

Saint Kathryn Parish

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Perhaps I'm far away with some of our parishioners in Switzerland, Bavaria, and Austria, but I don't want to give up the opportunity to "chat" with you – even from a distance! In the next few weeks upon our return, I'll fill you in on some of the experiences we had, but for today, I'd like to reflect with you concerning some things in our parish and in our diocese.

As you know, for many years – certainly during the six years that I've been here – we have been able to maintain nocturnal adoration on the First Friday of each month. We've had to cancel a couple of times because of weather, but more often than not, we have been able to have two adorers present for all of these years. In the last year or so, ensuring that someone is always with the Blessed Sacrament has become increasingly difficult, especially in the wee hours of the morning. This is not anyone's "fault." Some of our older adorers are either uncomfortable coming in at those hours and others have returned home to God. Commitments for some of our younger adorers have changed, and the responsibilities of family and sometimes working third shift prevents them from participating. Despite our repeated requests, we haven't had a whole lot of new folks who have signed up, so to protect everyone involved and to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never alone, we will conclude adoration at midnight on First Friday. And now, with some of the concerns that have been raised for parishes on the diocesan level, especially concerning safety and risk management, I think it better to make this step. One of the great blessings that I am hoping will come as a result of this is the presence of more adorers than two at a time between 7:30 p.m. and midnight. If I see that we have a "community of adorers," we can look at the possibility of marking each hour with a particular prayer intention and possibly a devotional practice at appointed hours such as a common recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We're not there yet, but let's see how this plays out.

Before we left, our parish hosted the deanery meeting and heard four speakers from the diocesan office speak about Bishop Libasci's vision for the growth and health of our diocese and the parishes in it. I was pleased that so much of what I heard works in conjunction with our plans and vision for our three years of Jubilee. While I am not *quite* prepared to lay out the full plan for our Jubilee celebrations, I can share with you what Bishop Libasci is suggesting and how, please God, Saint Kathryn's is and will be engaging this plan for vibrant parishes.

For Saint Kathryn's, our parish picnic was the kick-off of monthly "Jubilee Weeks" for the next three years. Our expectation is that the second week of each month will feature something for our parishioners – the picnic, a parish mission, a social event, a lecture, a religious cultural program. While not fully structured, we are working to ensure that something worthwhile will take place each month.

Bishop has also called for more opportunities for intergenerational catechesis. We have been very good at ensuring a solid religious education for our children and many opportunities for adult faith formation. We're going to have to be a little more proactive with our teens and younger people so they don't have a sense that they've been abandoned. Our Youth Group is doing a great job at this for our teens, and I believe that we're going to see even more for them to grow in their sense of community. But we're also going to have to do a little better with our post-high school and college age parishioners. This is going to be a huge undertaking, but since we're so blessed to have so many young people in our parish and young families, we, as the Church, need to be a support for them.

In a few months, you'll start to hear some talk about a capital campaign. Thanks be to God, our mortgage has been paid off for a few years, and thanks to Rick Wickham and Bob Oliver, our "systems" like the HVAC and lighting systems have been updated. But now we hope to be able to do some work in the sanctuary, perhaps replace our 30+ year old organ, and establish a development fund to ensure a strong financial future for our community. God has been so good to us – we are continually called to be the best stewards of those gifts as human effort will permit. See? I told you – lots to do and lots to look forward to!

Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe



Saturday, September 23 Vigil (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time) 4:00PM – +Raymond and Paul Mousseau, by Paul and Claudette Roy

Sunday, September 24 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:30AM – +Pauline Charbonneau, by Paul and Claire Nagle 10:30AM – For the People of the Parish 6:30PM – +Lorraine A. Simoneau, by Bob and Sheila

Monday, September 25 (Weekday) 8:30AM – +Dorothy Rinaldo, by Ken and Denise Barbin

Tuesday, September 26 (Saints Cosmas and Damian) 7:00PM – +Father Patrick Irwin, by Jim Moran

Wednesday, September 27 (Saint Vincent de Paul) 8:30AM – +Herbert E. Cooper, Jr., by his Family

Thursday, September 28 (Saint Wenceslaus) 7:00PM – +Anna Mae Cooper, by her Family

