

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Family in the Lord,

Enclosed in today's bulletin you will find a Stewardship Report for the fiscal year that just ended for us on June 30th. I would like to begin by expressing my deepest thanks to Peter Krauss who chaired our Finance Committee for many years and who continues to serve as our controller, overseeing the budget preparation, quarterly monitoring and preparation of the annual Finance reports to the diocese. Peter's love for the parish, support of ministries, commitment to faith, and expertise in all things financial, has been a tremendous asset to me since the day I arrived here.

In addition I thank those who presently serve on the Finance Committee and all who have done so in the past years of my pastorate. They are all committed people, seeking to be good stewards of what you have so generously given. They have also been visionary and wise when we have needed to make tough decisions through the years as well. They manifest a great spirit, a commitment to the ministry of this parish, and responsible stewardship and a commitment to transparency in all matters financial. It was through their guidance that we moved toward the weekly 'Stewardship corner' of the bulletin, rather than simply a year end report. This allows the whole parish to track our debt status, our tithing, our savings, and our operating account month by month.

Early on, in March of 1994, we started the FUNdraising and Development Committee. I am deeply grateful to Chris Haigis, the chair of this committee, all the current members, and all who have served on it since its inception. While the offertory gives us the income for the operating budget, the work of this committee has been the major source of funding for our mortgage payments and for many of the 'extras' we enjoy. In addition to the remarkable revenue they have generated in leading parish efforts at fundraising, they have remained true to their name, making these events occasions that pull us together, allow us to welcome our friends from all over, and truly be FUNraisers as well as FUND raisers! Since 1993 efforts have raised \$716,304.00!

But, without all of you who contribute so faithfully of your time, talent and treasure, none of what has been accomplished would have taken place! Whether it be weekly offerings, all the time and talent freely given, the extras for the 'extras', or your spirit of doing the best you can to invest in your parish — the generous spirit of the people of St K's is second to none! Some people remark that we must be 'rich people'...we are not, in the way they infer, but, we have been blest with all that we have because you are rich in faith, generosity and trust that when we put the things of God first, all else falls into place.

So, as I give this last accounting of stewardship as your pastor, I want to say thank you for making so much possible by the generosity of who you are and what you have done. The Lord, who is never outdone in generosity, has certainly blest us abundantly. I truly believe that all this has happened because from day one we took Him at His word. We began to tithe, set aside 10% of offertory income each week, for service to the poor and those in need, when our weekly offertory was falling well below what we needed to meet the weekly bills. As we did that, in trust, it all began to change. We have never had LOTS left over, but, since then until now, we have always been able to meet all our needs (and even have some extra for some 'wants') as we have remained faithful to the 'first fruits', the tithe, for the Lord and his poor. I know this parish commitment has led many of you to do this in your personal finances through the years, and you have reaped the benefits. Stewardship is not simply a 'money thing' here, it has been and is, faith made visible, tangible, and it continues to be our reflection of God's generosity to us! Praise Him! Thank you!

Yours in His Love,



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29 (Martyrdom of St John the Baptist)

9:00AM - Pauline Lemoine, by her husband, Bernie

Tuesday, August 30 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Lillian M. Nelson (11th Ann.) by her daughter, Barbara Costello

Wednesday, August 31 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Birthday Blessings for Joseph Burda, by his Wife and Daughter

Thursday, September 1 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Paul Bohnert (18th Ann.) by his Mom and Dad

Friday, September 2 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Intentions of our Parishioners
7:00PM - Lucille Hebert & Wm Souza, by the Iby Family

Saturday, September 3 (St. Gregory the Great)

9:00AM - John J. Carmody, by Paul & Mary Dumont

Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Clement & Rita Brissette, by Paul and Claudette Roy

5:30PM - Nuptial Mass for Michael Fountain and Kimberly Hills

Sunday, September 4 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - Bill Shook, by Lena Lajoie
10:30AM - Peter Goyette Jr. (3rd Ann.) by Family

6:30PM - Intentions of Mark Niemaszyk, by the Ciarletta Family

Sanctuary Lamps in Church

Intentions of Fr Gary, by the Staff

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$13,009.42

Assumption Collection: \$ 1,579.55

Thank You

BANNS OF MARRIAGE III



We keep in prayer *Jonathan Simoneau and Kaitlyn Bowersox* as they prepare to pledge life and love in the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish church on October 1st.

