

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Next Saturday, we'll have the wonderful opportunity to welcome Father Gary for our "Hail and Farewell" gathering in the parish hall. It will be a joyful gathering to be sure, as we catch up with him and get the news of his work at Corpus Christi in Portsmouth. I'm thrilled to have Father Gary back so he can enjoy another moment to be part of the parish that he built up so well. Please plan to join us next Saturday from 7-9 p.m. and be a part of our fête for Father Gary.

The blessing of animals last Sunday was an awful lot of fun. We had plenty of dogs, including the official debut of Emmett and Josie, a couple of cats who stayed comfortably and quietly in their crates, and even a little rabbit. I'm sure "Francis chillin'" was taking great delight as he watched the blessing of God's creatures from across the road. These blessings are reminders to us of God's great goodness to us—allowing us to enjoy His creatures and to thank Him for the gift of His unconditional love as we experience it through them.

Our music ministry also participated in a workshop here on Sunday focusing on the implementation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Eric Bermari, the diocesan director of music, spoke about the musical possibilities that we can explore, while I spoke about the "why" of the revised translation, the time line, and the recovery of some of the "sacral" language found in the texts. I'll have a chance to offer my portion of the workshop to anyone from the parish later on in the month. We are very blessed to receive these new texts and to recapture some of the beautiful language and imagery found in the original Latin version.

Perhaps among the most beautiful expressions to be found in the translation is the return of the phrase, "and with your spirit." For the last 40 years or so, we become accustomed to, "and also with you," and it won't be easy to put that aside. But knowing the "why" of the revised translation may help us anticipate the greeting and response even more.

One writer recently spoke of our present, "and also with you," as a rather informal response to "The Lord be with you" (*Dominus vobiscum*). Some, simply trying to explain it our revised "and with your spirit" (*et cum spiritu tuo*) as falling into line with other languages throughout the world. But in fact, there's a more important reason.

"And also with you" is kind of like saying, "Same to you, Father." It's informal and it doesn't quite scratch the depth of *et cum spiritu tuo*. Instead, "and with your spirit" speaks of the grace and presence of Christ who is present and working in the person of the priest by virtue of his ordination. In a real way, when the priest says, "The Lord be with you," the assembly is really responding, "We acknowledge the grace, the presence, the Spirit of Christ in your spirit."

In a Pentecost homily, Saint John Chrysostom explained this text beautifully. He writes:

If the Holy Spirit were not in our Bishop [referring to Bishop Flavian of Antioch] when he gave the peace to all shortly before ascending to his holy sanctuary, you would not have replied to him all together, And with your spirit. This is why you reply with this expression....*reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but is it the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things which prepared that mystic sacrifice.*

Isn't this response so much richer, and doesn't it speak to the great mystery that we find the presence of Christ in the priest as he exercises the ministry of Jesus Christ (*in persona Christi*)? It's just not quite the same as "Same to you, Father," is it!

Until next week ... God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 10 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 11 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Those suffering from Addictions

Wednesday, October 12 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Memorial Enrollments

Thursday, October 13 (Weekday)

7:00PM - Mark Lajoie, by his sister, Lena

Friday, October 14 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Lillifred Reidy, by her Estate

Saturday, October 15 (St. Teresa of Jesus)

9:00AM - Rita Gayette, by her sister, Shirley

Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Rev. Rosario Ouellette, by Joan Malone

Sunday, October 16 (29th Sun. in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - Al Quadros, by the Sobocinski Family

10:30AM - Glen Charron (20th Anniversary) by the Charron and Lamb Families

6:30PM - William Sousa, by a Friend

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$ 12,901.38

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

This week *Dave & Betty Bailey* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians. Next week *Bill & Marianne*

Hutchins will receive it. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood.



Men's Retreat

The deadline for registering for the Men's annual Shiloh retreat for October 14-16 is October 10th. Do you plan to attend? The cost of the weekend is \$95, including meals and lodging. Registration forms can be found on the tables in the narthex. **No registration can be accepted after October 10th.**

Rel Ed Pre-K Thru 6TH Grade

There are no religious education classes scheduled for these following dates: Columbus Day weekend; Monday, Oct. 31, and Nov. 13 (for the bazaar). Please note that only the Sunday classes are cancelled on the bazaar weekend - Monday classes will meet as usual.

