

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Deacon Ray and I had a chance to talk for a while this week about a lot of different things in the parish—from liturgies and altar server training through religious ed and ongoing faith formation and a whole lot of other things in between. And then we talked about life in the parish. I can safely say that both of us were pretty excited about that last topic.

If you look around the church, we've had a lot of visitors this summer and we've had a lot of people who have joined the parish in the last several weeks. If you look around, especially during the Communion procession, you'll notice how diverse in age we are. We have parishioners who have been a part of our community for many, many years—some from the very beginning of the parish back in 1968—to families and singles who are new to our parish family. And have you noticed the number of young children and babies? God is blessing our community abundantly with new faces, with new life, and with many, many faithful families who have remained with us for a good long time. These are signs of life and vitality, and all say the same thing—"we walked in and felt right at home." What a wonderful witness to the faith that is here! What a wonderful statement that is about each and every member of this parish community. In so many places where there are cliques or "closed groups," it seems that every person who enters the doors of our church is seen as a member of the family. Congratulations, Saint Kathryn parishioners—we are living out the ideal "enter a stranger; leave as a friend." I think we try to take it to yet another level—"enter a stranger; leave as a member of our family."

That's such an important thing for us to reflect upon, especially this week as we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the dedication of our parish church. The strength of Father Gary's and the lay leadership of the parish is, by and large, the very foundation of the community. In these years—from the days of the Hansberry Hut on Wason Road to Project 2000 and the building of the church to the present day—God has blessed us in many, many ways. The Masses on August 12th will present a unique opportunity for us to give thanks to God for all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. And in these 47 years of our life as a parish, God has been good! I hope you'll take the time to join us for Holy Mass on that day and to thank Him.



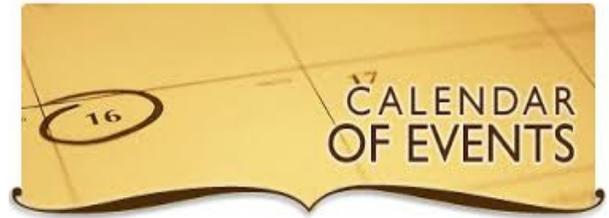
As an added note, we are pleased to welcome Sister Ann to our parish this weekend for the annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Sister Ann comes to us from the Sisters of Saint Anne in India, and she is now stationed in Olathe, Kansas. She is traveling with another member of her congregation, Sister Rose, who will be speaking at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Concord. Welcome to Sister Ann and to Sister Rose—and thank you to the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary who live at the House of Formation on Lowell Road who will offer them hospitality this weekend. Again, we are blessed beyond measure to have our visiting Sisters with us and also a wonderful congregation of Sisters who are able to welcome them into their home this weekend.

Tagging onto the Presentation of Mary theme, did you know that PMA is going to begin a capital campaign for a new gymnasium/arts center? All are invited to attend the formal opening of the campaign with an event to take place in the Alumni Hall of the school on the second floor on August 27th beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this gathering and to learn more about the vision for the school and these new ventures. However, you are asked to respond in advance to newcenter@pmaschool.org or call the office at 603.889.6054 ext. 458. You may also visit the school's website at www.pmaschool.org.

Once again, enjoy these beautiful days of summer. Take time for your family; take time for yourself; take time for the Lord. And please God, we'll see you on Wednesday!

Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe



Monday, August 10 (Saint Lawrence)

8:30AM – Healing for Kiera McMahon, *by her family*

Tuesday, August 11 (Saint Clare)

7:00PM – +Vincent Griesel, *by his wife, Jane*

Wednesday, August 12 (Dedication of Saint Kathryn Church)

8:30AM – Intentions of Sister Janet Eppolito, *by Diane Dube*

7:00PM – For the People of the Parish

Thursday, August 13 (Weekday)

7:00PM – +Sandra West, *by her sister, Janet Estes*

Friday, August 14 (Saint Maximilian Kolbe)

8:30AM – +Nayeli McCaskey, (3rd Anniversary) *by her husband, Ricardo*

Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00PM – For the People of the Parish

Saturday, August 15 (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30AM – +Kathy Gremlitz

Vigil (The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM – +William Harrington, *by his sister, Mary Burke*

Sunday, August 16 (The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM – +Lisa and David Savoie, (40th Anniversary) *by Angeline*

10:30AM – For the People of the Parish

6:30PM – +Eleanor DelleChaie, *by Denny and Bob Maffia*

Tuesday, August 11th

Crafters/ Craft Room (6:30P)

Wednesday, August 12th

Adoration/ Chapel (5:30-8:15A and 1:00-7:00P)

Simple Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Chapel (6:45P)

Solemn Mass for the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Parish Church/ Church (7:00P)

Friday, August 14th

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption/ Church (7:00P)

Saturday, August 15th

Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption/ Church (8:30A)

No confessions following the 8:30A Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

This Saturday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. While it remains a solemnity in the Church's calendar, the obligation to assist at Mass is removed, however, all of us are encouraged to assist at Mass this day to celebrate Mary's triumphal entry into heaven. We need her intercession now more than ever! Why not plan to join us?

