

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm afraid that I've always been the guy who plays by the rules. I think it started when I found myself afraid to color outside of the lines in my coloring book. Then it got to the point where I didn't want to make a mistake (hence, the perfectionistic tendencies that you may see and that I was critiqued on while in the seminary). Well, I've made plenty of mistakes in my years and, try as I may to be "perfect," I'm probably the least perfect among us. And if the "devil is in the details," I'm in deep trouble!

One of the classes that was most enjoyable for me was Canon Law. Knowing the "rules" gave me a great sense of security, and through ongoing study, a lot of what we do in the institutional Church began to make more sense. The prof would remind us more frequently than not that the purpose of the law was not to be an end, in and of itself, but for the purpose of bringing the Christian faithful to salvation. Now we know that salvation comes to us in Jesus Christ. Laws will not "save" us, but they will help us achieve the goal of faith—eternal life with Christ. It's easy to get caught up in legalism, so it's always important to keep the spirit of the law in mind. We're a universal Church, and so the mandates of the law are there for us, not as restrictions (as they can sometimes appear), but for the purposes of living together as the Catholic faithful with integrity, purpose, and with an eye toward salvation.

I've laid all of this out for you in anticipation of a change we're gradually working into our life at Saint Kathryn's. You might have noticed on some Sundays that the 10:30 Mass is being offered for the intentions of the people of the parish. Some people have been disappointed when they were unable to have a Mass offered at the 10:30 because the intention had already been taken *pro populo*. I'll be honest—it's because of my penchant to play by the rules, which actually works out in our favor as members of Saint Kathryn's parish.

Why do I say this? Well the best place to go is to the source itself—the Code of Canon Law (this is where we all sigh...). Canon 534 states, "§1. After he has taken possession of his parish the pastor is obliged to apply Mass for the people entrusted to him each Sunday and holy day of obligation within the diocese; if he is legitimately prevented from this celebration, he is to apply Mass on these same days through another priest or he himself is to apply it on other days. §2. A pastor who has the care of several parishes is obliged to apply only one Mass for all the people entrusted to him on those days mentioned in §1. §3. A pastor who has not satisfied the obligation mentioned in §§1 and 2 is to apply as many Masses for his people as he has missed as soon as possible."

Now you understand that we can't do this all at once. There are Mass requests made a long time ago that we should fulfill. But as time goes on, you'll see more and more that the 10:30 is a Mass celebrated for all of the people of the parish and is ideally celebrated by me as your pastor. It's part of the commitment I am called to make to you as your "father" and "shepherd" to pray for you, the very people who make up this community. And while I do pray for all of the people of Saint Kathryn's each day, the graces and benefits of the prayer we call "the Mass" are without equal.

I know that for some of you, this is disappointing. I ask that you accept my need to "play by the rules," but also to help me to fulfill my obligation to offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass for you and your intentions. While for some, this may seem like we're taking a possible Mass away, believe me—it's a win/win for us because the graces from a Mass celebrated on the Lord's Day is really for you. It is the best gift I can offer to you each and every week.

Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Eleanor Lessard, by Betty Jane McKenna

Tuesday, January 24 (St. Francis de Sales)

7:00PM - Raymond Rockwood, by Patty Pharo

Wednesday, January 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)

9:00AM - Eleanor Lessard, by Mary Ainley

Thursday, January 26 (Sts Timothy & Titus)

7:00PM - Rev. John P. Byrnes, by his niece, Chris Haigis

Friday, January 27 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Ronald Lopez, by the Paquette Family

Saturday, January 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas)

9:00AM - Lillian Schulz, by Michele & Brian McCormack

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Normand Sigman, by Leo & Lauraine Hudon

Sunday, January 29 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - George Holly, by his Children

10:30AM - Normand Sigman, by Gerard & Diane Casavant

6:30PM - Intentions of Our Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamps in Church
In Memory of Barbara Ottino
by Cheryl & Bud Lingard

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$13,420.03
Seminary Collection: \$ 3,734.00

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

This week *Patty Kennedy* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our parish seminarians. Next week *M/M Edward Nelson* will receive it. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood.



