

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Can you believe that we're only a month away from the Solemnity of Christ the King? As the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we'll be using the "familiar" words of the Mass for the last time and venture out, on the First Sunday of Advent, with the revised translation of the Roman Missal. It could be a bit awkward at first, just as any change to the liturgy becomes, but before long, the "new" words will become as comfortable to us as a pair of old shoes. While a part of this will be good for the sake of the flow of the liturgy, I think we always have to be careful not to let the words lose their meaning by becoming too comfortable. Rather, the words of the Mass, the words of our prayer, should challenge us to think beyond the surface meaning and help us to enter into the mystery of what we celebrate: the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

What can we look forward to with the revised translation? We will hear words coming directly from the Sacred Scriptures, such as the words of the centurion, "Lord, I am not worthy than you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." The shift from "And also with you" to "and with your spirit," as we talked about in the bulletin a few weeks ago, offers a deeper theological reflection on the spirit of Christ that resides in priest who acts *in persona Christi* for the assembly. The easiest change will take place in the Holy, holy, holy when we change from "Lord God of power and might" to the words of Isaiah the prophet, "Lord God of hosts." Will we trip up from time to time? Absolutely! But even our occasional mistakes will allow us to stop and re-think what we are saying. And, if there are any of you in the congregation who are like me and engage the mouth before the mind, our mistakes here and there will serve to remind us well to think about the words we will say.

Now, specifically for the life of the parish, we're getting close! The bazaar is just around the corner and we need help! Remember that the proceeds of the bazaar go directly to paying off the mortgage on the church. *This could be the year we burn the mortgage, but we can only do it with your help!* Workers are needed; prizes for the penny sale and theme baskets are needed; raffle tickets have to be returned. The FUNdraising committee has been working so hard, and although they are reasonably comfortable that the bazaar will go well, this is my first go-round with you and with the bazaar. Won't you help to prevent your new pastor from getting an ulcer? While not all of us can do everything, every one of us can do something. So, get out there and sell raffle tickets; volunteer for a couple of hours of service; donate a penny sale prize or a theme basket; come on down and support the bazaar. See? Among all of those options, there's *something* you can do. Now, just make sure it happens, and please God, by this time next year, we'll be able to burn that mortgage. Can you imagine what a grand celebration that will be? It will all happen if *you* do *your* part!

Thank you to our FUNdraising committee for all of your hard work. I know the people of Saint Kathryn's will not let you down!

Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 31 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Lillifred Reidy, by her Estate

Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints)

9:00AM - Sr Suzette Tanguay, by Sr Janet Eppolito

7:00PM - Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls)

7:00AM - All Souls Novena

9:00AM - All Souls Novena

7:00PM - All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 3 (St Martin dePorres)

7:00PM - All Souls Novena

Friday, November 4 (St. Charles Borromeo)

9:00AM - All Souls Novena

First Friday

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

Saturday, November 5 (Weekday)

9:00AM - All Souls Novena

Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Andrew Lorrain, by his daughter, Michele & Brian McCormack

Sunday, November 6 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - All Souls Novena

10:30AM - All Souls Novena

6:30PM - All Souls Novena

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

This week *Wanda Bushey* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians.

Next week *Evelyn & Joe Anziano* will receive it.

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



Saint Gianna's Closet

Keep your eyes open for an appeal for clothing for Saint Gianna's Closet in the near future. We'll be looking for baby clothes—but not quite yet. More information will be forthcoming.

Children's Choir is Looking for You!!

The children's choir is looking for you to make a joyful noise to the Lord during the 8:30 children's liturgies this year. If you are 6 years or older, join us for our rehearsals on Sundays at 9:15AM in Room 2. Any questions, please call Nancy in the office.



Children's Liturgy

Note to all St. Kathryn families - the first children's liturgy is Sunday, **Nov. 6th** at 8:30 Mass. This Mass is for kids, by kids! Join us!

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - October 30th

C&D Hosts: Evelyn & Joe Anziano
Rel Ed, Grp 2/RMs 1-6 (10AM - 12N)
Catholic ID/RM 1 (4:30 - 6:30 PM)

Monday - October 31st

Rel Ed/RMs 2-5 (5 - 6:15 PM)
RCIA/RM 1 (7 PM)

Tuesday - November 1st

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)
Catholic ID/RM 1 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 - 8:30 PM)

Wednesday - November 2nd

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1-6:45 PM)
Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (9:30 AM)
K of C Bus Mtg/Hall B (7PM)
Choir Rehearsal/Loft (8 PM)

Thursday - November 3rd

Coming Home/Chapel (7:30 PM)

Friday - November 4th

Crafters Workshop/Craft Room (9:30 AM)
Homeschoolers/RMs 1,2,3,4,5 (9:30 AM)
NET/Hall (4 - 9PM)
Nocturnal Adoration/Chapel (7:30 PM ...)
Cursillo/Ultreya/RM 2 (8 PM)

Saturday - November 5th

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

Sunday - November 6th

Rel Ed, Grp 1/RMs 1-6 (10AM - 12N)
Catholic ID/RM 1 (4:30 - 6:30 PM)
Workcamp/RM 1 (7 PM)

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pro populo Masses

What is a “pro populo Mass”? It is a Mass offered for the intentions of the people of the parish, usually, but not necessarily, celebrated by the pastor of the community. We are required by Church Law to celebrate a Mass “pro populo” weekly. As you know, our Masses are scheduled well in advance, and many times, even the principal Mass must bear an intention. We will *eventually* work our way toward a weekly *pro populo*, but in the meantime, know that you and your intentions are remembered by Father Joe at each and every Mass.

