

THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last week, Nancy Schulz and I had an opportunity to attend a meeting at the diocesan office. Present at the meeting was Bishop Libasci who received our spiritual bouquet and wanted to be remembered to the people of Saint Kathryn's. Each time I see Bishop, it's pretty clear that he's the "real deal." I don't say this disrespectfully in any way—rather it appears that the man I met back in September was the same man I saw during the installation in December and the same man with whom we met last week. He's humble, gracious, seemingly a good listener, and has a wonderful way of bringing Christ right into the heart of a meeting.

Having worked in diocesan administration for 10 years, I know that while we all tried to do that, I wasn't always successful. Bishop addressed the three young apprentices from the University of Notre Dame, one of whom served as an apprentice at the Cathedral while I was there and all three lived there in the former convent. After hearing about their experiences in the diocese, he asked them about their hometowns. Each of them comes from the Midwest (Saint Louis, Chicago, and northwestern Wisconsin). As they talked, Bishop's eyes got wide and thanked them for being true missionaries. Initially, I thought it was an "interesting" take on their experience, and then, as he elaborated on his thoughts, it was clear that he was right.

These three apprentices accepted internships in New England, an area new to each of them, leaving behind the familiarity of family, friends, and culture, to come to New Hampshire to live, learn, and work among us. He reminded us all, in a very gentle way, that they are bringing the dynamism of the Gospel to us in a new way—through the eyes and experience of the young, living in community and rooted in prayer. He spoke to them of the deep faith that is already here and of the avenues to God that they are opening up to us through their own experiences.

For those of us who have been involved in ministry for some time, it was a powerful statement. Despite the fact that these three young people lived with me at the Cathedral, I really didn't think of them as "missionaries." In my mind, "missionaries" were those who brought the Gospel to places where it hasn't yet been heard or where the faith is just beginning to take root. But "missionaries" in a place where the faith has deep roots and a rich history? It dawned on me that just as the apprentices have come among us to learn, to gain experience, to develop their practical understanding of theology, they also bring their experience of Jesus Christ to us. How wonderful it would be if each one of us could do the same—perhaps not in a different part of the country or in a different land, but right here at home! Coming Home to Catholicism is doing it; RCIA is doing it; every time we witness to our faith in Jesus Christ at home or at work, we're doing it. But can you imagine the power of our witness if we lived the faith consistently and without compromise? Think about the statement we make when the kids have a sleep over and, as parents, we continue the pattern of saying a prayer before they go to sleep. What kind of catechetical tool could we engage if we filled those holy water fonts that we have in the house and blessed ourselves in our comings and goings? Imagine the possibilities of refusing to give in to the language that we hear all around us. Hmmm, we might just have the possibility of missionary work right here, right now, right within our own homes!

Until next week....God bless!

Father Joe

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Justin St. Onge (3rd Anniversary), by the
St. Onge & Cronin Families

Tuesday, January 31 (St. John Bosco)

7:00PM - Mark Turmel, by her Parents

Wednesday, February 1 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Andrew Lorrain, by his daughter, Michele
& Brian McCormack

Thursday, February 2 (Presentation of the Lord)

7:00PM - Noella Aubrey, by Yvette & Bob Dumas

Friday, February 3 (Bl. Anne Marie Rivier)

9:00AM - Anne M. Schubert, by Family

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

Saturday, February 4 (Weekday)

9:00AM - Napoleon & Yvonne Fournier, by Louise
LeBlanc & Family

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM - Esther Burda, by Gail Smaldone

Sunday, February 5 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM - Marie Claire Tanguay, by Sister Janet

10:30AM - Intentions of our Parishioners

6:30PM - Jack Lyons, by the Burda Family

Sanctuary Lamps in Church

In Memory of Keith Tufo
by his sister Liz & Walter Martin

Black Madonna Shrine (February)
In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Divine Mercy Shrine (February)
In Memory of Catherine Merlino
by Brian & Michele McCormack

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend Offertory: \$12,802.06

Thank You

Vocation Birth Stone Rosary

This week *M/M Edward Nelson* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our parish seminarians. Next week *Karen Shook* 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 - January 29th

C&D Host: Peter Cantara

Catholic Apologetics/YM RM (9 - 10:30 AM)

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

1st Communion Workshop/Hall & RMs (1:30 PM)

Catholic Apologetics/RM 1 (4 - 6PM)

Monday - January 30th

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

JH Rel Ed/RM 1 (5 - 6:15 PM)

Catholic Apologetics/RM 3 (6:30 PM)

RCIA/RM 1 (7 PM)

TOB/RM 2 (7 - 9PM)

Tuesday - January 31st

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

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

TOB/RM 1 (6:30 PM)

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 PM)

Wednesday - February 1st

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

Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)

K of C Business Mtg/Hall B (7 PM)

Thursday - February 2nd

Coming Home/RM 1 (7 - 9PM)

Friday - February 3rd

Mom's Group/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

Cursillo/Ultreya/RM 2 (8 PM)

Saturday - February 4th

Siena Singles/RM 1 (9AM)

Marriage Celebration Night/Hall (6 - 9:30 PM)

Sunday - February 5th

Coffee & donuts/Hall (after AM Masses)

Catholic Apologetics/YM RM (9 - 10:30 AM)

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

Baptism Catechesis/RM 1 (12:15 PM)

Catholic Apologetics/RM 1 (4 - 6PM)

Workcamp Meeting/RM 1 (7:30 PM)

Thank you!

