

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I will admit to you that when I commented about my weekly announcement about the bazaar, it struck me that we're already here! It seemed so distant back in September, and here we are today in the midst of it. What's that old expression, "time flies when you're having fun"? Well it has been a fast couple of months for sure!

Even as we look at how quickly we've arrived at the bazaar, it's amazing that we're so close to the end of the liturgical year. Next Sunday is already the Solemnity of Christ the King and the conclusion of this year of grace. We've all experienced a lot of change this year, especially since the summer, and as we gather together, we're mindful of the many ways the Lord has blessed us and led us into a more loving relationship with Him. Sometimes that relationship has probably seemed very "comfortable," while other times it may have seemed quite distant. Sometimes we've all probably wondered, "What is God doing?" and at other times, simply marveled at His work.

It really has been quite the liturgical year. And as we look forward to the beginning of a new one, there are so many more changes on the way. With the revision of the translation of the Roman Missal, we'll make our way through new words and new images. Undoubtedly, we'll all, at one point or another, fall into the old patterns of responses, give the "oops" look to those sitting around us, and make a mental note to be careful next time. In the meantime, we'll smile at one another and acknowledge that yes, we're all making those "mistakes" from time to time, but it doesn't negate our desire to praise God.

Now what is it that we need to do to prepare ourselves for a new year and for new opportunities to experience God's grace? I've got a load of suggestions for myself and thought I might share a few with you. Among the things that I have to do this year is to celebrate the sacrament of Penance more regularly. I'm kind of a "three-week guy," but give myself some leeway if life has been too busy, if I've needed to negotiate extra appointments, or if I just haven't had enough chance to sin. Well, I admit that it starts that way for me and then can devolve so easily into "oh, the sun came out on Wednesday," or "I had dinner after Mass on Thursday night." So, it's my plan in the new liturgical year to keep to my three-week cycle and to stop making excuses for myself. A second "resolution" as it were, is to catch up on my reading—both spiritual and enjoyment. I love to read, but find it so much easier to do other things—surf the internet, watch a movie, play with the dogs, research something for the parish. Now that I've encouraged a few people from the parish to read "The Dialogues of Saint Catherine of Siena," I've decided to pick it up again and read through them after years of collecting dust on my bookshelf. My last resolution is something that you won't be able to do, but it is my intent to complete. I've been writing a historical/theological book on the stained glass windows at the Cathedral. The intent is to create a "coffee table book" with photographs, scripture references, meditations and the history of the development and interesting "treasures" in each one. Now that the research has resurfaced after my move, I can begin to write again in earnest. Granted, it's a little bit of pleasure for me, but hopefully it will be a source of inspiration for others who read it.



So now, on to the bazaar, to meeting new friends, to delve into more of the work of our community. Come on and join us ... it will be great fun!

Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 14 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Memorial Enrollments

Tuesday, November 15 (Weekday)

7:00PM - John Ulricson, by Carolyn & Richard Dotchin

Wednesday, November 16 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Health of Kellie Lorrain, by Brian and Michele McCormack

Thursday, November 17 (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

7:00PM - Dolores & Paul Simoneau, by Earl & Family

Friday, November 18 (Weekday)

9:00AM - George Desrosier (8th Anniversary), by Jocelyne Wheeler & Family

Saturday, November 19 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Pauline & Vincent Grasso, by their daughter, Santa

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

4:00PM - Gerard Drouin, by Bob & Denise Chandonnet

Sunday, Nov. 20 (Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)

8:30AM - Joe Stephen (7th Anniversary), by Jocelyne & Family

10:30AM - Dominique & Loretta Coulon, by Robert and Lucille Lemay

6:30PM - Intentions of our Parishioners (Pro Populo)

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$16,100.61

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

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

Next week *Maureen Thomas* will receive it. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood.