VOCATION BIRTH STONE ROSARY

This week Paul & Pauline Boudreau will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians. Next week Charlene Dandretta will have it. We thank all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood, placing them under the mantle of our Lady!



NEW ALTAR SERVERS?

We would like to add additional boys and girls to our ranks of servers! The training sessions will take place in October and they would be added to the schedule when the new one is prepared starting in November. Now is the time to call in! Any boy or girl, entering Grade 3 or higher this Fall, is welcome! It's a great honor to serve the Lord at His holy altar, and a great way to serve your community too! We urge parents to encourage the kids! *Please call in their name, address and phone # to the office, along with which Mass you would like them assigned to.* Schedule usually has them on once every 4 or 5 weeks. Consider it!



The Week At A Glance ...

Monday - August 29th

JH Rel Ed/RM 1 (5 - 6:15PM)

Tuesday - August 30th

Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (6:30 PM)

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 PM)

Wednesday - August 29th

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

Friday - September 2nd

Nocturnal Adoration/Chapel (7:30PM ...)

Saturday - September 3rd

Rosary & Benediction/Chapel (... 8:30 AM)

Siena Singles Book Group/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

Sunday - September 4th

Baptismal Catechesis/RM 1 (12N)

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

All students, new or returning, should now be registered. All Catholic school or home schooled students entering Grades 2 or 9 should be registered for sacramental prep. Some class options are now filled and closed. Contact Michele in our office if you have a child/teen not registered. Forms for the various levels can be found on the wall rack in office entry.

RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS NEEDED

St. K's 5th grade children on Monday night need an assistant teacher and our 3rd grade children on Sunday, Group 1 need a teacher. These are your children and they need you to help them hear God's Word. Please call Nancy if you can help!!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

All high school youth who will be part of our Confirmation prep program this fall, whether in year I or II, will need to make selections of course day/time on **this weekend**. You can come to the transept chapel wing of the church *after any Mass* next weekend to sign up and get your info packet and requirements from Deacon Ray at that time.

VOLUNTEERS & CHILDREN

Now that the school year will be starting up again we need to remind all our volunteers that in order to work with children or youth in our programs everyone *must* be cleared through our *Protecting God's Children* program with the Diocese. The next training session will be at Infant Jesus School cafeteria, Allds St. in Nashua, on Wednesday, **September 7th** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you plan to attend please call to register at (603)889-2649. If you have any questions or need more info please call Lauraine in our parish office.

RCIA INQUIRY ANYONE?

Through the RCIA process (*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) folks are able to explore the Catholic faith in a setting that is welcoming, relaxed and with no obligation. **The 'inquiry sessions' will run weekly on Monday nights at 7:00 PM starting September 12.** This process is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian denomination, or were baptized as a Catholic, but not brought up in the faith, perhaps never making First Communion or Confirmation. You? Someone you know? If interested, please contact Charlie Lawrence at (603) 703-9804.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Parish Choir will resume rehearsals for the season start up on Wednesday, Sept 7 at 7:30 PM in Rm 1, and will resume singing at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 11th - our new pastor's first weekend with us! The Contemporary Music group will also resume on the 11th at the 6:30 PM Mass. Great time to join either group! Simply see Larry at the keyboard on Sunday mornings, or Steve on Sunday night, for details.



Note: Choir members are invited to sing at 10:30 Mass on Sept 4 for Fr Gary's last weekend with us. Rehearsal will be at 9:45 in Rm 1.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The national collection to support the programs of the US Conf of Catholic Bishops and Catholic University of America is taken up next weekend. If you wish to help simply drop the special envelope in your box (or mark a plain one) and drop in the one collection with your parish offering. Thanks!