A profound thank you to the VSA for your generous Christmas and birthday gifts! It has, and I know will continue to be, a great blessing ministering here at Saint Kathryn's. All God's blessings to all involved in the New Year!

- Deacon Michael Clements

Thank you for remembering me at Christmas! Your gift was very much appreciated! It was so good to see so many of you on New Years! I promise you will be seeing me again soon. Saint K's is such a wonderful place and will always be my parish "home." I hope each of you have a blessed Christmas season!

- Michael Zgonc

Happy Birthday to You...

February 5th marks the birthday of seminarian Michael Zgonc. Please keep Michael in your prayers. You can send your greetings to him at:

Mr. Michael Zgonc, St Mary's Seminary
5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210

Vocation Rosary

We've never heard of such a "happy fault" before! It's almost unheard of in this day and age to have more vocations from a parish than there are decades in a rosary, and yet that is what we are now facing! With the five seminarians for whom we've been praying for a long time (Deacon Peter Naranjo, Michael Zgonc, Ryan Brady, Brian Shook and Michael Sartori), we also have added Deacon Michael Clements, Sister Janet Eppolito, Sister Miriam McLean, Sister Sarah Munroe, and Aspirant Jennifer Burda. Count them out and you'll find that we have vocations affiliated with Saint Kathryn's that now cover *two* rosaries! This weekend, there will be a sign-up sheet at the door of the vestry to become part of the prayer warriors for this second rosary. Sign-ups will be for one week only. You will be contacted during the week prior to receiving the rosary starting February 5th.

Wood Raffle

You could be the lucky winner of a cord of wood! Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend with a drawing after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Chances will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Proceeds will support those in formation for the priesthood and religious life from our parish.



Attention Lectors!

Are you among those who proclaim the Word of God at Mass—whether at the weekend or weekday liturgies? Would you like to improve your skills? Perhaps you've been one of the "people in the pews" who thought, "I think I'd like to read in church." If so, please join us for an evening of reflection on Wednesday, February 1 beginning with Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in the transept Chapel and concluding with a reflection on the ministry itself, a skills session, and an open forum question/answer period. The evening will conclude no later than 9:00 p.m.



Attention Cursillistas!

What is our FOURTH DAY? Do you find your relationship with Jesus just not _____???

Saint Kathryn's Cursillo team hosts meetings on every first Friday of the month from September to June in Room 1 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. ALL are invited to attend whether you are familiar with/or have experienced the Cursillo. Find out what it means to see Jesus ACTIVELY in your life every day. Contact: Evelyn at: evelyndelores@comcast.net should you wish more information.

Catholic Schools Week

We are happy to welcome student representatives from Presentation of Mary Academy at the Masses this weekend. Some wonderful things are happening at PMA and other Catholic schools in our area. During this week, special activities and opportunities for those who want to see what the schools are offering are taking place. Contact the schools of your choice directly for more information or to arrange tours. Our local schools include Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro, MA (K-12), PMA in Hudson (Pre-school-8), Infant Jesus in Nashua (K-6), Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School(7-8), Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua. We also have students in attendance at Trinity High School and Holy Family Academy in Manchester.

Presentation of the Lord

This Thursday marks the feast of the Presentation of the Lord – the fortieth day after Christmas. Remember the story that, on seeing Mary and Joseph enter with the Christ Child, the prophet Simeon cried out and



declared Him to be ‘a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people, Israel.’ On this day, the Church blesses candles to be used in church and in the homes of the faithful. It is a meaningful liturgy in which

we all enter the church with lighted candles as a sign of our desire to bring this Light–Jesus Christ–to all we encounter. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening in the Chapel with the blessing of candles followed by a procession into the church for the remainder of the Mass. *There is a limited number of candles available for those who might wish to bring them home as well.*

Requiescat in Pace

In your charity, please remember *James Cosier* who was called from this life. We also pray for Jim’s wife, Theresa and his children.



Blessing of Throats, First Friday and Nocturnal Adoration

This Friday is the First Friday of the month and also the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. On Saint Blaise day, we bless the throats of the faithful and ask the intercession of Saint Blaise to be preserved from all ailments of the throat. The blessing will be offered after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and after the 7 PM. Mass prior to the beginning of adoration. Don’t forget that nocturnal adoration will take place following the 7 PM. Mass until Saturday morning. Please check your assignment for nocturnal adoration.

