

Reflection on: Luke 11:1-13

Dear Family in the Lord,

What better introduction could we have to prayer than the direction given to us by Jesus, who is the master of the art of prayer. One of the reasons why people were attracted to Him and sought His company was the long periods He spent in private prayer and the importance He attached to it. The success of His daily activity flowed from prayer. Our inbuilt thirst for God expresses itself in the fact that almost everyone would like to pray better. However, the problem is that we often give up on prayer because we are not sure how to pray, what to say and whether our prayers are heard. At one time or another we have all made comments like:

‘What’s the point of praying? My prayers are never answered!’ ‘I don’t pray anymore - God does not seem to be listening’. The truth is that we give up before we start. Like the disciples, we need encouragement and must turn to Christ and say, ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’ When they put this request to Him He spoke spontaneously to His Father in heaven.



The traditional and familiar words of the Our Father make it a community prayer for all times and every occasion. The tone of the prayer is both intimate and also mysterious. It is simple, short and yet a profession of faith because it reveals God as our Father whose kingdom we seek, and who can be trusted to provide for our genuine needs. Prayer is talking to God - it’s an intimate and loving conversation which we carry on as family members with our heavenly Father. It’s walking in His company, paying loving attention to His presence and deepening our relationship with Him. God wants us to be real, so we can drop our inhibitions, come as we are and speak to Him with all honesty in a human way. We all have our own style of communication - lengthy speaking and many words are not necessary. The joys and disappointments that make our days, give us much to converse about. We can place our petitions before Him and they will be answered as He sees fit. Whatever His response, we can be sure it is for our good. We need to learn prayer means listening too!

It has been said that he who prays rises from his knees a better person. It always happens as we come to know God more, we come to know ourselves better. Prayer makes us realize how much we need God and deepens our sense of dependence on His saving help. We become aware that we stand before God in weakness, powerlessness and yet in the hope that His grace can make something of us. In the rush and noise of life, which drowns out the voice of God, we must find a time and a place of silence to pray. It is only in silence we can speak to God and God can speak to us.

In His Love,

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 26 (Sts Joachim & Anne)

9:00AM - Beatrice Poulin, by the Paquette Family

Tuesday, July 27 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Omer Moreau, by Rita Gagnon

Wednesday, July 28 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Liam O'Neill, by Sean & Family

Thursday, July 29 (St. Martha)

7:00PM - Cecile Waterhouse, by Richard & Lucille Lemay

Friday, July 30 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Vincent & Pauline Grasso, by their daughter, Santa

Saturday, July 31 (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

9:00AM - Kenneth Spooner (1st Anniversary), by Diane Kinsman-Spooner

(Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM - Leo Paul Lamothe, by the Landry Family

Sunday, August 1 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - Deborah & August Jungbluth, by their Son

10:30AM - Joan Eppolito, by family

6:30PM - Sharon Betts (2nd Anniversary), by her mother, Gloria, and sister, Maureen

Sanctuary Lamps in Church

Wedding Blessings for Richard & Jessica Hermosillo
by Conni & Charlie Lawrence

Sanctuary Lamps in Chapel

Mary Belair (1st Anniversary) by George & Family

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Weekend Offertory: \$13,527.09
Diocesan Missions: \$ 1,399.00

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

Irene Deschesnes is praying for the five seminarians of our parish with the traveling rosary this week. Next week **Bob Andronico** will have it.



Youth at Steubenville East

We keep a group of our youth, who are taking part in this weekend's event in Rhode Island, in our prayers. Thousands of young people from all over New England gather for fellowship, praise, worship, music, witness and a renewal in their identity as Catholic Christians with a gift to share! We are thrilled to have a large group from here taking part — our biggest ever! We'll be planning a get together for them after their return to see how they can 'fan the flames' of faith here in community in ministry and fellowship with their peers as well!

Anniversary Celebration

Each year couples from throughout the diocese who are celebrating 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or Wedding Anniversaries beyond, are invited to a state wide Mass with the Bishop at St Anselm Abbey Church in Manchester, NH. If you are celebrating anytime in 2010 call in your names



(husband & wife) and mailing address to Lauraine in our office before August 19th and we will forward them to the diocese so you will receive an invitation to the 2PM Mass on Sunday, October 10th.