Friday, September 29 (Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels) 8:30AM – Intentions of Michael Tekin, by his Family

Saturday, September 30 (Saint Jerome) 8:30AM – Healing Help for Keith Boucher, by his Wife and Family

Vigil (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time) 4:00PM – +Dennis Matte, by Dolly Sigman

Sunday, October 1 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:30AM – +Walter Berthiaume (20th Anniversary), by his Family 10:30AM – For the People of the Parish 6:30PM – +Russell Saucier, by Denny and Bob Maffia

OPERATION STORM HEAVEN

We continue this month with the recitation of the Rosary in collaboration with "Operation Storm Heaven." For those who would like to recite the Rosary in community, we will pray in the church at 9:45 a.m. for the intentions of the Church, that the Lord will guide the Holy Father, all bishops, and all clergy to be holy in all things, faithful shepherds, beacons of Truth, and defenders of Good. http://www.catholicaction.org/take_heaven_by_storm.

Sunday, September 24th Group 1 Religious Education/RMs 1-6 (10:00A-12:00N)

Monday, September 25th Confirmation Parent Meeting/Hall A (7:00P)

Tuesday, September 26th Crafters/Craft Room (1:00-8:30P) RCIA/Office (7:30-8:45P) Cub Scouts/Hall A, RMs 5 and 6 (6:30-7:30P) Boy Scouts/Hall B (7:00-8:30P)

Wednesday, September 27th Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:15A and 1:00-7:00P) Evening Prayer and Benediction/Chapel (7:00P) Choir Rehearsal/Church (7:30-9:00P) Schola Rehearsal/Church (9:00-9:30P)

Thursday, September 28th Lectio: Evangelization/Hall B (10:30A-12:00N and 7:45-9:15P)

Friday, September 29th Mothers' Group/RM 1 (9:30-11:00A)

Saturday, September 30th Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminar/Hall (1:30P)

Sunday, October 1st Rosary/Church (9:45A) Religious Ed Group 2/RMs 1-6 (10:00A-12:00N) Diaconal Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception/Church and Hall (10:30A) Baptismal Catechesis/RM 2 (12:15P) Religious Ed Grades 7-10/RMs 1-3 and Hall (4:30-6:00P) C.Y.O. Basketball Deanery Meeting/RM 1 (7:00P)

DEACON RANDY'S RECEPTION

Deacon Randy O'Neill will serve as Deacon of the Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. A light reception, sponsored by the Vocation Support Association, will take place in the parish hall immediately after the Mass.

Please join us as we congratulate Deacon Randy and Nancy on his ordination and wish him God's blessing as he begins his ministry at Saint John XXIII parish.

Congratulations, Deacon Randy and Nancy! May God bless you in all ways and in every endeavor!

VOCATION ROSARY



This week, Ed and Marie Cotter will be praying the traveling rosary. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood and diaconate and for our religious in formation.

To take part in this prayer campaign, please contact Deacon Ray at 603.882.7793, ext. 204.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our men and women in formation for religious life:

Elena Ainley

Sister Faustina Kolbe Burda, DMN

Sister Roxane Day Sister Diane Dube, p.m.

Sister Athanasius Munroe, OP

Brother John Mark Solitario, OP

Brother Marius Strom, TOR

Our Parishioners in the Armed Services:

Frank Cunniff Clare Handy Zack Hurley

David Jarry Joshua Keller Zach Keller

Thomas Laste

Our Deacon-Candidate (Archdiocese of Boston):

Jared Auclair

Our Newly Ordained Deacons

Deacon Joseph Dion Deacon Randy O'Neill

Our Newly Married:

Kameo LeLievre and Joshua Chassé

Our Recently Deceased:

Joseph Mizizinsky Dee Joyce William Frost

VIANNEY RETURNS!

Leonardo Defilippis and Saint Luke Productions will return to Saint Kathryn's for a performance of Vianney at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2017. This acclaimed production of the life of Saint John Vianney is one that you will not want to miss!

Tickets are now available from the office. Some tickets will also be available at the door. Premier seating tickets are \$25.00/person and rows 5 center and back and the two transepts are \$20.00/person or \$50.00/family of four. (The performance is intended for ages 9 and up.)