Child Safety

All clergy and adult employees and volunteers who work with minors on a regular basis in the schools, parishes, or camps of the Diocese of Manchester are required to participate in child abuse awareness training every three years. The training covers topics such as how to recognize the signs of abuse and how to report suspected abuse. Training is now being offered in both live and online formats. The schedule for live sessions (*Protecting God’s Children* training) can be found at <http://calendar.catholicnh.org/>. To take the online training (*Not on My Watch*), go to www.nhchildsafety.org, click on ‘Register Here’ and enter the code **child safety** when prompted. This training is for adults only. For more info, please contact Lauraine Hudon at 603.882.7793.

Baby Bottle Benefit

Will you help us to support life and efforts to assist those who say “yes” to life in difficult circumstances? *Baby bottles will be out for the taking from now until the drive ends on February 12.* The bottles will be available in the narthex. Simply fill the bottle with any loose change and return to the church *no later than February 12th.* Your offering will help support programs offered in our area by the CareNet Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

Upcoming Workcamp Fundraisers

Workcampers will be holding their annual Rock-a-thon on **Feb 10-11**, 2012 in the parish hall as well as hosting a Ham and Bean supper on **Saturday, Feb 18**, 2012. Please support this teen group when they seek your sponsorship to the Rock-a-thon and/or ticket sales for the supper after Masses during the weekend of February 4-5, 2012. Workcampers need to raise almost \$15,000 to attend Workcamp this summer in Buffalo, NY.

Proud Representation

Did you see that Saint Kathryn’s Teens for Life were on the front page of the Union Leader on January 15th? Under the direction of Jonathan Hynes, several of our parish teens joined in the March for Life in Concord on January 14th. Thanks be to God for our teens who continue to support and witness to a culture of life!



What is Your Most Dominating Thought?

“We become what we think about.” Do you believe this? Are your most dominating thoughts usually positive or negative? Is your most dominating thought “how can I get out of this?” Or, “I can never do that?” What is your most dominating thought when you are happy? Sad? Stressed out? Reflecting back on last week’s message of “our lives change when our habits change,” do you have a habit of examining your conscience every day to consider your most dominating thought for the day? Have you been envious, proud, lazy, gluttonous, lustful, angry, or covetous? How have you cared for your family this day? Have you prayed for them? Have you helped your friends? Did you do your work well? Did you waste time? Christ lived a life of discipline. He mastered His thoughts and His habits. To learn more about how to master your thoughts and habits, register for **PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE** with Matthew Kelly! June 9, 2012, at Saint Kathryn's at <http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/passion-purpose-events>. Tickets will be available for sale at the parish in the near future.

Lenten Bible Study

Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. Join us for 6 Monday evening sessions beginning February 20th after Mass, as we explore Kevin Perotta’s book explaining why we undertake these spiritual disciplines, how they can change us, and practical ways to carry them out and draw closer to God during Lent. These sessions are open to all and will be presented by Karen Dill. Pre-registration is required to order books. Please contact the parish office at 603.882.7793 to register.

Diocesan Student Support

In just a few weeks, we will be receiving notification from the principals of our students attending Catholic schools requesting verification that these students are, in fact, members of Saint Kathryn Parish and are eligible to receive a parish subsidy. We are *happy* to verify this information based on the following criteria:

1. The family is registered in the parish;
2. The family is a contributor of record to the parish;
3. The family actively participates in the life and mission of the parish.

We *cannot* falsify our statements, so please ensure that the criteria are met *prior to* asking us to sign off on the parish subsidy. Thank you!

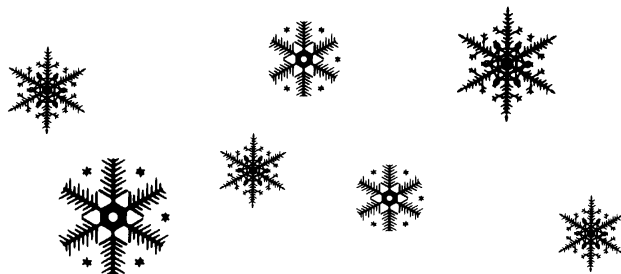
Lost and Found

We have begun a “Lost and Found” for items left behind at church. We have already collected many pairs of reading glasses, a



travel mug, pillow, books, an umbrella, and a few children’s toys.

You may want to check the basket located near the elevator on the ground level as you enter the parish hall to see if one of your “lost” items may be “found” there. Items will be discarded or offered to others after 4 weeks.



St Francis of Assisi School Open House

Saint Francis of Assisi School in Litchfield is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. They will host an open house this Sunday, **January 29th** from noon until 2:00 p.m. at the school. Students ages 3 through 6th grade can get a quality Catholic education in a safe, nurturing environment. Located in the farming community of Litchfield, NH, Saint Francis School is minutes away from Hudson, Londonderry, south Manchester, and now Merrimack and Bedford thanks to the new airport connector. Come discover the treasure at Saint Francis of Assisi School. For more information, please visit us at www.stfrancisschoolnh.org or call 603.424.3312.

Tax Statements

We are happy to provide a statement of contributions for tax purposes if you call in to make a request. Be sure to leave your name and envelope number for Lauraine. It may take a few days to process your request, so please don’t wait until you need them “yesterday.”



Note: We can only give statements for “contributors of record,” that is, those who use the envelope system (another benefit to being a registered member of the parish!).



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