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" (1 Kings 19:7).



Jesus knew that the stewardship journey would be difficult, so, He gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join

our sacrifices with the sacrifices of the Mass, we find the strength the give and joy in our giving.

OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

Last Weekend's Offertory:	\$ 9,461.79
Online Giving:	\$ 1,331.00
Total Offertory	\$10,792.79

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish.
May our good God,
who will not be outdone in generosity,
reward you for your goodness!
Our weekly budget is \$11,400.00.*

Thank you!

VOCATION BIRTHSTONE ROSARY



This week *Jim Moran* will be praying the traveling rosary for our parish seminarians and permanent deacon candidates. Next week, *Rose DiMare* will receive it. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood and diaconate.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

For those in formation:

- Sister Faustina Kolbe Burda
- Sister Mercedes Flores
- Sister Athanasius Munroe, OP
- Deacon Michael Sartori
- Brother John Mark Solitario, OP
- Brother Marius Strom, TOR

For our Religious in Final Profession:

- Sister Miriam MacLean, RSM
- Sister Janet Eppolito, p.m.

For our Parishioners in the Armed Services:

- Joshua Keller Zach Keller
- Clare Handy Frank Cunniff

For those in diaconal formation:

- Joseph Dion
- Randy O'Neill

For our beloved dead:

- Sister Anne-Marguerite Potchen, VHM

VOCATION INTERCESSION FOR THE WEEK

Join us in praying each day this week:

Let us pray for all those called to priesthood and the consecrated life, that they will have no fear in responding to Jesus as He calls them to trust in Him and His choice of them.



SYMBOLON

Don't forget that you can continue to watch the Symbolon series through December 21st in the comfort of your own home. Was there a particular episode that you missed or that you want to review? Perhaps there's something that you'd like to hear again. If so, sign on to the Augustine Institute website and register online at <http://symboloncatholic.org/register>. Our code is 748649.

VOCATION BIRTHSTONE ROSARY II



This week *Jordan and Seana Signor* will be praying the traveling rosary for our parish vocations to the religious life. Next week *William Incera* will receive it. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our religious in formation.

ONLINE GIVING CAMPAIGN

Save paper. Save time. And make your gifts work harder than ever for our ministries by participating in our Online Giving program. When you give online, your gift will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account directly to the church. Access your account at any time you like – you're in complete control and that's a win-win for you and Saint Kathryn's!

Signing up for Online Giving is as easy as...

1. Visit the parish website at www.stkathryns.org;
2. Click the Online Giving link;
3. Create an account.

It's that simple!

For additional information or help setting up your account, please contact Lauraine or Jeanette in the parish office at 603.882.7793.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

This weekend, we will welcome Sister Ann among us who will share the works of her congregation, the Sisters of Saint Anne, Phirangipuram. Sister will speak to us about the conditions in India where they live and work, as well as their apostolates of education and evangelization.

As you can well imagine, the work of the Sisters among the poor, and especially among women in India is a difficult ministry. Your generosity to this appeal will assist the Sisters in their continued good work while we help to extend the mission of the Church beyond our own borders. Whatever help you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

PRAYERS WANTED; PRAYERS NEEDED

Are you a prayer warrior? We have so many people and circumstances that take up our time of prayer, but do we think beyond ourselves? Perhaps you'd be willing to pray especially for Christians who are being persecuted throughout the world!

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Dear Father Joe,

We are overwhelmed by the support our parish gave to the food pantry. As of this morning (August 4th), we had collected 475 bags! We are also grateful to the parish staff: Bob (Oliver), Pat (Grenier), and Rick (Balboni). Every time they saw us picking up bags, they rushed to help us. Twice while we were loading the car, men working on the new walkway (for Mary's Garden) came over to assist us. Lena Lajoie, Janet Coughlin, and Paul and Louise Lacasse helped transport the bags. We also need to mention the great group of Saint K's people working the pantry, whether it's sorting and stocking or working with clients. What a wonderful parish we have! We are so blessed to be part of it. Thank you for your support and guidance.

/s/ Janet and Joe Flores

COFFEE AND DONUTS



We're getting concerned! Coffee and donuts may soon be a thing of the past. Only one family has volunteered to host coffee and donuts for the fall. The time commitment, especially after the 10:30 a.m. Mass is difficult, we know. So let's consider this—coffee and donuts *between* the Masses.