Mark your calendars now! This memorable performance is one that you will not want to miss especially during our Jubilee preparation and in celebration of the priests who have served our parish and who have come from our community.

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory:	\$ 7,531.26
Online Giving:	\$ 2,727.00
Total:	\$10,258.26

Did you know that the number of our parishioners who are contributing online is significantly more (percentage-wise) than many other parishes? Your contributions, no matter how they come, are always very much appreciated as we continue to do the Lord's work in this corner of His vineyard.

Thank you for your love of Saint Kathryn's – and ultimately of Our Lord!

FORMED

Have you learned anything new about your faith this summer? Why not challenge yourself to learn just one thing new? Register with FORMED for lectures, films, podcasts, and interesting reading. Sign up today at <https://formed.org>. Our code is 748649.

PARISH RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

We recently had a meeting with our sales representatives to review products for this year. One item is an LED powered "Saints Collection" devotional candle. These candles have beautiful pictures on them of a saint and come with an on/off switch, automatic 6-hour timer, 180 hour battery life, and flickers like a real flame. They are perfect for children's rooms, nursing homes, a night light for the elderly, and for hospital rooms. We ordered a nice selection of these and have them available today in the store.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

We can still use some help with catechists and aides, so if you can help us, we would be grateful. Our other option is to enlist parents to serve as aides on a week-by-week basis. Please help us to help your children know and love the Lord!

Imagine the goodness of a world where Christ is known and loved!

AUGUST 2017 EXPENSES

Church and Grounds	\$16,061.16
Office	\$ 1,324.51
Tithing	\$ 1,350.00

BAZAAR, 2017

Did you pick up your envelope with raffle tickets, ideas for Penny Sale items, and Father Joe's letter yet?

They can be found on the windowsills in the vestibule. Beat him to the punch! Sell those raffle tickets and get the proceeds back to the office as soon as possible and end the weekly reminder to sell those tickets!

The Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale will take place on November 11-12. Make sure to tell your friends and family!

CHOIR RESUMES

Beautiful music; a common vision; great friends. Such is the make-up of our parish choir!

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the church, and new members in all sections are welcome. The program for this year is both challenging and beautiful, so if you've wanted to experience choir, now is the time! It's a commitment, but so worthwhile!

What musical programs are in store this year? Of course, we'll continue our tradition of Lessons and Carols after Christmas and Tenebrae during Holy Week. We also expect to add a concert for our Saint Kathryn's parishioners, friends, and benefactors next June. It is anticipated that the Saint Kathryn Schola will perform a chamber concert during the year.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE/ WOMEN'S MINISTRY



*Women's
Ministry*
CONNECTING AND ENRICHING
WOMEN IN FAITH

The Daughters of Eve is a new initiative in our parish for women who want to strive to become like Mary with the en-

couragement and support of other women.

Why a women's ministry?

- Create a fellowship for ALL women of the parish;
- A place to share how the Lord has been with you through joys and hardship;
- Support each other in our journey;
- Help each other mature in our faith and love for the Lord.

If this sounds interesting to you, please attend our first meeting on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1.

For more information, please contact Karen Wilder at kd3w@comcast.net.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

No one likes change—especially when the change can be difficult.

For many years, we have been able to have adoration throughout the night from the First Friday evening Mass until just before Mass on Saturday morning.

Over the last year, we have had an increasingly difficult time covering all of the hours of the night, especially the early morning hours, with adorers. There should always be two people in the chapel while adoration is taking place, and at times we have only one. Then, if someone doesn't come for their appointed hour, we have had occasion where the adorer has had to stay.

In consultation with Deacon Ray and with the agreement of the staff, for the sake of safety for the adorers throughout the night and to ensure the safety of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning in October, adoration will take place from after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on First Friday until midnight. At midnight, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed simply.

Thank you for your understanding.

ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER

Council 5162 of the Knights of Columbus will host the annual "Italian Night Supper" on Saturday, October 21st, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets will be available in the back of the church as well as through the parish office beginning this weekend.

Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under.

If you've ever come to this meal, you know it's wonderful! If you haven't, make this the first of many more to come!