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - July 25th

Workcamp 2011 Planning Mtg/Hall (7:30 PM)

Monday - July 26th

HS Creed Class/RM 3 (6:30 - 7:30 PM)

Tuesday - July 27th

Crafters Workshop/Craft RM (6:30 PM)

HS Creed Class/RM 2 (7 - 8:45 PM)

Wednesday - July 28th

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1 - 7 PM)

Friday - July 30th

Mom's Group/RM 1 (9AM)

Sunday - August 1st

HS TOB/Church, RM 1 (8:30 Mass - 11:30 AM)

Baptismal Catechesis/RM 1 (12:15 PM)

Baptisms/Church (12N, 7:30 PM)

Youth Connection!

St K's Youth Ministry now on Facebook!

Become a fan today and get all the latest and greatest info on the parish's youth ministry news and events. Simple log on to facebook and search for 'St Kathryn Parish Hudson, NH Youth Ministry'

St K's Youth Ministry is now on Twitter!

Stay up to date with your parish, your faith and Catholics in the public square by becoming a follower of St Kathryn Parish Youth Ministry! Log on to Twitter and follow "StKathrynNHYM". Don't have a twitter account? It's easy! Go to www.twitter.com for more information.

SoulFest 2010

New England's premier Christian music & worship festival comes again to Gunstock Mt Resort in Gilford, NH. Featured artists this year for **August 7** are Matt Maher, Jars of Clay, and Kutless. **We're looking to do a single day event with a mid-morning start and a late return (after midnight)**. Cost would include a single day pass; to minimize costs, car pooling would be best option. Interested youth, young adults and adult volunteers should contact Dan Goddu (Youth Ministry Coordinator) at dan.goddu@stkathryns.org or post a comment for the event on facebook. One adult per 10 youth required. Contact Dan ASAP so we can make this happen!

Workcamp 2011

Yes! There will be Workcamp next summer! When, where, what? A brief meeting to discuss it will take place **tonight after 6:30 PM Mass** in the hall. All youth and adult volunteers interested are urged to attend. Those who just got back...post your photos on our new facebook page mentioned above, under Workcamp 2010 event.

St K's Youth Ministry Info Night

Come and explore the possibilities on Sun, **Sept. 12** from 7:30-8:30 PM in the hall. Refreshments will be served during a presentation of the strategy, vision and goals for the coming year. Sign up for YM events and youth & adult volunteer opportunities also available.

Religious Ed Classes

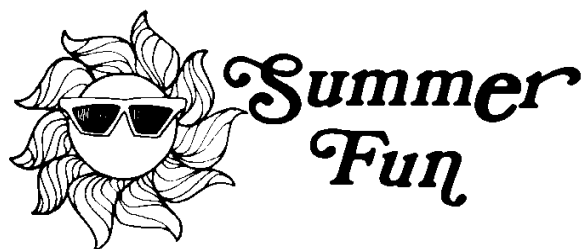
We presume that all who will be in classes for grades 1-12 this Fall have now been registered, including Catholic school and home schooled students who will be entering Grade 2 (First Confession & First Communion prep) and Grades 9/10 (Confirmation prep). If this is not the case, or if you have just joined the parish, please contact Michele in our office ASAP. Many class day/time options may be full.

Youth Ministry & Religious Ed Who to Talk to for What?

Please note that with recent staff changes you should contact Deacon Ray in our office with questions or needs regarding the Faith Formation (Religious Ed classes) for our Jr. High and Sr. High youth. To sign up for youth activities and events, or for questions in this area, you need to connect with Dan Goddu, Youth Ministry Coordinator. You can reach Deacon at 882-7793, ext 204 or email deacon.ray@stkathryns.org. You can reach Dan at 882-7793, ext 202 or email him at dan.goddu@stkathryns.org.

VBS Thanks!

It was a great week of fun, faith and fellowship for our kids! Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make it possible. Once again we enjoyed this effort in close collaboration with our friends at the New Life Church and we thank them for their hospitality!