Christmas Wafers

Once again, we will make the packets of Christmas wafers (oplatek) available for your table prayer at Christmas. Many in the parish have found this ancient Slavic Christmas tradition—the “bread of reconciliation” – to be a special part of their Christmas celebration. The wafers will be available after Masses, while they last, starting on the first Sunday of Advent, November 26-27.

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - November 13th

Holiday Bazaar/Hall & RMs (9AM - 3PM)
Catholic ID/Youth RM (4:30 - 6:30 PM)

Monday - November 14th

Prize Pick-Up/RM 2 (8AM - 8PM)
JH Rel Ed/RM 1 (5 - 6:15 PM)
Catholic ID/RM 3 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
RCIA/RM 1 (7 PM)

Tuesday - November 15th

RCIC/RM 3 (5:45 - 6:45 PM)
Cub Scouts/Hall A (6 - 8PM)
Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 - 8:30 PM)

Wednesday - November 16th

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1-7 PM)
Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)
K of C Officer Mtg/RM 3 (7PM)
Choir Rehearsal/RM 1 (7:30PM)

Thursday - November 17th

Homeschool/Hall, RM 1 (1:30 - 4:30 PM)
DTS/RM 2 (6:45 PM)

Friday - November 18th

Homeschool/Hall A, RM 4 (9:30 - 11:30 AM)
Mom's Group/RM 1 (9:30 - 11:30 AM)

Saturday - November 19th

GR 7 & 8 Rel Ed/RMs 2,4,5,6 (9AM - 12N)
NFP/RM 1 (7 - 9PM)

Sunday - November 20th

Children's Choir Rehearsal/RM 2 (9:15 - 10AM)
Rel Ed, Grp 1/RMs 1-6 (10AM - 12N)
Penance Workshop/Hall & RMs (1:30 - 4PM)
Catholic ID/RM 1 (4:30 - 6:30 PM)
Workcamp Mtg/RM 1 (7:30 PM)

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

New Titles from Lighthouse Catholic Media

The kiosk has been restocked with some new CDs and materials. Be sure to check out new CDs from Jeff Cavins (“15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering”), and Blessed Mother Teresa (“Mary, Handmaid of the Lord”). There are also CDs from Patrick Matrid, Dr. Scott Hahn, and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Please check out a new CD by Dr. Edward Sri entitled, “A Walk Through the New Mass Translation” and its accompanying booklet. Enjoy! The Lighthouse Catholic Media display is sponsored by Hudson Monument and Presentation of Mary Academy.

Passion and Purpose Live with Matthew Kelly

Have you ever wondered if God was speaking to you or was it just a voice in your head? Do you know how to tell the difference? This is just one of the many things you will learn during the Passion and Purpose event. Being a dynamic Catholic means knowing how to apply the incredible genius of Catholicism in our everyday lives. Most Catholics feel inadequate when it comes to doing this, so Matthew Kelly has put together a one-day retreat to change that. This is a day that will leave you energized, educated, and inspired! And the best of it all is that the event will be held right here at Saint Kathryn’s!

The event will take place on Saturday, **June 9, 2012** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. To register, go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/passion-purpose-events>. The cost is \$9 per person. Matthew Kelly was born in Sydney, Australia, where he began speaking and writing in 1993. Since that time he has traveled in more than fifty countries and spoken to over four million people. He has written twelve books which have appeared on the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today* bestseller lists and have been published in twenty-five languages. His titles include, *The Rhythm of Life*, *The Dream Manager*, and *Building Better Families*.

Save the Date!

Jason Evert (Catholic teen chastity speaker)
Saturday, **March 24, 2012** at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Catherine of Siena Church, 207 Hemlock Street, Manchester, NH.

DTS

The next meeting of the Dead Theologian Society (DTS) has been cancelled for Thursday, **November 17th**.

Thank You from Sister Sarah

Dear Reverend Father and Vocation Support Association,

We were amazed by the influx of mail coming to me this past week! Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and the cards and gifts you sent is evidence of this. The sisters were impressed by how supportive my parish is, and they were encouraged as I told them of all you do to aid our seminarians and myself. You are a blessing to us all!