If you are interested in hosting *between* the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass, please contact Jeanette or Lauraine at 603.882.7793. With host families/couples/groups, we can continue this great time of fellowship. Your ideas will be welcome—and your help will be greatly appreciated!

RELIGIOUS JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Religious men and women who are celebrating their jubilees this year will join us for the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 12th. Bishop Libasci will be the principal celebrant for this Mass as we mark the 25th, 40th, 50th, and beyond anniversaries of men and women religious who minister in our diocese.

The jubilarians and their families and friends will then gather in our parish hall for a banquet in their honor.

It is a great privilege for us to open our doors to so many who have given their lives to the Church. We are, indeed, honored.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS!

Registration forms for next year's religious education program are available in the narthex of the church as well as in the parish office. The deadline for registration is September 7, 2015. Please take a registration form (one form for each child) and a policy book for program information. Our registration fees for the elementary program are \$35.00 for one child or \$70.00 for two or more children. A check is required upon registration. If there is a financial hardship, please contact the parish office. Please note that the entire elementary program will take place on Sundays. There will not be a Monday afternoon option.

Registration forms are also available for the 9th and 10th grade programs. The registration fee for the high school program is separate from the elementary program, and is \$35.00 per student.

For second grade students attending Catholic schools, please make sure you complete a registration form. Although the children do not need to attend religious education classes, we need the children and their parents to attend the sacramental preparation meetings for Penance and Eucharist as well as the Blessing Cup meal.

Students in 10th grade attending Catholic schools and preparing for Confirmation are required to be registered in our parish program and must attend religious education classes from January through April of 2016 for proximate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catholic school students in grades 9 and 10 must also attend the retreats in preparation for the sacrament.

The families of all students in our religious education program must be registered in the parish. Did you register in the parish with the census earlier this year?

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF SAINT KATHRYN CHURCH

This Wednesday, August 12th, is the fifteenth anniversary of the dedication of our parish church. This is always a significant day in the life of a parish community, especially when we have so many parishioners who remember the actual day of the dedication.

Two Masses will be celebrated on this day—at 8:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. both in the main church. Please consider joining us for one of these two Masses (the evening Mass will be a little more "festive") and celebrate that day when our church was "set apart" for the worship of God!

BAZAAR 2015

Don't forget that our annual Parish Bazaar and Fair will take place on November 14-15, 2015. Save those dates for yet another incredible time of community-building, fundraising, and service. If you've ever experienced this parish event, you know that it is a wonderful time for all of us.

Are you thinking, "Maybe I should get involved this year?" (And if not, why not?) This is a great way to meet our parishioners and to have fun doing so. We'll be looking for folks to help us set up the hall, clean up afterward, folks in the kitchen, "salespeople" for the raffles, people to manage the various rooms, etc. Keep your eye open for some informational meetings in the near future. Here's your chance—think about it!

We are ever-grateful for those who volunteer so generously with their time and talent, but we also need to support the bazaar as a parish community. Comparing the proceeds over four years, the difference amounts to just over an \$11,000 difference. There was a significant decrease in the proceeds from the Grand Raffle this year (about \$3,000) despite the fact that all of the books were taken. This is our principal fundraiser for the parish, so all of us will need to roll up our sleeves to make Bazaar 2015 a huge success!

CRAFTERS' ALERT!

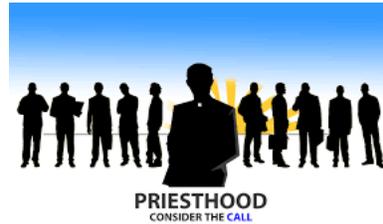
The crafters have been very busy getting ready for the Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale which takes place on the weekend of November 14-15, 2015. There is a whole cast of characters and crafty items, including gnomes, angels, snowmen, memory boxes, and ornaments being created as "projects in progress."

Last year's crafters, some of whom have been with us for years, are back with enthusiasm along with some new faces, but help is still needed!

Creative talents and perhaps untapped creativity are always welcome. If you don't think you're a particularly "crafty" person, you may be surprised! There's a whole team of folks who are willing to share the tricks of the trade.

The crafters meet each Tuesday evening from 6:30-10:00 p.m. in the lower level of the parish office building. And yes, the space is air conditioned! There are also great refreshments, lots of laughs, and opportunities for new friendships. For more information, please contact Darlene at 603.566.2263.

MY BRIDE: THE CHURCH IT ALL STARTS AT THE ALTAR...



There are no children without a father and a mother. Therefore, the spousal relationship precedes paternity. This is every bit as true for the priest as it is for any

other spouses. The brides are different—most men have a single woman for a bride, while a priest's bride is the Church herself.