The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - January 22nd

C&D Hosts: Mary, Evelyn & Joe Anziano

Catholic Apologetics/YM RM (9:10 AM)

Rel Ed, Grp 1/RMs 1-6 (10AM - 12N)

Holy Hour March for Life/Chapel (12N)

Catholic Apologetics/RM 1 (4 - 6PM)

Workcamp Mtg/RM 1 (7:30 PM)

Monday - January 23rd

Rel Ed/RMs 2-5 (5 - 6:15 PM)

Catholic Apologetics/RM 3 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)

RCIA/RM 1 (7 PM)

TOB/RM 2 (7 - 9 PM)

Scout Parent Meeting/RM 4 (7 PM)

Tuesday - January 24th

RCIC/RM 3 (5:45 - 6:45 PM)

Cub Scouts/RMs 4, 5, 6, Hall A (6 - 8PM)

TOB/RM 1 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 PM)

Wednesday - January 25th

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

Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)

Thursday - January 26th

Coming Home/RM 1 (7 - 9PM)

Friday - January 27th

Mom's Group/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

Saturday - January 28th

JH Rel Ed/RMs 2,4,5,6 (9AM - 12N)

Secular Carmelites/RMs 1,3 (9:30 AM)

Sunday - January 29th

Coffee & Donuts/Hall (after AM Masses)

Catholic Apologetics/YM RM (9 - 10:30 AM)

Rel Ed, Group 2/RMs 1-6 (10AM - 12N)

1st Communion Workshop/Hall & RMs (1:30 PM)

Catholic Apologetics/RM 1 (4 - 6PM)



Celebrating Marriage

All married and engaged couples are invited to a special Candlelight Dinner/Retreat Night in celebration of *World Marriage Day* on **Saturday, February 4th, from 6:00-9:30 p.m.** in our parish



hall. A delicious catered dinner will be accompanied by some reflections from couples at various stages of their married lives. Dinner, fellowship and reflection will be followed by a

blessing and renewal of marriage vows in our beautiful church. Fliers are on the table in the corner of the narthex. Registration forms are on the fliers and must be returned by **January 25th**. At just \$30 per couple, the all-inclusive registration fee is a guaranteed affordable, enriching evening for all. Simply put your check in an envelope marked, "Marriage Night," and drop it in the collection or at the parish offices **before January 25th**. Space is limited and we have disappointed couples in the past who wanted to attend but registered too late, so please register **today!**

Pancake Breakfast and Wood Raffle

Thank you to the Vocation Support Association for a wonderful pancake breakfast last Sunday. The food was superior and the chance to spend time with one another is always worthwhile. With that said, the VSA netted almost \$750 from your very generous free will offerings. *From the bottom of our hearts—thank you!*

And don't forget that the wood raffle is still going on....

You could be the lucky winner of a cord of wood! Tickets will be on sale after Masses on the weekends of January 22 and 29, with a drawing after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 29th. Chances will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Proceeds will support those in formation for the priesthood and religious life from our parish.



Coming Home to Catholicism

Our Coming Home to Catholicism program started last Thursday, and will continue for the next 7 Thursdays in Room 1. Brochures are at the doors of the church. Are you a Catholic who is recently returning to the practice of the faith and may, perhaps, feel like changes have happened while you were away? Maybe you have a friend or relative who has spoken with you and said they were thinking of coming back. Here's your



chance! Come on down; invite them down; join in the process. Participants are welcome to attend any or all sessions, and are open to all Catholics who have left the practice of the faith for a while, no matter what the reasons. Sessions are informal and team members have all been in your shoes and have decided to "come home." Come on down—get information; get answers to questions! There is no pre-registration, no commitment, no pressure, and no judgments. Invite someone today—and why not come with them?

Adoration for Life

This Sunday, **January 22nd**, there will be some time of adoration for an increased respect for all human life from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Chapel, 45 Franklin Street, Nashua (formerly Saint Stanislaus Church). Each year on January 23rd, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Catholics throughout the United States observe a day of prayer and penance in reparation for the destruction of the unborn. Please join us on the eve of this day for a time of quiet prayer in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord. Come for as long as you want, whether a few minutes or the whole two hours.

