

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There's been a certain excitement in the air since Monday, September 19th, when the announcement of our tenth bishop was made! Of course, there are the questions, "what is he like?" "is he a friend of Catholic schools?" "is he a good homilist?" "is he a good man?" Like any new guy on the block, time will determine those answers, but from all I've heard, everything is positive. And yes, as a former Long Islander, I have plenty of friends—laity, religious and priest (and even an auxiliary bishop who happened to have ordained me!) who shared with me their observations of Bishop Libasci. We chatted a lot, and every conversation either began or ended with, "our loss is your gain." That sounds very hopeful to me!

Bishop Libasci is coming to us at a young age in the world of bishops. He'll turn 60 years old in November and has had a few years "in training" as the auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre, NY. As Providence would have it, Bishop was a newly ordained priest in the parish where I was a student teacher in the parochial school. Although we might have crossed paths, my involvement was more with the school than with the parish. I'm sure he attended our concerts, but again, there wasn't any significant interaction. With that said, he continues to be a very good friend of my former cooperating teacher who continues to be a dear friend of mine.

Bishop is known among the priests of the diocese as "a priest's priest." He's very much respected by the brethren who have described him as "gentle, humble and prayerful." We are blessed to have such characteristics in a bishop. My friends tell me that he is an open book—that "what you see is what you get," and I'm heartened to know that he seems to be the man Saint Paul envisioned in his letter to Timothy when describing the attributes of a bishop. (He does miss one attribute, but all of us priests do in this regard: he hasn't been married—even once! The Church has changed a bit in 2,000 years!) Another wonderful comment that was made about him time and again was that he is known to be a fine pastor and he brings that pastoral sensitivity to the Office of the Bishop. Again, it's one of those traits that will help us to grow as a Catholic community—not only here at Saint Kathryn's, but throughout the diocese.

Now, what can we do as we prepare for Bishop Libasci's installation on December 8th? Of course, the expected answer is to pray for him. If I learned anything in my short time at Saint Kathryn's, prayer is taken seriously. So perhaps you'd like to offer a Holy Communion for his intentions or maybe a rosary. For those among us who have some health issues, maybe you'd like to offer your suffering or discomfort for him. There are always options like a day of fast and/or abstinence or maybe to consecrate your work day as a prayer for our new bishop. Think about it this week, reflect on what you might like to offer for him. Then, in a week or two, you'll be invited to participate in a spiritual bouquet that can be presented to Bishop Libasci as a gift from our parish. Can you imagine the powerhouse of prayer and support that can be our gift to him before he even arrives? It would be wonderful!

Until next week....God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 3 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Mark Turmel, by Family

Tuesday, October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)

7:00PM - Birthday Blessings for Sie Dalpe, by her husband, Lou

Wednesday, October 5 (St. Faustina Kowalska)

9:00AM - Anniversary Blessings for Chris & Lee Tatar, by the Burda Family

Thursday, October 6 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Joseph Barrows, by his daughter, Marianne Lemieux & Family

Friday, October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

9:00AM - Francis & Christine McNamara, by their daughter Christine Haigis

First Friday

7:00PM - Lucille Hebert and William Souza, by the Iby Family

Saturday, October 8 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Richard Raymond, by the Jacek Family

Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Paul Lamothe (2nd Ann), by his wife, Flo

Sunday, October 9 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 8:30AM - Clarie Goyette, by her daughter, Shirley
- 10:30AM - August & Deborah Jungbluth, by their Son
- 6:30PM - Hannah & John Harrington, by Mary Burke & Family

Sanctuary Lamps in Chapel

For Special Intentions, by Shirley Ivalis

Black Madonna Shrine (October)

In Memory of Gladys & Marion Kopec
by the Martin Family

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$ 12,620.51

Priest Retirement: \$ 2,544.00

Thank You

VOCATION BIRTH STONE ROSARY

This week *Matthew & Stephanie Janiak* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians. Next week *Dave & Betty Bailey* will receive it. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th, we invite you to bring your pets for a brief prayer service in thanksgiving for the wonders of creation and an individual blessing. We will gather on the front lawn near the statue of St. Francis at **4:00 PM today** (Sunday). Animals need to be leashed or caged.



The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - October 2nd

- C&D Hosts: Michelle Belliveau & Family
- Rel Ed Grp 1/RMs 1-6 (10AM - 12N)
- Baptismal Catechesis/RM 1 (12:15PM)
- Blessing of Animals/Front Lawn (4PM)
- TOB2/RM 1 (4:15PM)
- Catholic ID/RM 2 (4:30PM)
- CYO Deanery Meeting/RM 3 (7PM)

Monday - October 3rd

- Rel Ed/RMs 2-5 (5 - 6:15 PM)
- JH Rel Ed/RM 1 (5 - 6:15 PM)
- TOB2/RM 2 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- Catholic ID/RM 3 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- RCIA/RM 1 (7 PM)