What so many of you wrote to me also greatly uplifted my heart. Yes, this vocation is beautiful, and it is such a grace to be allowed to live in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord at all times! My life right now consists in this primarily. We’re either on our knees in the chapel or learning how to remain in God’s presence and the practice of prayer as we go about our chores and studies. While challenging, there is also great joy and peace in this. Know that I pray often for all of you, and for the diocese – for Father Cooper and for our newly appointed bishop.

May the Lord and His Blessed Mother give you every grace you need to radiate His holiness to the world!

Sincerely,
Sister Sarah

Anne Marie House

It's that time again for our week to host at Anne Marie House. Our rotation will take place during the week of Nov. 20-27 – which is also the week of Thanksgiving. Although the holidays can be difficult for many to share their time due to our



busy schedules, please keep the guests of AMH in mind. Saint Kathryn's Parish is one of the largest parishes to support the House. Yet, every hosting week we either rely on other communities to share in the hosting support, or see the same

names appear multiple times in the schedule. Please prayerfully consider sharing a two-hour time block with the House during this very busy week for most. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated by the families, the Key Coordinators, and the staff at Anne Marie House. If you are interested in volunteering, and have already been trained, please contact Heather Sylvia at 603.883.7336 to get on the schedule. If you have not been trained, but are interested, please inquire by contacting Heather for more information and training. Later in the bulletin is a brief description of the work and mission of Anne Marie House.

Cry Room

It's so good to have as many children as we do coming to church! They are our present and they are our future. Remember that the cry room is for those temporary "time out" moments that little ones sometimes need when they get fussy. When the little ones fuss, the cry room is there; when they settle down, please come out and join the rest of the assembly. And don't forget that we have "Little Church" during the 10:30 Mass. Take advantage of the programs we offer, but please plan to spend the bulk of the time with the rest of the community.

Advent is Coming!

Advent, and the beginning of the new liturgical year, will be here before you know it! So what will be the spiritual opportunities that we can anticipate in this holy season?



Reflections on the Prayers of the Mass in Advent

On **November 30**, December 7, 14 and 21, Father Joe will offer a brief reflection on the prayers that we will use at the following Sunday Mass following the 7:00 PM. Vespers and Benediction. This time will help us dig a little deeper into the revised edition of the Roman Missal and give us some advance opportunity to hear the prayers of Advent and allow the words to touch our hearts more deeply. This is not a "progressive" program, so each week can stand on its own merit.

Advent Evensong

Each Sunday of Advent, we will gather at 4:00 PM for quiet prayer and songs of the Advent season in the presence of *Emmanuel*—God-with us in the Blessed Sacrament. The half hour ends with Benediction. (The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 3:00 PM each Sunday for those who may wish to come early for some personal quiet prayer as well.)

Children's Liturgy

The first children's liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, **Dec. 4th** at 8:30 Mass to celebrate the feast of St Nick. This Mass is for kids and by kids! Anyone interested in joining the Children's Choir are asked to call Nancy in the office.

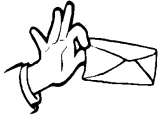
Retreat for 2nd Graders!

Reminder that the retreat for 2nd graders preparing for 1st Penance is **November 20th** from 1:30 - 4:30 PM in the hall. Pictures for First Communion will be taken.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Please remember that we often use the envelopes to verify that a person is an active, participating member of the parish, especially when asked to complete sponsor certificates for baptism and confirmation. Using the envelopes can help us to help you!

Open House at Nashua Catholic

There will be an open house at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School on Sunday, December 4 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. beginning in the gym at 6 Bartlett Avenue in Nashua. Following some introductory information, there will be an opportunity for a tour of the school and meetings with the staff. Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, faith-based curriculum and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our three full seasons of Tri-County League athletic participation combined with our commitment to student service activity and a full contingent of extracurricular activities round our each student’s day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School.

