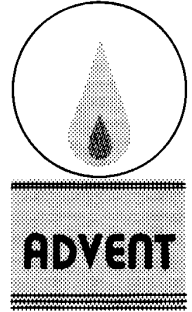


THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It may seem like a strange comment to make, but “Happy New Year!” While we’re still more than a month away from the beginning of a new calendar year, we are, today, beginning our new liturgical year with a fair amount of changes to accompany it. This new year of grace is one that will encourage us to hear the prayers of the Mass with new ears; to be more thoughtful in making our responses at Mass; and to increase among us a sense of the sacred, simply in the language that will be used. We can greet this revised translation with joy, knowing that the imagery, words and actions of the Mass will be for the praise and glory of God.



In terms of praying at Mass, you’ll notice that the words really call us to reflect on the mystery that takes place at the altar. They might seem awkward at first, having become quite comfortable with the responses we’ve used over the last forty years. “And with your spirit” will cause more than a few glances toward one another when we might lapse into “And also with you.” It’s ok—we can give ourselves the benefit of a learning curve. We might trip over “I believe in one God” rather than “We believe in one God” and words like “consubstantial,” but again, we’ll give ourselves the time to become accustomed to the new language. The important thing to remember is that God is praised even in our imperfect worship. It will take time, but before long, these revised words will also become familiar to us.

One of the things you’ll notice beginning this weekend is that, when Deacon Ray or Deacon Michael or another deacon is present at Mass, they will lead the Prayer of the Faithful. This is actually an ancient practice in the Church since it was the deacon who was often engaged in the daily life of the people, so he knew and understood their needs and prayers. It was he who gathered up these petitions and placed them before God in the name of the assembly.

Father Michael Kwatera, OSB, quotes in his book, *The Liturgical Ministry of Deacons*, that “Making intercession in the name of the assembly has traditionally been a diaconal role because it is the deacon, serving among the people in a ministry of charity, who ought to know well the needs of the community. He can give voice to those needs. The deacon, therefore, has an intercessory function within the Eucharist, and in any liturgy in which intercessions and litanies figure. In a sense, the intercessions are the prototype of diaconal prayer.”

So, in this “New Year” of grace, we look to new images, new language, and an opportunity to renew our relationship with God. There are so many graces that the Lord has in store for us—in language, in worship, in opportunities for learning and for doing charity—that we can rely on God’s love for us “by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall” (Eucharistic Prayer II).

Happy New Year!
Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28 (Advent Weekday)

9:00AM - Gloria McKenna, by the Schofield Family

Tuesday, November 29 (Advent Weekday)

7:00PM - Lilifred Reidy, by her Estate

Wednesday, November 30 (St. Andres)

9:00AM - Norm Sigman, by Robert & Lucille Lemay

Thursday, December 1 (Advent Weekday)

7:00PM - Simon Thibodeau, by Lou & Sie Dalpe

Friday, December 2 (Advent Weekday)

9:00AM - Patty Murphy, by Karen Dill

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

Saturday, December 3 (St. Francis Xavier)

9:00AM - Clement Lajoie, by his daughter, Lena

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00PM - Doris Gill, by Paul & Claudette Roy

Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

8:30AM - August & Deborah Jungbluth, by their Son

10:30AM - Eva Jeglinski (13th Anniversary), by Nancy and Jean Paul Charron

6:30PM - Honore (Jr) Gendron (2nd Anniversary), by his wife, Ellie

Sanctuary Lamps in Church

In Memory of John Tufo, by his daughter,
Liz & Walter Martin

Sanctuary Lamps in Chapel

Intentions of Maria Dewey Arcano, by Friends

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Due to early printing Offertory will be
published next weekend

Red Cross Blood Drive



The need is great especially this time of year! Please consider taking part in our next blood drive, sponsored by the K of C. Please join us next Saturday - **Dec. 3rd** from 9AM to 3PM in our parish hall. If you'd like to save time you may pre-register for a certain time slot by calling (800) 733-2767 or just walk in!

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary



This week *Ed & Marie Cotter* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians.

Next week *Mark & Jennifer*

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

The Week At A Glance ...