WHO CAN YOU INVITE?

Another series in our 'Coming Home to Catholicism' program will begin on Thursday, **September 22** at 7:00 PM in our Meeting Center. This is a gentle, welcoming outreach to inactive Catholics, those who seldom, if ever, practice their Catholic faith, and might want to take another look or ask questions, or question answers! The only way they will receive our invitation to 'come and see' is *through you!* **Brochures with more info are at the church entrances.** Think about who you can invite...take as many as you need...mail them out and pray the Lord's Spirit nudge their heart! (You may want to even offer to come with them!)



LITTLE CHURCH

Story, prayer, song, crafts and activity are all part of this special Sunday morning program offered for preschool children during the 10:30 AM Mass. We hope to resume offering it weekly in October, but, in order to do so, we **still need 5 more volunteers.** Can YOU make a once a month commitment for our little ones? Please call Nancy in our office ASAP. (Thanks to all who have already signed up to help - talk to a friend, get them to call!)

WELCOME TO THE PARISH!

These folks recently registered and we are happy to welcome them as part of our parish family! A warm welcome to Amber Wilmot; John Parkhurst; Jen Rousseau; Rebecca, Jason, John, Joshua & Jacob Noe!



VESPERS & BENEDICTION

We will resume sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on **September 7th**. Join us for this mid-week refresher as we conclude our weekly Adoration day with this brief, but soul stirring, prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. *Exposition for personal adoration takes place every Wednesday from 5:30-8:45 AM and from 1:00-7:00 PM in the transept chapel. Come!*

CHURCH & CHAPEL OPEN

Please note that the center doors of our church are open for you from **8:00 AM to 7:00 PM** nightly. (Previously it was till 8PM). The Emmaus chapel in the office building continues to be open from 6:00 AM weekdays (from 8AM on weekends & holidays) until 9:00 PM nightly for you.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The monthly all night vigil of prayer and adoration takes place this week as we observe First Friday and First Saturday. Holy Mass at 7:00 PM Friday is followed by Exposition, Litany of the Sacred Heart, and then ongoing adoration opportunity through the night until Rosary and Benediction at 8:30 AM Saturday, with Holy Mass following at 9:00 AM. Join us!



NEW TITLES IN CD RACK

Some new CDs have just been added to the rack in the corner of the narthex, and more are on the way! Check them out periodically! There is a great CD that takes you step by step through the changes in the new Roman Missal, the Mass prayers we will begin using in Advent of this year. *Highly recommended for everyone!*

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MEN OF ST JOSEPH

Holy Hour for the intentions and for blessings on all men of the parish will be held on **Friday, September 9** from 9:00-10:00 PM in the transept chapel. Men of all ages are invited to join us in seeking the intercession of St Joseph as we pray before the Eucharistic Lord and reflect on his virtues as head of the Holy Family.

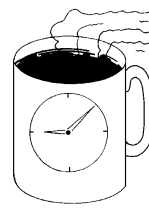
Fellowship/Enrichment gathering will be held on Saturday, **September 24** at 7:00 AM in the hall. Join us for breakfast and a look at spiritual characteristics that Catholic husbands/fathers need to acquire through God's grace in their call to holiness. We will use episodes from the life of Joseph from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke as our foundation. *All men are invited to any or all of the varied opportunities offered by our Men of St Joseph ministry!*

RESPECT LIFE SHRINE

Expectant couples are invited to fill out a form in this shrine, located in the corner of the Emmaus chapel in the office building, and drop it in the Intercessory prayer box in the opposite corner. Couples seeking to conceive can also fill out a form. You? Someone you know? These names are then given to our Intercessors for daily remembrance in prayers. *Over 100 people* are part of this ministry of prayer power! The shrine depicts Mary as an expectant mother, with St Joseph at her side. Visit! The Emmaus chapel is open daily till 9PM as noted on bulletin cover.

