

CHURCH & PARISH OFFICES

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FORMED

To help you grow in your faith go to www.formed.org and sign in with the parish registration code **nr3434** (all lowercase).

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 fathervon@comcast.net or (603)-635-3525.

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: <http://www.nhknights.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday November 26**
4pm **Matthew J. Janos** "Birthday Remembrance" requested by Joan Janos
- Sunday November 27**
8am **Robert Hall** requested by his family
10:30am **Michael J. Taylor, Jr.**, "Birthday Remembrance" requested by the Taylor family
6pm **Intentions of all our Parishioners**
- Monday November 28**
8am **Fr. John Sledziona** requested by his friends
Nancy Romano requested by Donna Smith
- Tuesday November 29**
8am **Fr. John Sledziona** requested the 8 O' Clockers
Philip Crete requested by his sister Priscilla LeBlanc
- Wednesday November 30**
8am **Bernadette & Henri Bergeron** requested by the Lausier family
- Thursday December 1**
8am **Rev. Msgr. Charles E. Crosby**
Laura Gabriel & John Driscoll requested by Ron & Pat Nowakowski
- Friday December 2**
8am No Mass
- Saturday December 3**
8am Women of Mary
4pm **Florence Jacques** requested by her family
- Sunday December 4**
8am **Rena Cayer** requested by her family
10:30am **Phillip R. Cieszynski** requested by his family
6pm **Richard & Kathleen Yamamoto** requested by Cara-Jean & family

CONFESSION

There will be extra opportunity for you to go to Confession during Advent. You can go a half hour before each Sunday Mass.

The Bulletin had to be transmitted early due to Thanksgiving. The money will be in next weekend bulletin.

SECOND ENVELOPES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS

- Dec. 4 Capital Improvements**
This collection helps with projects around the parish.
- Dec. 11 Retirement Fund for the Religious**
This collection provides grants for the support of retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.
- Dec. 18 Maintenance**
This collection helps with the Church and School grounds.
- Dec. 25 Utility**
This collection helps with the cost for the Church, Rectory, Parish Center and School.
Your contributions toward the support of the parish and its ministries are greatly appreciated.

There is no First Friday Mass here this month. There will be Mass at St. Joseph in Salem at 7:15 AM, St. Matthew in Windham at 8:30 AM and Mary, Queen of Peace in Salem at 9:00 AM

First Saturday Mass is this Saturday, December 3rd at 8:00 AM

Starting this weekend, the Precious Blood will not be available until Holy Thursday Mass.

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

Are you interested in learning more about the Gospels? Please consider coming to a Wednesday morning class to study the Gospel Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. This study shows how Jesus, the promised Messiah, relives the life and struggle of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. You will come to see Jesus in a new way and discover what his life and teachings mean for us today. This class will run weekly during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM beginning January 11, 2017. You will read the gospel, answer and discuss questions, and watch a video for each lesson. No prior scripture Study is required. The cost of the study materials is \$28.00. Home Schooling available. Please contact Donna Beals to sign up or for more information (email dbeals1@comcast.net or call 603-898-0308). Looking forward to seeing you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 27

Coffee & Donuts, 11:30 AM, in the K of C Hall
Children of Mary, 11:45 AM, in the meeting room
Baptism, 12:00 PM, in the church

Tuesday, November 29

Food Pantry, 6:30-7:30 PM
Lighting of the Creche, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 30

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 meeting room
Food Pantry, 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, December 1

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

Friday, December 2

Holy Hour, 6:00-7:00 PM

Saturday, December 3

Craft Fair, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, in the parish center
Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the school

DEADLINE TO WIN iPad Air 2 SIGN UP NOW!

Only 3 days more to sign up for electronic giving to get you name into the drawing for the iPad Air 2! So far 20 families have signed up. It is easy and convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. No cost to participate. Just go to our web page www.stpatricks-pelham.com at any time to set up your automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation, or view your online donation history. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office or on line at www.stpatricks-pelham.com. Any questions just the office a call at 603-635-3525.

The Cluster Penance Service is being held at St. Joseph Parish, Salem NH. On Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 PM.

The Lighting of the Outdoor Crèche will take place on this Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 PM. Activities and refreshments are to follow in the Parish Center.

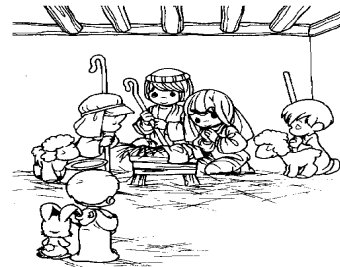


Save the following date, December 3rd, for the Christmas Craft Fair. We will have crafts from many local artisans, delicious food, a bake table with delicious goods from our parishioners, and raffles. It is a fun day for the family and ideas for your Christmas shopping.

Saturday, December 3rd is the Christmas Craft Fair and we are looking for baked goods. If you can bake bars, brownies, cookies, etc., for us please bring your baked goods on Friday between 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM to the Parish Center. Thank you!

We are also looking for crafters for St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair. Cost is \$30.00 for an 8'x6' space. All crafters who have **hand crafted items** are welcome. It is a fun day with a coloring contest for kids, scrumptious food and homemade goodies at our Bake Table. Please call the parish office at 603-635-3525 for an application and more details.

