other thoughts on Facebook and Instagram (find me under "Volney DeRosia"). Be sure to check out the Parish's Facebook site, too.

Other ways of growing in the faith while at home: FORMED.org. If you want to sign up through our parish, go to Pelham.formed.org. There are great Catholic movies, e-books, listening, and teachings. Other great resources are Bishop Barron's site: wordonfire.org; crusade.live; and Ascension Presents (on YouTube), just to name a few. I personally love Fr. Francis Martin's (God rest his soul) homilies online: thewordproclaimed.org/daily-reflections.

Maybe you don't need any of these resources. That's okay. But what is most important is that you take this time to grow closer to God. Take time in silence... away from all the screens! Take time listening to God through His Word (the Bible), and in your own heart. Take time to marvel at God's creation. God is still moving. He loves you deeply, and wants your love in return.

The temptation is always "I'll do this later." We can't get holy tomorrow... only in the moment we have right now. Take the time to enter more deeply into relationship with God, today! If we do this, then this time will not be wasted, but will bear GREAT FRUIT!

With much love from your father,

Fr. Von

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.

The 2nd Annual St. Gianna's Place Fundraising Banquet is postponed until October.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.

Steubenville East Registration is open!

Steubenville East is the event of the summer for those in grades 8-12. The retreat runs from July 10-12 and if you have never attended, this is **your** summer. Please direct all questions to Adam Castor at faithlifeformation@comcast.net.

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.

If Public Masses are reinstated

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday, April 10

Confessions: 12:00-2:45 PM

Adoration of the Cross: 3:00 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 4:30 PM

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 11

Blessing of Easter Food: 2:30 PM

Divine Mercy Novena: 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS

AND NO 4:00 PM MASS

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS

Divine Mercy Novena: 12:45 PM

VOCATIONS

"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

While there are no public masses at this time, you can grow other ways in your faith while at home. You can join us on our Parish Website, Facebook and Formed.org. You can also follow Fr. Von on Facebook and Instagram (you can find him under "Volney DeRosia"). These are some other resources out there. Please read Fr. Von article for more sites that you can visit.

FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org. They really have some good materials like Movies, Daily Reflection, Documentaries and much more. To register, go to pelham.formed.org

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The St. Patrick's Women's Guild grants four \$500.00 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who will be furthering their education. These scholarships are for students who are parishioners of St. Patrick Parish and/or residents of Pelham, NH. Applications for these scholarships are now available in the Guidance Office of Pelham High School, in the Parish Office, and in the Sacristy. Applications should be turned into the Guidance Office at Pelham High School or to St. Patrick's Parish Office by Monday, May 4, 2020.

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund will be awarding two \$2500 Scholarships. The criteria to qualify are as follows:

- Must be a Pelham resident
- Formal Acceptance to an accredited 2 or 4 year College or Technical School
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the College or Technical School
- Demonstrated Financial Need
- Copy of your High School Transcript/Resume
- Letter describing career goals and any special needs

You can pick up an application at the Pelham High School Guidance Office or go to our website: at www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org.

The application must be returned by Saturday, May 16, 2020 and mailed to: Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, PO Box 953, Pelham, NH 03076

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 week of 3/22/20

Offertory Envelopes \$1,444

Offertory Electronic Giving \$1,376

Total Offertory \$2,820

Total Collected \$2,820

As of 3/22 we have an offertory deficit of \$8,031

Thank you for supporting our parish
~Fr. Von~

Catholic Relief

collected as of 3/22/20

\$689

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

April 5 Capital Improvements

This collection helps with projects around the parish.

April 12 Utility

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

April 19 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.

During this time, St. Patrick Parish wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving for your regular weekly offering. St. Patrick relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Visit the church office, 8:30am to Noon, or go to our web site, www.stpatrickspelham.com, at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Please consider electronic giving. Thank you!

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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

1st Wednesday Adoration is for Vocations
Contact Jackie Hynes at 603-425-8459

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 3:45pm
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