KEEPING SUNDAY – ALL DAY

Celebrating the Sunday Eucharist – though central and essential – does not complete our observance of Sunday. In addition to attending Mass each Sunday, we should also refrain “from those activities which impede the worship of God and disturb the joy proper to the day of the Lord or the necessary relaxation of mind and body” (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 453).

Sunday has traditionally been a day of rest. However, the concept of a day of rest may seem odd in a world that runs 24/7, where we are tethered to our jobs by a variety of electronic gadgets, where businesses run as normal no matter what the day of the week, and where silence seems to be an endangered species. By taking a day each week to rest in the Lord, we provide a living example to the culture that all time belongs to God and that people are more important than things.

As Pope John Paul II said in *Dies Domini* (*The Day of the Lord*), his apostolic letter on Sunday: Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks can find their proper perspective: the material things about which we worry give way to spiritual values; in a moment of encounter and less pressured exchange, we see the true face of the people with whom we live. Even the beauties of nature – too often marred by the desire to exploit, which turns against man himself – can be rediscovered and enjoyed to the full. (*Dies Domini*, no. 67) Not everyone has the freedom to take Sundays away from work. Some people, including medical professionals and public safety workers, must work on Sundays to keep the rest of us safe and healthy. Others must work for economic reasons beyond their control. Resting on Sunday does not mean that we are inactive. Instead, Sunday is traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the

infirm, and the elderly. Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week. Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life. (CCC, no. 2186)

To celebrate the Lord’s Day more fully, consider trying the following:

- ✠ Don’t use Sunday as your catch-all day for errands and household chores.
- ✠ Share a family dinner after Mass. Have the whole family join in the preparation and cleanup.
- ✠ Go for a walk or bike ride and give thanks to God for the beauty of nature.
- ✠ Spend time reading the Bible or a spiritual book.
- ✠ Pray the Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours, alone or with others.
- ✠ Volunteer in a local food pantry.
- ✠ Visit parishioners and others who are homebound.
- ✠ Read Bible stories to your children.
- ✠ Turn off your gadgets and enjoy the silence.

As we take time each week to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in the Eucharist and to rest from the burdens of our daily lives, we remind ourselves that we are made in the image and likeness of God who “rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken” (Gn 2:2).

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Thank you!

I want to express my deepest thanks to all of you for the wonderful "Hail and Farewell" gathering on October 15th. It was a delightful night that I think was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the organizers, to the decorators, to those who provided food, to those who "roasted" Father Gary and me, and to everyone who came on that night to wish us both well in these new endeavors. Your kind thoughts and well-wishes, your gifts, and, of course, shoes large enough for both Father Gary and me, are but marvelous reminders of a fun-filled evening and profoundly loving thoughts. Thank you....and may our next 20 years together be as happy as was that night. God bless!
-Father Joe

All Saints Day

The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 1**. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on October 31 and at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on November 1. All Masses will be celebrated in the church. The homeschoolers will be present at the 9 a.m. Mass, many of whom will be dressed as saints. We welcome our homeschooling children among us.

All Souls Day

The Commemoration of All Souls will take place on **November 2**. There will be nine Masses offered for those who have requested our prayers in the All Souls Remembrance. Masses will be celebrated at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on All Souls Day. The 7 p.m. Mass will be the more solemn celebration with the reading of the names of all who were buried from Saint Kathryn's during the past year. We invite members of the families of the recently deceased to join us and to place a vigil light around the baptismal font during the announcement of the names of their loved ones.



RCIA Prayer Partners

The Inquiry Phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults has been continuing since September with a wonderful group of inquirers (non-Catholics exploring our faith). We rely on the prayers of everyone in our Saint Kathryn community to support these inquirers as they discern their membership in the Catholic Church. We are also in need of individuals or families who would "adopt" one of our inquirers as a prayer partner. What is involved?



- You are given the name and address of someone in the process and are asked to pray for them each day in whatever way you wish;
- You send them anonymous cards or notes every couple of weeks to let them know of your prayerful support. You keep your identity a secret! (You will reveal yourself after the Easter Vigil.)
- Children can be involved in prayer and their homemade cards and notes are always well received by the candidates.

Are you interested? Please email Father Joe (frjoe@stkathryns.org) with your name and address and let him know that you are willing to be a prayer partner.

Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance of the Dead will be available for you to write the names of "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." The book will be closed solemnly before the 4 p.m. Mass on **November 26th**. Please write the names of family members, friends, colleagues who have died in this book so that we may remember them through the month of November.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seminarian Brian Shook's Birthday



Our seminarian, Brian Shook, will be celebrating his birthday on November 5th. Your thoughtful cards and notes mean so much. If you wish to send him greetings, you may mail them to:

Mr. Brian Shook
Saint John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, MA 02135

Parish Registration

Are you a registered member of Saint Kathryn's parish? Registration is an important part of our life here, because it is through registration in the parish that we can confirm active participation in the life of the community. How does this help us to help you? We are able to verify that you are a practicing Catholic and what sacraments you have received. When the time comes for us to sign off for Baptism or Confirmation sponsors, we are able to do so. Without registration in the parish, we are unable to do so - not by parish policy, but according to the law of the Church. In fact, parish registration is of benefit to *you*. If you haven't registered yet, please speak with Father Joe soon!

Greeters Needed

Anyone interested in being a greeter is asked to call the office with your name, phone # and your mass of choice. We always try to accommodate your requests when possible. We have an immediate need for the 4PM Mass. If you can help please call before **November 10th**.

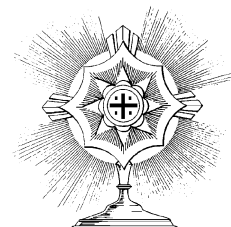
Coffee and Donuts

Don't forget that Coffee and Donuts are served after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on most Sundays in the parish hall. Gather with other parishioners, visitors and friends for some time of fellowship after Mass along with a good cup of coffee and a donut. Your donations in the "wooden churches" help us to keep this time of fellowship going. Thank you!



Nocturnal Adoration

This Friday and this Saturday mark the First Friday and First Saturday of the month. The Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is at 7 p.m. Friday followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany of the Sacred Heart. The opportunity to continue in adoration continues through the night, concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, followed by the 9 a.m. Votive Mass of Our Lady. Join us in a spirit of adoration and reparation, uniting ourselves to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



Adorers: Please be aware of your time for adoration. The Blessed Sacrament may not be left unattended. Are you interested in signing up? Please contact Deacon Ray as soon as possible at the rectory office.

Seeking Adult Volunteers

St. Kathryn Youth Ministry is seeking adult coordinators to lead teens to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. John's Church in Hudson. Those interested should contact Dan Goddu at dan.goddu@stkathryns.org.

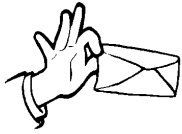


World Community Day, 2011

Nashua Area Church Women United will celebrate World Community Day on **Friday, November 4**, at Nashua Presbyterian Church, 1010 West Hollis Street, with coffee and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and the service at 10:30 a.m. The theme, "Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action," relates the goals from Micah of justice and mercy to Jesus' demand that we reexamine our own our own lives so that service in action can be unlocked. Salvation Army Captain Norma Moore will be the speaker. All women are invited to attend. For information, call Bobbie Knickerbocker at 603.579.0603.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

All who currently have a box of envelopes will notice that they are running low. There will be tables set up in the narthex on the weekends of **November 19-20** and **November 26-27** with your new boxes ready to pick up. They will be arranged in numerical order and your name will be on a label on the box. Confirm your name and



number and take yours so we can get those out as soon as possible. *If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to get one for 2012, you will find a section of*

unlabeled boxes. **Please note: whether new or taking your same number again—it is important to fill out the ‘Initial Offering’ envelope completely.** This links your name/number in our files. We want to make sure that we credit you appropriately for your offerings.

Workcamp

Workcampers are back at it again! This year, the Lord is leading them to descend upon Buffalo, NY from 7/1-7/7 for the 2012 trip! The next Workcamp planning meeting will be Sunday, **November 6th**, 2011. Workcampers meet for Holy Mass at 6:30 then head downstairs to Room 1.

DTS

The next meeting of the Dead Theologian Society (DTS) is Thursday, **November 17th** beginning at 6:45 in Room 2.

Save The Dates!

Jason Evert (Catholic teen chastity speaker)
Saturday, March 24, 2012; 7:00 PM,
St. Catherine of Sienna, 207 Hemlock St.,
Manchester, NH.

Matthew Kelly (Author of “Rediscovering Catholicism”)
Saturday, June 9, 2012; 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM, St. Kathryn Church.

Holiday Bazaar & Penny Sale

WE NEED YOU - TO DO YOUR PART TO HELP IN THIS PARISH-WIDE EFFORT AS WE GET DOWN TO THE WIRE! WE'RE ONLY 3 WEEKS AWAY!

PENNY SALE GIFTS & THEME BASKETS should be brought in no later than **Nov. 1st**!

BAKERS & WORKERS are needed. Sign up lists are out this weekend. Could you give us a couple of hours - between 9AM and 6PM on Saturday or 9AM to 3PM on Sunday?

RAFFLE TICKET SALES prior to the event have always been the source of highest profit. Have you sold the \$30 worth that were in the packets? Could you please try and get returns in by **Sunday, Nov. 6th**? Simply return in the collection basket in envelope marked ‘raffle’.

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.

Thanks to all who do so much already!

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.

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