Sunday - November 27th

C&D Hosts: Coming Home Team/Hall

Children's Choir Rehearsal/RM 2 (9:15 - 10AM)

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

Holy Hr Teens for Life/Chapel (after 10:30 Mass)

Catholic ID/RM 1 (4:30 - 6:30 PM)

Monday - November 28th

Rel Ed/RMs 2-5 (5 - 6:15 PM)

Catholic ID/RM 2 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)

RCIA/RM 1 (7 PM)

Scout Parent Mtg/RM 4 (7 PM)

Tuesday - November 29th

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

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

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 PM)

Wednesday - November 30th

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

Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)

Choir Rehearsal/RM 1 (7:30PM)

Friday - December 2nd

Homeschoolers/RMs 1,2,3,4,5 (9:30 - 11:30 AM)

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

Cursillo/Ultreya/RM 2 (8 PM)

Saturday - December 3rd

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

K of C Blood Drive/Hall (9AM - 3PM)

1st Gr Advent Gathering/Hall (5:30 - 7PM)

Sunday - December 4th

Coffee & Donuts/Hall (after AM Masses)

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

Baptismal Catechesis/RM 1 (12:15 PM)

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

Confirmation/Church, Hall (6:30 PM)

**Christmas Cards
for Our Sisters and Seminarians**

If you would like to drop a note or Christmas card to our Sisters in formation or to our seminarians, you may send them to:

Sister Miriam MacLean, RSM

6100 Wolverton Lane, Clinton, MD 20735

Sister Janet Eppolito, PM

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer, 400 Temple Road, New Ipswich, NH 03071

Sister Sarah Munroe

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, 4597 Warren Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Mr. Michael Zgonc and Mr. Michael Sartori

St Mary Seminary, 5400 Roland Avenue,
Baltimore, MD 21210

Rev. Mr. Peter Naranjo

Blessed John XXIII Seminary, 558 South Avenue, Weston, MA 02493

Mr. Brian Shook, Mr. Ryan Brady and

Rev. Mr. Michael Clements

St John's Seminary, 127 Lake Street, Brighton,
MA 02135

Deacon Michael's birthday is also coming up on **December 18th**, so if you would like to send him your birthday greetings, you may do so at St John's Seminary or here at the parish.



Organ Recital

Father Joe will present an organ recital of Advent and Christmas music on **Thursday, December 29th**, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the church. After the hustle and bustle of Christmas, enjoy the opportunity to simply relax in the beauty of our church, to hear some lovely organ music of the Advent and Christmas seasons, and sing some of our beloved Christmas carols.

**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

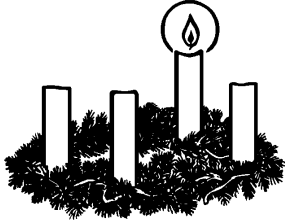
is a day that will leave you energized, educated, and inspired! And the best of it all is that the event will be held right here at Saint Kathryn's! To register for this event to be held at Saint Kathryn's on Saturday, **June 9, 2012** from 10:00 - 2:30 p.m., go to <http://www.dynammicatholic.com/passion-purpose-events>. The cost is \$39 per person. *(Please note, there was an error in this price in an earlier bulletin.)*



Matthew Kelly was born in Sydney, Australia, where he began speaking and writing in 1993. Since that time he has travelled 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 Seven Levels of Intimacy*, *The Dream Manager*, and *Building Better Families*.

Advent Wreaths and Advent Candles

Advent wreaths are available for purchase in the vestry after the Masses this weekend. The cost per wreath is \$6.00; candles for your Advent wreaths



are also available in the vestry (3 purple, 1 rose) for \$6.00. Purple sheets with prayers for use with the Family Advent Wreath are available for you at the corner table in the narthex.

This is a wonderful way to incorporate family prayer in your home and ensure that Advent doesn't simply become the "pre-Christmas rush." The Season of Advent begins a new Church year this weekend.

Confessions Before Christmas

Confessions are regularly scheduled on Saturdays from 9:30-10:00 AM and from 2:45-3:30 PM; Sundays, from 4:30-5:00 PM; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 6:00-6:45 PM. Don't put it off and possibly miss the opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. To paraphrase another kind of quote -- "Stop early and avoid the rush!"

Christmas Wafers

We are happy to make packages of *Oplatki*—the Christmas wafer of reconciliation—available today for use at your Christmas dinner table. Over the years, many have included this beautiful custom as part of their family Christmas customs.



Green sheets are available next to the packets on the corner narthex table explaining this custom and the prayers to be used.

Feel free to take one, read about it, and, then come back for a packet of wafers if you decide to use this prayer in your home. *Requested donation is \$3 per pkg.* Each packet has wafers that, when broken, can be shared among 10 people.

Advent Evensong

Each Sunday of Advent, we gather at 4 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 PM each Sunday for those who wish to come early for personal quiet prayer as well.)

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 p.m. 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.

Blessing of Expectant Couples and for All Hoping to Conceive

We invite couples to come forward on Sunday, **December 18th** to gather around the statues of Joseph, and Mary, the Expectant Mother, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass to receive this special blessing. Feel free to invite those you know who might appreciate this blessing.