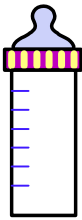


Siena Singles

Attention Siena Singles! Our new book club began this past Saturday morning with a reading and study of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. The Siena Singles will meet on Saturday mornings in Room 1 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Pre-registration is required. Contact Karen Dill if you are interested in joining (603.560.3416 or dmkdill@aol.com).

Baby Bottle Benefit

As we draw near to the anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in this country, we will once again seek to support life and efforts to assist those who say “yes” to life in difficult circumstances. *Baby bottles will be out for the taking on January 21-22 until the drive ends on February 12.* The bottles will be available in the narthex. Simply fill the bottle with any loose change and return to the church *no later than February 12th*. Your offering will help support programs offered in our area by the CareNet Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thank you!



And Speaking of the Worldwide Web...

Check in on our parish web page. You'll find bulletins, homilies, photographs, the calendar of events, parish policies, etc. In all, it's a treasure trove of knowledge. Just sign on at www.stkathryn's.org.

Tax Statements

As we enter a new year, we are happy to provide a statement of contributions for tax purposes if you call in to make a request. Be sure to leave your name and envelope number for Lauraine. It may take a few days to process your request, so please don't wait until you need them “yesterday.” Note: We can only give statements for “contributors of record,” that is, those who use the envelope system (another benefit to being a registered member of the parish!).



Diocesan Student Support

In just a few weeks, we will be receiving notification from the principals of our students attending Catholic schools requesting verification that these students are, in fact, members of Saint Kathryn Parish and are eligible to receive a parish subsidy. We are *happy* to verify this information based on the following criteria:

1. The family is registered in the parish;
2. The family is a contributor of record to the parish;
3. The family actively participates in the life and mission of the parish.

We *cannot* falsify our statements, so please ensure that the criteria are met *prior* to asking us to sign off on the parish subsidy. Thank you!

Facebook

Did you know that Saint Kathryn's has its own Facebook page? As of this week, we have more than 120 people from all over the world who “like” us. Are you among them? What are the benefits of liking us? Each day there is a little quote or meditation piece. We have quick updates on events in the parish (this will be particularly useful, especially if there are weather cancellations). We post reminders of events and photos of parish life. With that said, what's NOT to like? “Like” us on Facebook at Saint Kathryn's Church, Hudson, NH, and see what we have to offer! (Editor's Note: And quite frankly, who could *not* like Saint Kathryn's?)

Lost and Found

We have begun a “Lost and Found” for items left behind at church. We have already collected many pairs of reading glasses, a travel mug, pillow, books, an umbrella, and a few children’s toys. You may want to check the basket located near the elevator on the ground level as you enter the parish hall to see if one of your “lost” items may be “found” there.



Saint Francis of Assisi School Open House

Saint Francis of Assisi School in Litchfield is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. They will host an open house on Sunday, January 29th from noon until 2:00 p.m. at the school. Students ages 3 through 6th grade can get a quality Catholic education in a safe, nurturing environment. Located in the farming community of Litchfield, NH, Saint Francis School is minutes away from Hudson, Londonderry, south Manchester, and now Merrimack and Bedford thanks to the new airport connector. Come discover the treasure at Saint Francis of Assisi School. For more information, please visit us at www.stfrancisschoolnh.org or call 603.424.3312.

What Kind of Habits Do You Have?

"Most people fill their lives with habits that are self-destructive and that cause them to become less than God created them to be... Are your habits helping you become a better-version-of-yourself or are they self-diminishing...?"

"Our lives change when our habits change."

To learn more about how to change your habits, register for PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE with Matthew Kelly! June 9, 2012, at Saint Kathryn's at

<http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/passion-purpose-events>. Tickets will be available for sale at the parish sometime soon.

Teens Serving Christ

The parish’s teens have been working hard over the past several months serving the members of our parish and surrounding parishes. Over a dozen teens helped distribute Thanksgiving food boxes at the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on November 19, 2011. Over two dozen teens helped distribute Christmas food boxes and gifts at both Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and at Saint Kathryn Church on December 18, 2011. Additionally, you’ll spot Saint Kathryn teens helping out at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and at Anne Marie House in Hudson over the coming months. And don’t forget our Workcampers who have been very busy fundraising for this summer’s trip to Buffalo, NY!