Think of some of the qualities of a good husband. We can find out a lot about the spousal relationship of a priest by looking at the original spousal relationship of Adam and Eve. Pope Saint John Paul II, in his teachings on the Theology of the Body, pointed out four qualities of the love between spouses as that love was originally meant to be. Real love is:

- Free
- Total
- Faithful
- Fruitful

Love is not complete unless all four elements are present. However, sometimes there are different ways for one element or another to be present—as when the fruitfulness of a couple who cannot have children comes through adoption or some other service to life (See *Familiaris Consortio*). But each element needs to be there for a true spousal love to flourish.

As this is true of earthly spouses, so also is it true of the union of a priest with his Bride the Church. Let's take a look at what it means for a priest to give love that is *free, total, faithful, and fruitful*.

Priestly Love is Free

This means that I choose it. I embrace this life, with all its many joys and graces, and with all its sacrifices. For example, I know from the outset that the life of a priest is celibate. Therefore, not only do I "put up with" that reality. *I embrace it freely and fully*. I enter into it with passion. This does not mean that I embrace sterility! And still less does it mean that I look down on the great sacrament of Matrimony. Rather it means that I freely choose to follow Christ in His way of life of service in the kingdom of God. *If I am not willing to embrace that, I have not chosen the priesthood in its fullness.*

CARE AT THE END OF LIFE

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW

(Continued) **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**



Q. I heard a state law created a new advance directive form. I already have an advance directive. Do I need a new one?

A. If you have an advance directive, you do not need to complete a new form as long as your advance directive was valid when it was executed. For example, if you complete the 2007 version of Three Beliefs from the Diocese of Manchester and signed the document before two witnesses or a notary public or justice of the peace, you do not need to complete a new advance directive form.

Q. What happens if I become incapacitated and cannot make my own medical decisions and do not have an advance directive in place?

A. A physician or advance practice registered nurse (APRN) will try to determine if there is a relative or friend available to make health care decisions for you and serve as your health care surrogate. New Hampshire law sets out a priority of the relatives who may be chosen to act on your behalf, beginning with your spouse. If you do not have a spouse, your adult children may act on your behalf. If you do not have adult children or they are not available, the law moves to additional categories of relatives and other persons who may serve as your surrogate. There is no guarantee, however, that the person(s) available to serve as your surrogate will be the person you would have chosen to be your agent to make health care decisions on your behalf. You also may not have spoken with the chosen surrogate(s) about your wishes and religious beliefs. Preparing a durable power of attorney for health care in advance is the best way to insure that the health care decisions that are made for you are the same ones that would have been made by you.

Continued next week

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS!

Choir rehearsals will begin a little early this year in light of the Religious Jubilee celebration on September 12th. We will meet on Wednesdays, August 19 and September 2 to prepare for the Jubilee Mass from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the church. If you plan to sing for the Jubilee, you must attend both rehearsals!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Save the date! Our third annual parish picnic will take place on Sunday, September 13th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the grounds behind our parish hall.

This annual event is always a huge success and lots of fun for everyone. It's a great way for all of us to return and gear up for the new academic year after a wonderful summer; a great time to meet up with old friends and new; a great time to build up our life and spirit as a community.

Tickets are \$7.00 per person with children under 7 for free. Why not plan to be a part of this wonderful afternoon and celebrate being a part of the Saint Kathryn Family!

We're also in need of some volunteers to come together to help make this event a success. Are you interested? As always, we will be working in collaboration with Council 5162 of the Knights of Columbus, but more volunteers are needed—for planning, setting up, cleaning up, and cooking.

You *really* don't want to miss this opportunity for fellowship, community building, and service. For more information, please contact Lauraine or Jeanette in the office at 603.882.7793 as soon as possible. Great things are coming—be a part!

ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST



Presentation of Mary Academy will host their 20th annual Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (rain date of Sunday, September 20th).

There will be a large variety of attractions for all ages to enjoy including many inflatables and a photo booth with fun props. Enjoy the petting zoo, face painting, tie-dye your own shirt and bucket hat, pumpkin painting, and so much more for the kids to do! Let's not forget our fabulous penny sale with over 250 items, Super Raffle with top prize of \$500.00, theme basket raffles, Sisters Fish Pond and lots of yummy grilled food to enjoy including a baked potato bar. For dessert there is fresh home-baked apple crisp or Kona Ice. Bring the family and enjoy the day with us. As always FREE PARKING. Funds raised are used during the school year for all students and include field trips, enrichment programs, and more. We are located at 182 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH. For more information, please visit www.pmaschool.org or contact ParentGroup@pmaschool.org.

**ST. KATHRYN PARISH
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

03-0779

August 9, 2015 – Week 37