Nocturnal Adoration

As we observe First Friday and First Saturday this week, we are given a wonderful opportunity to enter into the quiet of the Advent season. Mass will be offered on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Adoration will continue through the night until 8:30 a.m. with the recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Benediction and concluding with Mass at 9:00 a.m.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Called Home to the Lord

We pray for the soul of *Etta Bachelder* from our parish who was called home to the Lord recently, and whose Funeral Mass was celebrated here on November 15. We also pray for two religious Sisters who were teachers for Mary Werger, *Sister John Baptist and Sister Gertrude* of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Christmas Flower Fund

As in past years, envelopes are available at the doors beginning this weekend for any offering you may wish to make toward our Christmas flowers.



We are grateful for whatever you can share to help us adorn our church as we've done so beautifully in past years for the Christmas season. You may list the names of deceased loved ones on the envelope or the names of

living friends and relatives whom you would like remembered during the Christmas Masses and the Christmas Octave. All names will be published in the bulletin for prayerful remembrance. To be included in the bulletin, all envelopes must be in by Sunday, December 18th at the latest. Simply drop the envelope in the collection. Please be sure to print clearly so we can read the names. Thank you for whatever you may be able to do.

Infant Jesus Open House

Are you looking for an excellent elementary school where the values of academics and faith development go hand in hand? Come visit us at our Open House on **Wednesday, November 30th** from 9:30 to 11 AM in the school cafeteria (snow date: Thursday, December 1st - same time). Meet our principal, tour the school, and see what we're all about! You may also call the school office at 889-2649 or visit our website at: www.ijsschool.org for more information.

Be A Star Program

Last Advent, many families received gifts and food for Christmas because of your generous sharing through our *Be A Star* effort, in collaboration with our local St Vincent de Paul Society. The "stars" will be available this weekend, listing needed gifts for children and adults, as well as food items. We invite you to browse through them in the baskets at the Divine Mercy shrine in the narthex.

Please be sure to read what you or your children take and only take it if you are able to purchase the items. We are relying on you!



There are differently priced items to fit your budget. You will be asked to return the items **unwrapped** and placed near the sanctuary trees **by the deadline of December 11th**. We can use some helpers to sort and arrange the items as they come in, especially in the final week before the distribution (December 12-19). *As the star led seekers to find Christ in their midst, so we pray that our charity will help those we share with to find Christ's care and presence in our outreach and caring.—Be a Star!*

PMA Open House

Presentation of Mary Academy is a private Catholic school, owned and operated by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary since 1926. The Academy, known for its challenging academic environment, rooted in the tradition of the Catholic faith, provides a nurturing, co-educational environment for students in grades Pre-K through Junior High School. The next Open House will take place on Tuesday, **December 6th**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school located at 182 Lowell Road here in Hudson. For more information, please contact June Nolet in the admissions office at 603.889.6054 x203 or visit the school website at www.pmaschool.org.

Children's Liturgy

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

First Grade Advent Family Gathering

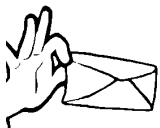
The first grade Advent Family Gathering is next Saturday, **Dec 3rd** from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Bernie Choiniere and his girls will lead us in song and prayer! Children's 'Visits to Church' Journals are to be turned in at the gathering.

Retreat for 2nd Graders!

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

Weekly Offering Envelopes

All who currently have a box of envelopes will notice that the boxes are now empty. There are tables set up in the narthex this weekend with your new boxes ready to pick up. The boxes are



arranged in numerical order along with your name. 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 use one for 2012, you may take a box from the 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!

ST KATHRYN FINANCE RPT - Oct. 2011



Acct Bal 9/30/11 \$ 9,565.30

INCOME: Oct. 2011 \$57,695.73

EXP: Salaries/Taxes \$24,230.46
 Rel Ed \$ 399.80
 Office Exp. \$ 391.37
 Music Ministry \$ 150.00
 Parish Ins. \$ 5,688.75
 Utilities \$ 3,554.46
 Grounds Maint/Equip \$ 50.00
 Hall Gds/Exp. \$ 3,340.68
 Church Maint/Gds \$ 1,164.38

Diocese Asses \$12,579.23
 Misc. Exp \$ 456.27
 Capt. Imp. Dep \$ 1,500.00
 Trans. To Charity \$ 5,733.67
 Sacrificial Giving \$ 2,470.16

TITHING BAL - 10/31/11 \$ 5,499.27

CHECKING BAL - 10/31/11 \$10,171.97

"Old Catholic Community"

Please be advised that false information is being disseminated concerning Saint Mary's Church, an "Old Catholic community" in Brookline, NH. A brochure has been distributed claiming that Roman Catholics may "attend and receive the sacraments from an Old Catholic parish." The brochure is inaccurate and misleading. Roman Catholics are not permitted to receive the sacraments from ministers of the Old Catholic Church except under very strict and serious circumstances, as the Old Catholic Church is not in communion with Rome.

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