MASSES AVAILABLE

There are still some Masses that do not have intentions during the remainder of this year. While they are few and far between, they are available.

When was the last time you had a Mass celebrated for a deceased parent, spouse, sibling, friend? The graces that flow from just one Mass are immeasurable.

And here's the good news—Masses need not be said for only the dead! Have a Mass celebrated in honor of someone's birthday or marriage anniversary. Or perhaps you'd have one offered in thanksgiving for a favor received or for a particular intention.

For more information and to find the dates that are still available, please call the office at 603.882.7793.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Lectio begins this week! Plan to join us for our fall adult faith formation series, which will be based on the Acts of the Apostles, with Dr. Mary Healy as the instructor. Using the Lectio: Evangelization series from Augustine Institute, we will delve into the evangelization efforts found in the early Church. Mark your calendars today to participate in this series.

- September 28 Why Study Acts?
- October 5 Clothed with Power
- October 12 Proclaiming the Kerygma
- October 19 Signs and Wonders
- October 26 How Jesus Makes an Evangelist
- November 2* Sacraments and the Spirit
- November 16 Leadership in the Church
- November 30 Charisms in the Spirit
- December 7* Joy in Persecution
- December 14 The Belly of the Beast

Sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again from 7:30-9:00 p.m. with identical presentations. (Please note that on November 2 and December 7, sessions will run from 8:00-9:30 p.m.)

Don't miss this wonderful series and the opportunity to become more comfortable with *your* role as an evangelizer!

Remember that faith formation is ongoing! We can never say that we have learned everything there is to know about our faith—even the greatest scholars and doctors of the Church would not presume to say that! Why not commit yourself to one or both of these series as we continue to grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord, of the Catholic faith, and of our Church?

ALZHEIMER'S DISCUSSION

Saint Kathryn's Veterans Organization will sponsor an Alzheimer's/Dementia Panel and Forum Discussion on Saturday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Experts in the field of Alzheimer's/Dementia Disease will be present to lead a conversation on the disease, resources available, research, and care of the person afflicted and care for the caregiver.

Please join us for this informative presentation!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Sign ups for coffee and donuts this year will take place this weekend and next after the Masses. Perhaps your family, a few friends, or a parish group to which you belong would be willing to host a weekend.

ESCAPE ROOM

This is Escape Room Day! Join us for 2:00 p.m. (meet there no later than 1:40 or we can commute from Saint Kathryn's) for a great afternoon of fun. We will be back at Saint Kathryn's between 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Get locked in a room for an hour and figure out how to escape by solving a series of puzzles and/or clues. Those who have been before have found it both fun and challenging.

We got a special 20% off deal, so the cost is only \$20 per person. Please let Mr. Wilder know ASAP at dwilder@f5.com. Website: <https://keytoescape.com/>.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of Animals for Saint Francis Day will take place on Sunday, October 8th, at 4:00 p.m. in the circle in front of the church. This annual blessing, a favorite for pet lovers, asks the intercession of Saint Francis for our pets and the blessing of God upon them for health and in thanksgiving for the joy they give. In case of inclement weather, the blessing will take place near the baptismal font in the church.

MEN'S ANNUAL SHILOH RETREAT

The Men's Annual Shiloh Retreat will take place at the Shiloh Retreat Center in Jefferson, NH from October 13-15. Registration forms are available in the church narthex and are due no later than October 2.

Plan to join with your brother parishioners for this wonderful retreat experience under the director of Deacon John Castelot. The theme for this year is "Daring God."

FAITH FACTS

It's wonderful when someone helps us out with a part of our parish history!



A few weeks ago, we wrote about the bell in the steeple—its significance and religious meaning. We asked if anyone knew if the bell was named, and within a week we had the information!

The bell in our tower was christened (yes, the bell was sprinkled with holy water and anointed with chrism oil on the day of its consecration) and was named, "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph."

The bell was cast in 1895 by the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, NY, and was a gift to Saint Kathryn's from the Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville, MA, coming from the Novitiate Chapel of the Sisters.

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

PARISH RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30-6:50 p.m.; Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m. Also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org.

OPEN FOR YOU!

The main door of the Church is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the Emmaus Chapel, in the office building, is open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.

Welcome! If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

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