Feast Day of Sts Joachim & Anne

Monday is the day we honor the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us if you can for Holy Mass as we ask their intercession for all parents. It is tragic when parents fail to live out the promise they made at the time of their children's Baptism to be the first teachers of the children in the ways of faith. No parish program, youth group, or religious education class can build when there is no foundation. No organized program replaces the lived faith in the home. Certainly we see that in Mary's formation received from her parents. All too often children are not even being taken to Mass! We are prayerfully discerning how to challenge this reality in our own parish at this time. There's power in prayer and in our heavenly intercessors! Join us if you can for Holy Mass at 9AM tomorrow. We are blest to have a relic of St Anne in our parish sacristy reliquary. It will be given a place of honor and can be venerated after Holy Mass tomorrow as well.

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Give Spiritual Gifts

Someone's birthday? Special needs? Prayers for health? Wedding anniversary? A Prayer of Thanks? Remembrance of a deceased loved one on their anniversary of death, or their birthday? *Intentions can be offered for the living and the dead. We have options including Mass Intentions as well as offering the Lamps that burn before the tabernacle in church or Emmaus chapel, or votive candles can be arranged to burn for a month at our shrines.* Contact Lauraine in our office if you are interested in any of the following:

- Mass Intentions (\$10 offering)
- Sanctuary Lamps for a week (\$15) either church or chapel.
- Votive Lamps for a month (\$25) at Black Madonna shrine, St John Vianney Shrine, Our Lady's Shrine in front of church, or Divine Mercy (\$12.50 since there is only 1 lamp there).

If you desire specific dates, contact should be made as soon as possible, especially for Masses that are booking well into 2011. We also have beautiful cards that can be sent for all of these to notify the recipient or the family of the deceased.

Banns of Marriage II

Crystal Landry & Adam Stone will be married in our parish church on August 28. Let's keep them in prayer as they prepare to pledge life and love in the Sacrament of Marriage!

Parish Library

It's great to see folks using our great resource - our parish lending library! We have heard from many who have deepened their understanding and prayer life through the books they have found there. We remind you that you are all welcome to come and browse anytime during the office hours (as noted on parish bulletin cover).

Holy Land Pilgrimage

An Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **August 11th** at 7:00 PM in our parish hall. Registration forms will be given out. Space limited, so, first to register and make deposit will be first taken. We are planning for **May 18-26, 2011**. *Info flyers on corner narthex table have the details.*

Summer BBQ Raffle

Thanks to all who bought tickets to the Summer BBQ raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn today after the 10:30 Mass and the winner will be announced in next weekend's bulletin. This fundraising effort is sponsored by our *Vocation Support Association* to help support our five seminarians from the parish.

Autumn Pilgrimage

An Information Meeting will be held in our parish hall on Monday, **August 9th** at 7:00 PM for our Vocation Prayer Pilgrimage coming up in October. We will visit historic Baltimore, DC and Emmitsburg, Maryland for 4 days and 3 nights in an all-inclusive packet that includes air fare, charter bus and meals. Details are on flyers available on the corner narthex table. A green sheet to return is attached so we have some indication of interest.

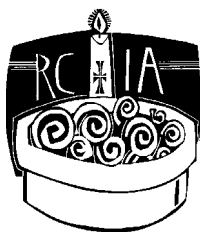


Registration forms & details will be available at the meeting on August 9th. Space limited - first to register and make deposit will be taken.

Considering Catholicism?

You? A spouse? Relative or friend? You can call in your name, address and phone number to Fr Gary, or email the information to him at frgary@stkathryns.org if you would like more info about our RCIA Inquiry Sessions that will get underway in early September. *Show this announcement to someone you know. Offer to come with them!* The Inquiry sessions are held on Tuesday nights and give an overview of Catholic life and teaching. There's no commitment or obligation - just some good information. Those who then desire to continue on in the process, and feel called

to become Catholic Christians, can remain in the RCIA as other stages unfold. Giving us the contact info requested above will allow us to mail out an info brochure, more specifics and an invitation to a late August 'Come & See' night. This process has welcomed so many over the years!



It's for...

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Those baptized in another Christian church
- Baptized Catholics who never had religious education, never received First Communion or Confirmation. If the person does decide to join the Catholic Church we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - at the Easter Vigil

RCIA for Children

A similar process as described above is offered for children, ages 7 and up, who have never been baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination. Sometimes these are children of non-Catholics who are entering the church, or from families who were away and have returned to the practice of the Catholic faith. If interested, please contact Nancy Schulz in our office, or email her at nancy.schulz@stkathryns.org.