Attention Cursillistas!

What is our FOURTH DAY? Do you find your relationship with Jesus just not _____???

Saint Kathryn's Cursillo team hosts meetings on every first Friday of the month from September to June in Room 1 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. ALL are invited to attend whether you are familiar with/or have experienced the Cursillo. Find out what it means to see Jesus ACTIVELY in your life every day. Contact: Evelyn at: evelyndelores@comcast.net should you wish more information.

Attention Lectors!

Are you among those who proclaim the Word of God at Mass—whether at the weekend or weekday liturgies? Would you like to improve your skills? Perhaps you’ve been one of the “people in the pews” who thought, “I think I’d like to read in church.” If so, please join us for an evening of reflection on Wednesday, February 1 beginning with Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in the transept Chapel and concluding with a reflection on the ministry itself, a skills session, and an open forum question/answer period. The evening will conclude no later than 9:00 p.m.

Little Church

Attention parents of preschoolers! Please consider taking part in the Little Church program during the 10:30 a.m. Mass for your 4-6 year old children.

Only 1 or 2 children are participating in the program right now. Knowing that the 10:30 Mass runs a little longer, perhaps this would be a good option to allow parents to enjoy the more solemn liturgy while knowing your little ones are engaging in religious activities geared to their own age. We will be evaluating this program over the next few weeks to determine if this continues to be a need or desire among our younger families. During Little Church, we learn about Jesus' love for us, read the Gospel, do a craft, have a coloring project, enjoy a snack, sing songs and play games. It is fun and engaging for the little ones! Little Church will be held on January 22 and 29, depending upon the number of children who show up. We hope to see you there!

With Blessings,
Your Little Church Teachers

Vocation Rosary

We've never heard of such a "happy fault" before! It's almost unheard of in this day and age to have more vocations from a parish than there are decades in a rosary, and yet that is what we are now facing! With the five seminarians for whom we've been praying for a long time (Deacon Peter Naranjo, Michael Zgonc, Ryan Brady, Brian Shook and Michael Sartori), we also have added Deacon Michael Clements, Sister Janet Eppolito, Sister Miriam McLean, Sister Sarah Munroe, and Aspirant Jennifer Burda. Count them out and you'll find that we have vocations affiliated with Saint Kathryn's that now cover *two* rosaries! This weekend, there will be a sign-up sheet at the door of the vestry to become part of the prayer warriors for this second rosary. Sign-ups will be for one week only. You will be contacted during the week prior to receiving the rosary starting February 5th.

ST KATHRYN PARISH FINANCE RPT - Dec 2011

Acct Balance	11/30/11	\$10,759.24
INCOME:	Dec. 2011	\$85,458.64
EXPENSES:	Salaries/Taxes	\$25,207.94
	Rel Ed	\$ 1,129.84
	Office Expenses	\$ 1,313.93
	Music Ministry	\$ 300.00
	Utilities	\$ 4,183.64
	Grounds Maint/Equip.	\$ 1,466.70
	Hall Maint	\$ 1,108.75
	Church Maint/Goods	\$ 923.90
	Church Flowers	\$ 760.00
	Christmas Contingency	\$ 5,746.72
	Diocese Assessments	\$ 9,352.23
	Parish Insurances	\$ 5,688.75
	Misc. Expenses	\$ 3,586.65
	Capital Imp. Deposits	\$ 1,500.00
	Trans. To Charity	\$ 4,154.33
	Sacrificial Giving	\$ 2,470.16
TITHING BALANCE -	12/31/11	\$ 2,806.79
CHECKBOOK BAL -	12/31/11	\$35,483.25

Happy Birthday to You....

February 5th marks the birthday of seminarian Michael Zgonc. Please keep Michael in your prayers. You can send your greetings to him at:

Mr. Michael Zgonc
Saint Mary's Seminary
5400 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21210.

Thank You!

We received the following note from one of our diocesan seminarians, Jeffrey Paveglia.
Thank you for the gift you sent this Christmas. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I pray the rest of your Christmas is merry and that you have a blessed New Year.

Jeffrey Paveglia

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