Bazaar Prize Pickups

Will you be among the lucky winners at the bazaar this weekend? If so, you can pick up your winnings on **Monday, November 14th between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** in Room 2 in the church. Thank you for your support and congratulations on your winnings!

Confirmation Rehearsal

Just a reminder that Confirmation rehearsal is Saturday, **December 3rd** after the 4PM Mass in the church.

Weekly Day of Prayer

Take advantage of a great mid week refresher; some quality quiet and one-on-one time with the Lord! The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar of the transept chapel each Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:45 AM and again from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction closes the day at 7PM.



Christmas Bazaar

Saint Louis de Gonzague Parish will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, **November 19th**, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tables are available to rent at \$20.00 for one table and \$30.00 for two. Please call Lorraine Audet at 603.429.2168 for more information. Homemade bread, tourtiere (pork pies), baked beans and sugar pies will be available. You can preorder meat pies by calling Simone Quirion at 603.883.9248 or Lorraine Audet at 603.429.2168.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We extend a warm welcome to these folks who recently registered and are the newest members of our parish family:

Cindy Anderson; Kerry, Sherri & Brooke Flanagan; Nikki Jussaume; Bill Miller

Anne Marie House

Anne Marie House, located on the property of Presentation of Mary Academy, is a transitional housing shelter. Originally, the program was called the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network (GNIHN), and the families traveled from church to church during their hosting week, staying in meetings rooms or halls. As the program grew, the people involved in this ministry realized that there was a need to have a stable place where the hosting communities (churches) would come and provide the same service ministry in a common "house." This was the birth of Anne Marie House. Each week, different communities join forces to provide the families with a safe place to live. The program is staffed primarily by volunteers who provide "blocks" of time to host the house. The daily schedule is:

- 6:30-8:30 a.m.—one-two volunteer hosts
- 8:30-10:00 a.m.—one host
- 10:00 a.m.-12 noon—one host
- 12:00-2:00 p.m.—one host
- 2:00-4:00 p.m.—one host
- 4:00-5:30 p.m.—two hosts & one to prepare dinner
- 5:30-7:00 p.m.—two hosts
- 7:00-9:00 p.m.—two hosts
- 9:00 p.m.-6:30 a.m.—2 overnight hosts

Fourteen volunteers are needed daily for each 7-day hosting week, for a total of 98 hosts. Some couples will visit and host for two time blocks, and that may reduce the number of volunteers needed for one day, but the responsibility is still difficult for the Key Coordinators to fill the calendar with hosts for the whole week.

The primary responsibilities of the volunteer on duty includes answering the door and phone, availability to families if they need something from the food pantry or cleaning closet, or supervising from the dining room area if a guest wishes to cook. The volunteers also do a walk around each hour to ensure that the stairwell doors are closed for safety purposes.

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DEBT STATUS

The outstanding balance on our loan with the Diocese as of October 31st stands at \$116,551.99. The balance on hand in our savings account from which we withdraw monthly mortgage payments of \$10,000.00 is \$38,653.47.



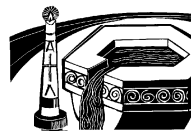
Generally speaking, one host is needed during the day on the weekdays because the staff is available. Weekends will require two volunteers during the day since the staff is not present.

The goal of Anne Marie House is to end homelessness one family at a time. The families meet weekly with trained staff members to begin to rebuild their lives.

The program exists only with the support of AMH's hosting communities. The house provides a lovely atmosphere where we can see God's work in action with the combined effort of the interfaith communities that share in the same ministry of helping all of God's children. For more information about Anne Marie House, please call Heather Sylvia at 603.883.7338.



Recently Baptized!



Benjamin Guadalupe Campos and Stella Mae Dooley were given new life in water and the Holy Spirit on October 16th in our church. To their parents, we extend our best wishes and prayerful support as they live out the promises made at their Baptism!

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