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - October 9th

C&D Hosts: Karen Jackson & Family

Monday - October 10th

Columbus Day - Office Closed - No classes!

Tuesday - October 11th

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

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

Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (6:30 PM)

CYO Registrations/RM 3 (7 PM)

Siena Singles/RM 2 (7 PM)

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 - 8:30 PM)

Wednesday - October 12th

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

Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (9:30 AM)

Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)

Choir Rehearsal/RM 1 (7:30PM)

Thursday - October 13th

Coming Home/RM 1 (7 PM)

Friday - October 14th

Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (9:30 AM)

Holy Hour-Young Adults/Chapel (7 - 8PM)

Holy Hour - Men of St Joseph/Chapel (9 - 10PM)

Saturday - October 15th

Siena Singles Book Club/RM 1 (9AM - 12N)

Hail & Farewell/Hall (7 - 9PM)

Sunday - October 16th

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

RCIA Tour of Church (11:45 AM)

Baptisms/Church (12N)

Penance Workshop/Hall & RMs (1:30-4PM)

TOB2/RM 1 (4:15 - 5:15PM)

Catholic ID/RM 2 (4:30 - 6:30 PM)



HAIL & FAREWELL

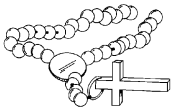
As you may know, **next Saturday, Oct. 15th** we will be celebrating both Fr. Gary's 18 years with us and Fr. Joe's beginning at a "Hail and Farewell" to be held in the Parish Hall. Please remember we will be starting at **7PM and will end around 9PM**. It is an informal night with a few words being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

Parting Gift for Father Gary

Baskets will be placed at the doors of the church this weekend for those who would like to make a donation to a parting gift for Fr Gary. There are many things that Fr Gary would like to purchase for his new parish. Would you like to help? Your donation can go a long way!

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).**



Holy Hours

The Young Adults will hold a Holy Hour from 7-8 PM in the Chapel on **Friday, October 14** followed by a Holy Hour for the Men of St. Joseph at 9PM. Spend some time in quiet prayer before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Don't know what to say or do? St. Therese of Lisieux found great consolation in her time alone with the Lord, saying, "Sometimes He just looks at me and I just look at Him."

Bulletin Announcements

Remember that announcements for the bulletin must be in the office no later than Monday morning for inclusion of the bulletin for the following week. You can send suggested 'blurbs' to Lauraine at Lauraine.Hudon@stkathryns.org or to Father Joe at fjoe@stkathryns.org and we will do our best to include them. If you need to have an announcement made from the pulpit, please let Father Joe know no later than noon on Thursday. Thank you!



Do They Have a Swimming Pool At The Seminary?

Well, perhaps not at the seminary, but there are plenty around there! Are you curious about what life is like at the seminary? Join the Young Adult Ministry for Mass, brunch, and a tour of St John's Seminary in Boston on Sunday, October 16th. We'll gather with our seminarians, Brian Shook and Ryan Brady who will show us around. Departure is from St K's parking lot at 9AM with a return to St K's that afternoon. RSVP to laurabattis@yahoo.com by **October 10th** if you're interested in attending.

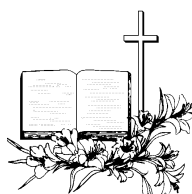
Mass of Healing & Remembrance

Father Terrence O'Connell will celebrate a Mass of Healing and Remembrance on Sunday, **Nov 13th**, beginning at 3 PM at St 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.

Called Home to the Lord

Please remember in prayer the repose of the soul of **Patricia (Patty) Murphy**, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated here Saturday. To her husband, John and family, we extend our sincere sympathy and prayerful support as well.

Thanks to all who cooked or helped with set up and serving the Mercy Meal as well. Your efforts are a tangible sign of support at these difficult times.



NET Retreat

The NET retreat for our 9th - 10th grade Confirmation candidates is taking place here on **Nov. 4th**. We are looking for some help in hosting the team. There are 11 college students, 6 young women, and 5 young men, who will need housing & a late dinner on Friday, Nov. 4th and early breakfast on Nov. 5th before they move on to their next destination. We need to keep them in groups of 2-3. Please contact Deacon Ray Marcotte at 882-7793, ext 204.