Rite of Sending

Later in August, a fifth man from our parish family will begin his seminary formation! **Mike Sartori** will be joining Mike Zgonc at St Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. We invite you to join us in offering him our prayerful support in a *Rite of Sending* that will take place on Sunday, Aug. 22 in the context of Solemn Holy Mass at 10:30AM.

Connecting to the Homebound

We need your help in order to step up our connection with our homebound parishioners. The only way we can connect with them and know their needs is with your help. Do you have a relative, neighbor or friend who is unable to attend Mass? Could they if we could connect them with a ride? Or, do you know someone unable to attend Mass who could be brought Holy Communion regularly? When someone has a chronic health condition, or is debilitated through advanced age or frail health, they also should



receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick periodically. *This is NOT a sacrament simply for those on death's door!* It can be a source of strength, comfort and healing as one lives with the cross of illness. It's sad when we are notified of the death of a parishioner, but were never notified that their health was deteriorating. They die without having received the Sacraments. One should not wait till the very last minute to let us know, since, with only one priest, we may not reach them in time. So, please call in the name, address and phone number of those who could be added to our 'communion call' lists. We will see to it that they receive a friendly visit, periodic anointing, and are nourished with the Bread of Life! Deacon Ray, our Pastoral Associate, who now coordinates this outreach, wants to be sure no one is left out...so...we're asking you to help! Call Lauraine in our office and she'll get the info to him!

Weekly Adoration Day

Every Wednesday we invite you to come spend some time with the Lord present before us in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament offers you the chance to drop in from 5:30 to 8:45 AM and from 1 - 7 PM in the transept chapel. (No Evening Prayer-Benediction in July & Aug.)

Novena to St Maximilian Kolbe

One of the shrines in our church is dedicated to this great priest, and his feast is honored in a special way on August 14th. He certainly is a great model for priests and seminarians and all who seek the grace to have their faith impact their daily choices and opportunities in profound ways. *This year we will pray a Novena to St Maximilian Kolbe from August 5 through 13.* The prayers will be included at each Holy Mass. Booklets will be available for your use at home as well. Consider joining us!



Czestochowa Days

Once again we will offer a Marian Triduum, three days of prayer and teaching, leading up to and including the Feast day of Our Lady of Czestochowa (The 'Black Madonna'). This year the teaching will focus on 'To Jesus through Mary: True Devotion to Mary'. Information will also be given about an

upcoming program coming later in the Fall that will focus on St Louis de Monfort's work on True Devotion and total consecration to our Blessed Mother. Mark your calendar now to be with us nightly at 7:00 PM on **August 24, 25 and 26.** The Feast day is the closing night.



Summer Food Drive

Vacation fun is underway! Folks are out and about enjoying summer weather! Kids are out of school. Families in need are still struggling and, with lunch program not available, are often finding it a greater struggle to feed the family. The shelves of our local *St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry* can get pretty bare in these days...so...we are once again asking you to do without a few extras and pick up a few 'essentials' for those in need at your next trip to the store. Bags with suggested items of needs can be *found in the church vestibule.* *Please bring your donations to the corners of the vestibule in church starting next weekend. The drive continues until Sunday night, Aug. 8th.*



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Dear Friends,

I just thought I'd use this space for a few odds and ends in the area of stewardship. First, thanks to all who are turning in back envelopes from weekends you may be away on summer vacation. It really helps! If you've yet to do so, please check your box and help us keep up with the ever present summer bills.

Secondly, a word of thanks to the benefactors who offered 'extra', over and above their regular support of the parish, to enable us to enhance the sanctuary as it was recently in need of repainting. In addition, we were able to add the architectural enhancements to the windows in the sanctuary as well as the eight sets around the perimeter of the church. Funding for the base painting came from our budget but the 'extras' were possible only because of these special gifts given for this purpose specifically.

Lastly, as always, any questions or ideas and suggestions on how we can be better stewards are always welcome. Feel free to talk with me or any of the members of our Finance and Administration Committee. With their guidance, and your faithful support, we have entered a new fiscal year in sound financial shape and are operating with a balanced budget. Thank you!

-Fr Gary

Sarah's Ongoing Discernment

After recently completing a Retreat with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Sarah Monroe has decided to prolong her period of discernment a bit before seeking entry into postulancy. Let's lift her up daily, and others in our community, as they discern the Lord's call to the consecrated religious life.

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