Tuesday - October 4th

- RCIA/RM 3 (5:45 - 6:45 PM)
- Cub Scouts/RMs 5, 6 (6 - 8PM)
- Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (6:30 PM)
- Catholic ID/RM 1 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
- Siena Singles/RM 2 (7 PM)
- Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 PM)

Wednesday - October 5th

- Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1-7 PM)
- Crafters Workshop/Craft RM (9:30 AM)
- Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)
- K of C Business Mtg/Hall B (7 PM)
- Choir Rehearsal/RM 1 (7:30PM)

Thursday - October 6th

- Coming Home/RM 1 (7 PM)

Friday - October 7th

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

Saturday - October 8th

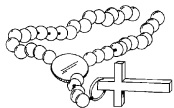
- Rosary & Benediction/Chapel (... 8:30 AM)
- NFP/RM 1 (7 - 9PM)

Sunday - October 9th

- Columbus Day Weekend - No Classes

USED BUT USEABLE ROSARIES

As we've done in past months of May and October, we invite you to bring in any old rosaries that you may no longer have a need for, depositing them in the container with the green cover in the church vestibule. These are cleaned, repaired and are put into use again in the missions. We will collect until Sunday night (10/30).



CYO SPORTS REGISTRATION

Back to school and CYO sports for the fall and winter seasons. St. Kathryn's Children's and Youth Ministry offers a CYO Sports opportunity for 4th through 12th graders to join structured basketball and cheerleading teams. The Mites League (4th thru 6th grades), the Cadet League (7th & 8th grade) and the Senior League (9th thru 12th grade) compete with other parish teams in the Nashua and Manchester Deaneries. Games are on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and practices are week nights. Tuesday night, **October 4 and October 11** are CYO Sports sign up nights. If you are a registered member of St. Kathryn's Parish (living in NH or Mass) in the above mentioned grades and are interested in participating in competitive sports and exciting tournaments, then come



to registration at St. Kathryn's Parish hall from 7:00 to 8:30 on either of the 2 nights. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate and a small fee will

be due. If you want more information about the league and the program, do not hesitate to call John Hurley at 889-8139. If you're an adult and interested in coaching, also call 889-8139 **ASAP!**

LITTLE CHURCH

A sincere thank you to those who volunteered to make Little Church a weekly program for our preschool children during the 10:30 AM Mass this year. We will begin today in RM 6. The Little Church schedule can be found on the bulletin board as you come into the parish meeting center.

CRIBBAGE ANYONE?

The Hudson Council 5162 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Monthly Cribbage Tournament beginning **this Thursday, October 6th**, at 7:00 p.m. at Infant Jesus School Café. There is a charge of \$1.00 per month to be added to a pool for the first, second and third place winners, payable at the end of the tournament. For more information, please call Wayne Nadeau at 603.883.8797 or email him at wnadeau.kofc@comcast.net. All are welcome and the Café is handicapped accessible.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS

Are you a crafter or have an interest in crafts? With the bazaar in November, the crafters can use some additional hands. Detail oriented painters are especially needed as well as other opportunities to put your skills to work for the success of the bazaar. And don't forget – we encourage the handiwork of both men and women! The crafters will gather in the craft room behind the office (downstairs and to the left) on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (with refreshments at 8:00 p.m.) and on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or after Mass. Join us when you can to make our bazaar a great success! For more information, please call Jane at 603.321.0414.



HAIL & FAREWELL

As you may know, on **Saturday, Oct. 15th** we will be celebrating both Fr. Gary's 18 years with us and Fr. Joe's beginning at a "Hail and Farewell" to be held in the Parish Hall. Please remember we will be starting at **7PM and will end around 9PM**. It is an informal night with a few words being offered for both Fr. Gary and Fr. Joe as well as light refreshments. All are welcomed ... there is no fee.

Many have asked about a "parting gift" for Fr. Gary. In talking with him he spoke of a need for a variety of things needed for his Altars at Corpus Christi. To that end we will be taking up a collection this weekend through next Sunday, which when totaled will be used to buy a "gift certificate" for Fr. Gary to purchase altar linens of his choice at a supplier he uses on a regular basis. If you wish to contribute to this effort, (whatever you choose to give) there is a basket located in the back of the Church this weekend and next.

MEN'S RETREAT

The men's annual Shiloh retreat will take place from Oct 14-16. The theme for this year is "In the Spirit, there is always a new beginning." The cost of the weekend is \$95, and includes meals and lodging. Registration forms can be found in the narthex of the Church. Deadline to register if **Oct 10th**!

PARISH COMMUNICATION

The parish bulletin is the best way for us to communicate the news and events of the parish to the largest number of people. We also support a very fine and beautiful website at www.stkathryns.org. We are also now the "proud parents" of a Facebook page. Look us up and become a fan at Saint Kathryn's Church. Become a fan; keep updated on our activities; read a daily quote for your meditation. Keep ahead of our many opportunities for spiritual growth and programs. Join today! Do you want to have something included in the weekly bulletin? If so, please send a suggested "blurb" to Lauraine (Lauraine.Hudon@stkathryns.org) or Father Joe (frjoe@stkathryns.org), and we will do our best to include it in the bulletin. Our bulletin is transmitted electronically on Monday, so all events and announcements to be included must be in no later than Monday morning for inclusion in the following week's bulletin. If you are asking for a verbal announcement at the conclusion of Mass, please send a sample announcement to Father Joe (address above) no later than noon on Thursday. We can't promise that *every* announcement can be made, but we'll do our best to prioritize them. We won't be able to accept last minute announcements before the weekend Masses. Thanks!



THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to those who responded to our request for a crib and baby clothing. The family is very appreciative. If anyone has a small freezer or double stroller, please call Lauraine in the office.

**18th Annual
Holiday Bazaar & Penny Sale
November 12 & 13**

Plan now to be with your community that weekend! Give a couple of hours to help in some way. Sign up sheets will be out Oct. 15-16 weekend. Come with neighbors and friends to help the cause and let them experience some good old St. K hospitality!

Lots needs to happen between now and then so this can be a successful event once again! The proceeds go toward our mortgage payments, which, through your generosity, will be paid in full soon! Please do what you can to help in this once-a-year total community effort!

Raffle Packets are at the doors of the church. All the info about Penny Sale gifts/Theme Baskets are included. Now's the time to shop for bargains and get creative with those basket ideas. Raffle returns prior to the event make up our largest source of



profit. About 500 packets have been taken already - \$30 worth of tickets in each - has a potential of \$15,000.00! We don't expect you to buy them all, or sell a whole book to one person, but, perhaps, a buck here and a buck there - and you can sell at least the \$30 in the packet. A little effort can go a long way! Thanks for doing what you can!

Start bringing in Penny Sale Gifts or Theme Baskets between *October 24 and November 4*. You can give to a greeter at Mass or drop off at the office. It helps GREATLY if you don't wait till the last minute. If possible we ask each household for either a gift or a basket.

Please remember: Only new items are accepted as penny sale gifts!

ITALIAN NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus, Council 5162, will sponsor an Italian Night Dinner on Saturday, **October 22nd**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Infant Jesus School Hall. The menu includes bread and salad, pasta with meatballs and sausage, grape nut pudding, coffee and cookies. There will also be music, ticket raffles and a door prize. The dinner will be prepared by our own John Eppolito. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and will be on sale after masses **this weekend through Oct. 16th**. (The dinner is a "BYOB.")



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

It's never too early to think about Christmas! Saint Kathryn's Boy Scout Troop 252 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths after Masses on October 22-23 and October 29-30. Delivery will be at the end of November. If you have any questions, please contact Troop Secretary, Sharon Gleason at 603.566.5282.



MASS OF HEALING & REMEMBRANCE

Father Terrence O'Connell will celebrate a Mass of Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, **November 13th**, beginning at 3 PM at Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine, 37 Lee Street, Lowell, MA. This Mass is intended for anyone whose life has been touched through the loss of a child through miscarriage, still birth, abortion, sudden infant death syndrome, or the death of a child at a young age. Confessions will be heard beginning at 2:15PM and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after the Mass.



CELEBRATE SAINT FAUSTINE

Join us on Tuesday, **October 4th**, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass for a presentation on Saint Faustina sponsored by the Siena Singles.

Cindie Darois will be our speaker. Cindie



lived and taught in Poland and attended the beatification of Saint Faustina. This presentation will take place in Room 2. If you can, plan to join us on October 5th, for a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of

Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, to celebrate Saint Faustina's feast day. For more information, please call Karen Dill at 603.560.3416 for more details. All are invited to both events!

JOIN THE PACK

Did you know that Cub Scout Pack 252 meets every third Tuesday of the month here at Saint Kathryn's? If you have a son in grades 1-5 who may be interested in scouting, why not come down to see what is happening?

The Scouts will meet next on **October 18** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room A of the parish hall.

You can stop down and talk with the leaders at that time, or you can contact

them at www.pack252hudson.org

or contact Cub Master Nick Leary

at c.m.nick@myfairpoint.net.



VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

Vespers is sung each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament. Join us for this midweek time of refreshment in the quiet of our

Chapel. It's a beautiful and peaceful way to end the day. Weekly adoration takes place

every Wednesday from 5:30-8:45 a.m. and again from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the transept

Chapel. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

TITHING UPDATE

During the month of September we shared our parish tithe, 10 percent of what is offered in the offertory collection, with the following charitable needs:



- Anne Marie House
- St. Vincent dePaul
- St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish
- Rent Assistance for needy family
- School Subsidies

TOTAL SHARED: \$2,675.00

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

We have started serving coffee & donuts after Sunday morning Masses each week, except for days when a breakfast is planned.

In order to do so, we need you as a family or with a group of friends, to take

one Sunday as host. You get all the help and directives you need for that day. Sign up list will be

out near the kitchen the next few Sundays. See Betty Bailey or

Lena and offer your help. Remember, this opportunity is funded by the free-will

offering you make to the wooden church banks located on the donut table. Plan to

drop in and become more connected with others in your community!



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