

Reflection on: Luke 10:38-42

Dear Family in the Lord,

Most of us at one time or another have experienced the fret and fuss of a Martha and Mary clash of temperament in the home. The hardworking Martha gets irritated with the idling Mary and on the spur of the moment says out straight what is in her mind. She thinks that her sister should be engaged in something more important than listening to Jesus. The problem with this gospel story is that we are not all at ease with Christ's comment; Mary's behavior seems so unfair. The kitchen dodger gets the praise and is commended by the Lord for having chosen the better part. It comes across as a picture of blatant injustice and our sympathy is with the long suffering Martha. St. Teresa said: 'If Martha had imitated Mary, Christ would have gone without His dinner.' We are left wondering just how does the Martha-Mary story fit into our lives and what exactly the Lord is saying to us through it?



Perhaps we might get a better insight into the incident if we remember that at this time Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem and, with the cross before Him, all He wanted was a break from the crowds. He calls in to his friends Martha and Mary, not to avail of lavish hospitality, but for a brief rest, to leave behind His cares and concerns. Mary chose the better part because she took time to listen and to give her undivided attention to Jesus. She understood His needs at that moment, realizing that time spent in the Lord's company was more important than fussing around making Him comfortable. The problem with us is that we are often so busy doing the work of the Lord in the good deeds which we perform for our neighbor that we forget the Lord of the work - who is the motivation for acts of christian charity.

The gospel is telling us that no matter how busy we are we should take time to sit quietly and find the Lord in our world of work and to be guided by Him. It is easy to get our priorities wrong because all our working moments are busy ones with little time for sitting at the feet of Jesus, reflecting on our lives. The danger is that if we do not take time to listen to the word of God and to pray, we become slaves of our duties. We rush about and yet the important things can be forgotten and remain undone. One of the great difficulties in life is that we neglect people because we do not have the time to sit down and listen to them. Our approach is often based on what we can do for others; how we can smother them in kindness, whereas, what they are really looking for is our company. Time spent visiting a lonely soul in a home for the aged can also be time spent in the company of God. For what we do to others we do to Christ. All the everyday happenings of life are part of our faith lives and provide an opportunity for working out our salvation.

In His Love,

fr. Gary

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 19 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Liam O'Neill, by Mary Szaro

Tuesday, July 20 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Birthday Blessings for Jennifer Burda, by her Mom and Dad

Wednesday, July 21 (St. Lawrence of Brindisi)

9:00AM - Wilbert Bohnert (20th Anniversary), by his Son & Daughter in Law

Thursday, July 22 (St. Mary Magdalene)

7:00PM - Fr Casimir (Birthday Memorial)

Friday, July 23 (St. Bridget of Sweden)

9:00AM - Rosalie Pecoraro, by Nancy Schulz
3:00PM - Wedding: Richard Hermosillo and Jessica Nesvold

Saturday, July 24 (St. Sharbel Makhluf)

9:00AM - Rose Hogan, by Patricia & William Hogan

(Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM - Anna Ferrari, by Leo & Maria McCarthy

Sunday, July 25 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - Tina Luminoso, by the Sypteras Family
10:30AM - Berthe Gowdy, by the Gowdy Family
6:30PM - Michael Sojka

Sanctuary Lamps in Church

In Thanksgiving for the recovery and good health of Carolyn Dabrowsky

PARISH SUPPORT

July 4th Weekend: \$ 9,807.02
Mission Co-Op: \$ 2,700.26
Last Weekend Offertory: \$14,196.21

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

This past week Mike & Bernadette McLaughlin have been praying with this special 'traveling rosary' for our five parish seminarians. Fr Gary has it this week. Irene Deschesnes will have it the week of July 25.



Thanks to all who signed up to take a prayer week in the new schedule for the next season, which begins the first week of September. All slots are filled!

Reflecting on Prayer

We know it is important! We struggle with it and enjoy consolations as well. There are various methods and insights we can explore. Join us **this Tuesday** after 7PM Mass as Seminarian Ryan offers some insights and ideas and reflections.

Summer Bible Study

We keep hearing great things from the group that has been meeting weekly for some steps through the desert in their study of the Book of Exodus. We thank Karl Cooper for sharing his gifts and expertise in scripture study that makes this possible!

Clothing Drive Ended

Thanks to all who helped with this year's 'Clothing for Kenya' drive. Your used but useables will go a l-o-n-g way! The drive has now concluded so please do not bring any more items in to the office.

