

Saint Kathryn Parish



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men.” - Mt 4:19

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God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



On the seventeenth of this month, I traveled down to St. Scholastica Priory in Petersham, Massachusetts to concelebrate the Mass of Simple Profession for one of the young women from our parish who made profession of simple vows as a Benedictine sister. As I watched Sr. Maria Mechtilde, o.s.b. pronounce her vows and her intention to live as a woman religious according to the Rule of St. Benedict, I was moved by the great joy that radiated from her heart; her joy truly lit up the chapel. The other members of her community were also visibly moved by the offering of her life to the Lord as she joined the ranks of professed nuns, exchanging her white novice veil for the black veil of professed sisters. Again, I was reminded so beautifully how this vocation was very much the fruit of the prayers of the people of St. Kathryn Parish. The years of

praying for vocations has resulted in the blossoming of this garden of priestly and religious vocations in our midst. What a tremendous blessing for the Church and for us as a parish community because these vocations truly strengthen and bless us and the world. Yes, even the hidden life of a single religious, through their dedication and devotedness to a life of prayer and work, is a source of great grace for all peoples.

I was reminded of this a few weeks ago as I went to see the limited release of the movie, *A Hidden Life*. It looked like a great story when I saw the preview, but it didn't really reveal anything about the main character of the film. When some friends of mine invited me to go see it, I was curious as to what the story was about. After some research, I discovered that it was a film about Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, a Catholic Martyr for the faith. I leave it to you to discover who he is and the powerful witness of his life. However, I was struck by the number of college aged young people who were at the theater to see the movie and who remained afterwards, totally absorbed by what they just had seen. At the end of the movie, the screen displayed a quote by the English poet George Eliot: "*The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life...*" I remember how that quote stayed with me as I left the theater for it describes a truth that cannot be denied: the unseen faithfulness to Christ and the daily living out of their vocation on the part of countless souls, is a powerhouse of grace for the rest of the world. It reminds me what our Lord revealed to St. Therese of Lisieux in the living out of her vocation as a Carmelite nun in a small unknown convent in France: "*Twenty thousand souls are dependent upon your faithfulness to your vocation.*" Herein lies the daily heroism of the cross for all of us who remain faithful to Christ in and through our own vocations. I would ask that you join me in praying for our newly professed religious sister, Sr. Maria Mechtilde, and thank God for his invitation to her to be united to Him for our sake.

This week I will begin my Christmas break. While I am away, Fr. Anthony DiRusso will be with you to offer Mass during the week as well as next weekend. Know that I keep all of you in my prayers every day, especially as I offer the holy Mass. I too would ask you to remember me in your daily prayers, most especially to our Lady. Last week I witnessed the power of your prayers in the little town of Petersham, Massachusetts. Know that your prayers bear great fruit!

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 25 Vigil (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Sylvia Smaldone (Birthday Remembrance), *by her family*

Sunday, January 26 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—+Sylvia Fortier, *by Lauraine and Leo Hudon*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+James DeSouza (4th Anniversary), *by his wife*

Monday, January 27 (Saint Angela Merici)

8:30AM—+Alexander Bucchio III, *by Rosa*

Wednesday, January 29 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Mary Carey (6th Anniversary), *by her husband, Jim*

Thursday, January 30 (Weekday)

6:30PM—+Helen Andella (1st Anniversary), *by +Dom*

Friday, January 31 (Saint John Bosco)

8:30AM—+Mark Turmel (Anniversary Remembrance), *by the Turmel family*

Saturday, February 1 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Jon Lehto, *by the Battis Family*

Vigil (The Presentation of the Lord)

4:00PM—+Leo Routhier (4th Anniversary), *by his family*

Sunday, February 2 (The Presentation of the Lord)

8:30AM—+Sandi and Dave Houde, *by Chris Haigis*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Pantaleon Yuds, *by his family*

SANCTUARY LAMPS

+Helen Andella
by +Dom

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Intentions of Nancy Gagne
by Steve and Marilyn

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our annual baby bottle drive for Real Options Crisis Pregnancy Center in Nashua is underway. Please take an empty baby bottle home, fill it with a donation, and return it to the church no later than February 16th to benefit mothers and babies of our local community.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, January 26th

Religious Education/Group 1/RMs 1-6 (10:00-Noon)

PMA Choir/Church (10:30A Mass)

Baptism/Church (Noon)

Religious Education/Grades 7-10/RMs 1-3 and

Parish Hall (4:30-6:00P)