COME ALL YE CHILDREN!!



Please join us this year and participate in St. Patrick's Christmas Eve Pageant Before the 4:00 PM Children's Mass Rehearsals for the pageant Will be in the church
Saturday, Dec. 3rd 9:00-10:30 AM
Saturday, Dec. 10th 9:00-10:30 AM
Saturday, Dec. 17th 9:00-10:30 AM
Angels, Shepherds and Singers are needed!
For more information, please contact Gary & Wendy Williams at 603-635-7669.

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today (November 27) is the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (it is suppressed because today is Sunday, but we can still celebrate it in small ways). The story of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is beautiful, how Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure in France. I encourage you to look up the story. At the heart of the story, Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine and showed her an image and told her:



Have a medal struck upon this model. All those who wear it, when it is blessed, will receive great graces especially if they wear it round the neck. Those who repeat this prayer [see below, “O Mary conceived...”] with devotion will be in a special manner under the protection of the Mother of God. Graces will be abundantly bestowed upon those who have confidence.

Sr. Catherine spoke with her spiritual directory and eventually got permission to make the medal. This was called the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, because the inscription around Our Lady says, “**O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.**” Over time, however, it would be popularly named “**The Miraculous Medal**” since many incredible miracles occurred when people wore these medals with Faith. St. Maximilian Kolbe passed these out, encouraging people to wear them and pray the *Memorare*:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thine intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen.

St. Maximilian witnessed incredible miracles of healing and conversion as a result of Our Lady’s intercession.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta constantly handed out Miraculous Medals (she claimed that she gave out 40,000 of them). She saw the power of Our Lady moving in these gifts. In the book *Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait*, the author recounts how he witnessed this in a powerful way. When in Nicaragua with Mother Teresa, they met with Daniel Ortega in order to get permission to open a new house for her Sisters to work with the poorest of the poor. Ortega gave a fiery thirty-minute speech on why his guerilla war was justified. At the end, Mother said, “Yes, yes, works of love are works of peace.” She then went up to Ortega and gave him a Miraculous Medal for each of his seven children, his wife and for himself, saying, “You need it! But you must wear it round your neck, like this...” pointing out how it was to hang. The next day, they received permission to found their first house. (*Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait* Leo Maasburg pp. 65-67) **Miraculous Medals** and *Memorare* prayer cards are available for you this weekend. I hope you take advantage!

This weekend is also the **First Sunday of Advent**, our preparation time for Christmas. As we did last year, Bishop Libasci has requested that we have an **image of the Christ Child** in our Sanctuaries and our homes throughout the Season of Advent. We are so inundated by the secular understanding of Christmas that we too easily forget that this is the birthday of the Christ-child. The hope of the Bishop is that the presence of the Child prominently displayed in our homes and Churches will be a reminder of the true meaning of our preparation and celebration. This is a powerful time of preparation for the celebration of the coming of the King. May we not be overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle, but enter into the joy of the Season!

An Advent prayer for you:

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God’s own work for justice. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father’s joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

Christmas Tree Sale

St. Patrick Parish

Sponsored by Troop 610 of Pelham

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

5:00-8:00 PM

Tree pick up and disposal service

Sign-up at tree sales

Proceeds benefit:

BSA Troop 610 and St. Patrick Parish

Starting November 19th

THE PELHAM GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

47th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Pelham Good Neighbor Fund committee is asking for your support so that we will be able to help individuals and families during Christmas with food, clothing and toys for the children who live in Pelham. We are asking individuals, families, businesses, organizations, schools, civic and church groups to be as generous as possible. Volunteers will be accepting food and cash donations on Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the parking lot at the Pelham Plaza. If you would like to make a donation on line, please visit our website at

www.pelhamgoodneighborfund.org. or you can make your check payable to the Pelham Good Neighbor Fund, P.O. Box 953, Pelham, NH 03076.

Your cash donation is tax deductible since we are a 501(C)(3) charitable organization. The committee also uses the money collected during the drive to provide financial assistance 52 weeks a year for food, heat, rent, electricity, and other household expenses for Pelham residents. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated so we can help our Neighbors in Need.

If you need help during the holidays, please call one of the people listed below or email us at pgnfsponsorachild@live.com. If you would like to sponsor a child or family for Christmas, please also call one of the people listed below or go to St. Patrick's Church to pick out a name tag(s).

Jeanne DiRocco (603)635-2089

Brenda Blake (603)339-0679

Karen Fournier (978)319-8650

You can call Jeanne DiRocco anytime, Brenda Blake and Karen Fournier after 6:00 PM during the week and after 10:00 AM on the weekend. We need to hear from you no later than Wednesday, December 7th. Your call for help will be handled in strict confidence.

WOMEN OF MARY

Women of all ages are invited to join us in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on December 3rd. We begin with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a faith formation. Also we will have our potluck breakfast and fellowship. For more information, please call Linda at 603-930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com. Note: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 AM in the main church.

This year at the Festival of Trees St. Patrick Parish will have a Tree of Remembrance. It is called "Pray Before You Play". Please stop by and check it out.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

November is the month set aside for members of Saint Patrick Parish to nominate others members or themselves to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Please use a separate nomination form for each name submitted. Please get in your nomination by Wednesday, November 30th.

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