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - July 18th

Baptisms/Church (12N)

Monday - July 19th

VBS at New Life (9AM - 12N)

HS Creed Class/RM 3 (5:45 - 7:15PM)

Tuesday - July 20th

VBS at New Life (9AM - 12N)

Crafters Workshop/Craft RM (6:30 PM)

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

Ryan's Talk on Prayer/Chapel (7:30 PM)

Wednesday - July 21st

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

VBS at New Life (9AM - 12N)

Bible Study Exodus/RM 1 (7:30 - 9PM)

Thursday - July 22nd

VBS at New Life (9AM - 12N)

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

Friday - July 23rd

Mom's Group/RM 1 (9 - 11AM)

VBS at New Life (9AM - 12N)

Saturday - July 24th

Secular Carmelites/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

Secular Carmelites/RM 3 (11 AM)

Sunday - July 25th

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

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 and leave the info with Lauraine in our office and she'll get it to him!

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 **next Sunday July 25 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. *If anyone is interested in putting together a 5-minute video/slide show of photos with music to show at next Sunday's meeting* let Dan know at dan.goddu@stkathryns.org.

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.

Vacation Bible School

A week of fun and faith sharing will get underway **tomorrow (Monday) at 9AM** for all kids who've been registered. We thank all who are sharing their time and talent to make this week possible for our children! It is our pleasure, for the 10th year in a row, to once again offer this week as an ecumenical endeavor with our friends at New Life Church. We thank them for their hospitality as well, since the program takes place at their facility right down the street on Lowell Rd. Please keep our kids and the VBS team in your prayers all this week!



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.

Summer BBQ Raffle

The drawing is after 10:30 Mass next Sunday. The winner can invite 5 others to join them for dinner at the rectory prepared and served by Fr Gary and our seminarians. The day/time will be arranged between the winner and Fr G. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds help us support our five men in formation for the priesthood through our *Vocation Support Association*. Tickets are on sale, while they last, in the office or after Masses this weekend. Good luck!



Recently Baptized

New life in the Holy Spirit was given to *Owen David Dutil*, son of David & Carrie Dutil. We extend our prayerful support and best wishes as this great gift of eternal life has been lovingly shared!



Monthly Holy Hour

Our Parish Intercessors invite you to join them tomorrow (Monday) at 7:00 PM in the transept chapel wing of the church. Once the hour closes, a prayer team is available to pray individually over those with special needs as well.



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

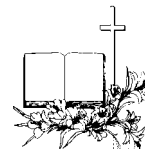
with us nightly at 7:00 PM on **August 24, 25 and 26.** The Feast day is the closing night.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We extend a warm welcome to *Martin & Sharon Beaver and Robert & Frances Johnstone* who recently registered in our parish!

Called Home to the Lord

In our prayers, we lovingly commend the soul of **Denis Sigman** to the Lord's eternal embrace! To his wife, children, parents, and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well. *Thanks to the members of our choir for the beautiful music they provided to honor their fellow members - both Denis and Melissa!*



Banns of Marriage I

Crystal Landry and Adam Stone will pledge life and love in the Sacrament of Marriage here in our parish church on August 28th. Let's hold them in our prayers as they draw near to embracing this wonderful vocation!

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.**



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.



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*

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.

A Call for Help!

We received a call to help out a family expecting twin girls in the near future. Anyone able to donate any of the following are asked to call Lauraine in the office at 882-7793. Items needed are: crib, cradles, changing table, infant girls clothing, full size bed, TV and computer stands. Thank you for all you've done in the past!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Beginning balance on June 1st, was \$22,951.54. On 6/10 a deposit of \$1,000 was made from the operating account. Balance on 6/30/10 was \$23,985.51.



The correct balance on our loan with the Diocese is \$262,282.61 as of June 30th - not the millions that was reported last week!

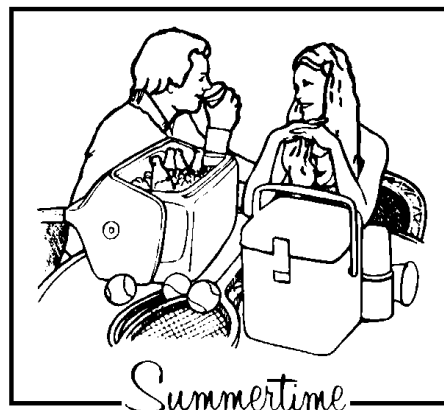
Anniversary Celebration

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.



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