October is the Month of the Rosary

October has traditionally been marked as the "Month of the rosary". Perhaps you would consider saying a family Rosary during this month or joining the parish in the recitation of the Rosary on Saturdays. Have you forgotten how to say the Rosary, or maybe never knew how? Check out <http://www.newadvent.org/images/rosary.pdf>. Why not begin today?

Roman Missal Workshop

Would you like to learn more about the revised translation of the Roman Missal? How about some of the language and imagery that is being recovered in our prayers? Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, Oct. 26 after Vespers to hear about the Roman Missal, the purpose of a new translation, and the opportunity to "speak through" the texts that will change for the people. We expect to begin by 7:45 and end by 9PM. Fr Joe will share these texts and offer an insight into the background that brought us to this moment.

Holiday Bazaar & Penny Sale November 12 and 13

With a little more than a month to go, it's time to get things ready for this annual all-out parish wide project for our mortgage fund. We can't all do everything ... but hopefully, everybody will try to do something! Here's how:

RAFFLE TICKET sales prior to the weekend are the greatest source of revenue. Could you sell at least the \$30 in the packets? Take extras if you can! Make returns in collection, marking the envelope 'raffle'.

PENNY SALE GIFTS are new items that you would like to win. Shop the sales! Items can be given to a greeter at Mass or dropped off in the office entry. Please have them in by Nov. 1st.

THEME BASKETS are always a hit. Perhaps you want to put one together? Simply bring to Mass or office as noted above for gifts. It is always amazing to see how creative people get!

BAKERS & WORKERS will be needed. The Bake Sale is always a big hit and working for a couple of hours that weekend is a lot of fun too! Sign up lists will be out next weekend. Watch for them ... save some time for us now, ok? The event is from 9AM - 6PM Saturday and 9AM - 3PM on Sunday.

PACKETS ARE AT CHURCH DOORS if you've yet to grab one. Details and ideas about gifts and theme baskets are included along with a letter and raffle tickets.

CRAFTERS could use some extra help as we get down to the wire - no experience necessary. Come to the craft room (basement of office building) anytime between 6:30 and 9PM on Tuesdays and 9:30AM - 12N on Wednesday and Fridays.

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, grapenut 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.")



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).

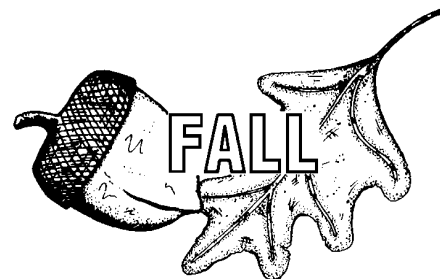
Attention Crafters

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 and Fridays 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.



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.



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. *Please 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!



Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Libasci

What does one give to a new bishop? Certainly, our Bishop-designate will need "things", but the greatest gifts we can offer to him are our prayers and our support.

We are looking to create a spiritual bouquet for Bishop Libasci to present to him on the day of his installation on December 8th. Would you like to offer a rosary (or several); a day of fast; perhaps a Holy Communion or two; maybe you could offer the sacrifice of your work or suffering for his intentions.

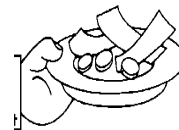
If you would like to participate in this spiritual bouquet, please call the office or email Fr Joe at frjoe@stkathryns.org to let us know what you may want to offer to our new bishop in prayer.



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DEBT STATUS

The outstanding balance on our loan with the Diocese as of September 30th stands at \$126,074.92. The balance on hand in our savings account from which we withdraw monthly mortgage payments of \$10,000.00 is \$48,599.54.



Reverse Raffle

St. Francis of Assisi School in Litchfield will hold a "reverse Raffle" on **Friday, Oct. 28th** at St. Catherine of Siena School Gym in Manchester from 6-9 PM. Only 150 tickets will be sold at \$100/ticket with the prizes as follows:

- 5 prizes at \$100
- 2 prizes at \$250
- 2 prizes at \$500
- 1 prize at \$1,000

Your \$100 donation includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and beverages as well as 4 "Lucky Chance" raffle tickets. There will also be tickets for an HP laptop computer, these baskets, etc. For more info please contact Nate Stanton at stano1520@gmail.com Or at 603.401.0842 no later than Saturday, Oct. 15th.

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