CAFFEINE & CATHOLICISM

Our parish Young Adult ministry invites all 18 to 30 somethings to join us for any or all of these popular monthly events! Great way to connect with other committed Catholics, married and single! The next C & C night is



Friday, **September 16** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Beantowne Coffee House & Café, 201 NH 111 in Hampstead, NH. In what Pope John Paul II repeatedly referred to as the 'New Evangelization', he reminded Catholics of the importance of moving beyond ourselves and bringing Christ to others. How can we use the social media (Facebook, blogs, etc) as a tool of evangelization? Our speakers, involved in the social media, will share insights and offer some Q&A opportunities too!

FR GARY'S LAST WEEKEND

Our pastor will celebrate his last weekend of Masses with us on September 3/4. Cake and coffee will be served after the Sunday morning Masses, with opportunity to greet Father personally. After the 9:00 AM Mass on Labor Day, September 5th, Fr Gary and Buddy will head out to their new home in Portsmouth. (We plan to ask Fr G to return sometime in the near future so we can celebrate and offer our thanks in a little more formal way with a gathering that is 'in the works'. Watch for more!

UPDATE ON OUR SEMINARIANS

Our seminarians have all returned to the seminary to start a new academic year. You can drop them a note or keep in touch at the following addresses:

Peter Naranjo

Blessed John XXIII Seminary
558 South Ave.
Weston, MA 02493

Peter will be entering his final year, with ordination as Deacon in November and priesthood in Spring.

Mike Zgonc & Mike Sartori

St Mary Seminary
5400 Roland Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21210

Mike Z will be entering his Second Theology, Mike S first Theology.

Ryan Brady & Brian Shook

St John Seminary
127 Lake St.
Brighton, MA 02135

Both Ryan & Brian will be entering First Theology; this is Brian's first year in Major Seminary.

BIRTHDAYS TO NOTE:

Brian - 11/5; Mike Z - 2/5;
Peter - 3/27; Ryan - 5/19
Mike S - 6/1; Sarah - 10/27

CONNECTING WITH SARAH

What a beautiful "Sending" we had last Sunday as we saw yet another young person of our parish has left to begin formation for religious life.

As our seminarians do, Sarah will count on your prayers as she begins her formation. If you'd like to keep in touch, dropping a note or card occasionally, you can do so as follows:

Sarah Monroe
Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist
4597 Warren Road
Anne Arbor, MI 48105

ST KATHRYN FINANCE RPT - July 2011



Acct Bal 6/30/11 \$11,538.33

INCOME: July 2011 \$60,574.33

EXP: Salaries/Taxes \$24,608.37
Rel Ed \$ 390.68
Office Exp. \$ 253.49
Rectory Exp. \$ 205.33
Utilities \$ 3,567.83
Grounds Mnt/Equip \$ 93.87
Hall Maint \$ 243.95
Church Maint/Gds \$15,274.32

Parish Ins \$ 6,833.75
Diocese Asses \$11,085.82
Misc. Exp \$ 2,991.23
Capt. Imp. Dep \$ 1,500.00

Trans. To Charity \$ 5,064.02
Sacrificial Giving \$ 2,470.16

TITHING BAL - 7/31/11 \$ 7,512.94

CHECKING BAL - 7/31/11 \$ 2,277.41

NFP TRAINING COURSE

Another 3-part course on Natural Family Planning will be offered in our parish from 7-9PM on Oct 8, Nov 19 and Dec 10. All engaged or married couples that want to take part need to **register by Sept 30** by calling Paul & Barbara Donovan at 603.463.7456 or email them at bjdonovan@metrocast.net. Discover the truth and beauty of how NFP can enrich your marriage. This is a safe, effective and morally acceptable way to plan pregnancy, and is very helpful to couples hoping to conceive and having difficulty as well. For more info on NFP feel free to contact them.

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