Monday, January 27th

Homeschool Group/Parish Hall and RMs 1-6 (9:00A-Noon)

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group/Parish Office (6:30P)

Tuesday, January 28th

Cub Scouts/Hall A and RMs 5 and 6 (6:30-7:30P)

Boy Scouts/Hall B and RM 2 (7:00-8:30P)

Order of Christian Initiation/Parish Office (7:00P)

Wednesday, January 29th

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

Evening Prayer and Benediction/Chapel (7:00P)

Thursday, January 30th

Order of Christian Initiation/Parish Office (4:30-6:30P)

Sunday, February 2nd

Religious Education/Group 2/RMs 1-6 (10:00-Noon)

Baptism Catechesis/RM 1 (12:15P)

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has called for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be set aside as the Sunday of the Word of God. Please visit stkathryns.org and scroll down to the section called *Sunday of the Word of God* to find a service for enthroning the Bible in your own home and for the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* for more information.

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory:	\$ 5,439.63
Online Giving:	\$ 4,303.00
Total:	\$ 9,742.63
Seminarian Fund:	\$ 3,622.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$ 11,900.00. Are you able to pitch in an extra \$2.00 each week? It would go a long way to helping us make up the difference! Thank you for your generosity to the parish!

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

FIND YOUR VOLUNTEER CALLING

Have you visited the A-Z List of volunteer ministries on our website lately? There are so many parish ministries, there is bound to be one to fit your interests! Check out the list online at <https://www.stkathryns.org/a-z-list-of-all-ministries> and see where God may be calling you to serve this year. We are especially in need of Offertory Counters!

Additionally, please prayerfully consider signing up to be on our On Call Volunteer List to receive a phone call as various projects arise around the parish throughout the year. Simply tell us your interests (clerical, cooking, handy, IT, event setup, cleanup, etc.), and, as something comes up, we'll give you a call and maybe you will be free to help out for an hour or two! You may be called once, twice, or several times a year, depending on parish happenings, and you can always pass on a given task if it doesn't fit your schedule. Please visit <https://www.stkathryns.org/ocv> to sign up.

We can't do it without you! Thank you to those already on our On Call List, and those who participate in our many groups and ministries.

COLORING CONTEST



Calling all children of the parish! As we have just celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, and in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, let's keep the spirit and the fun of the Christmas

season going through the whole month of January with our annual coloring contest!

Pick up your coloring page in the back of the church, at Religious Ed. Class, or online. There are two pages to choose from. One winner will be chosen from each grade 1-6, and another for ages 5 and under, and prize bags will be awarded! Please write your name, grade, and phone number on the **back** of your contest entry, so judges do not see names. Please have all entries in to your teacher or the office by January 27, 2020. All entries will be displayed in the Parish Hall, and the names of all winners will be announced in the bulletin!

OFFERTORY COUNTERS NEEDED

We have some openings on our offertory counting team schedule for 2020! Each team of counting volunteers meets at the parish once every 6-7 weeks to count the offertory for two of the weekend Masses. If you think you might enjoy this ministry and can commit to a couple of hours on a Sunday or Monday morning several times a year, please call Charlene at 603.882.7793 to discuss the possibility of joining the team. And, if you have a friend who'd like to count with you as well, the more the merrier!

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

Thus far the response to our Book of the Week selections has been great. This week we are featuring a book titled *The Missionary of Wall Street* written by Stephen Auth. It's subtitled *From Managing Money to Saving Souls on the streets of New York*.

The press release offers these tidbits:

So what is a senior executive of one of the country's largest investment firms doing hailing down strangers at night on the streets of New York City?

A young woman approaches us, decked out in showy attire. "Are you guys really Catholic? I didn't think there were any Catholics left! Can I have a purple rosary?" "Sure" we reply. "Where are you going? We have lots to talk about." "I've got to run! I'm an exotic dancer, but I'm going to pray the rosary!"

On the rough streets of New York, working shoulder to shoulder with Christ, we feel God's grace. You will too!

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

Travel with Fr. Shawn M. Therrien, Pastor, of St. Mary Parish in Claremont, New Hampshire and Vicar General of the Diocese of Manchester on our Holy Land with Deacon Dominic Peter Cer-rato.

Where: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nativity Church, Capernaum, Tel Aviv

Trip Dates: Apr 15-25, 2020

Cost: \$4,099.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE DANCE



All married and engaged couples are invited to a special event in celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, February 8th beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will be celebrating our Annual Marriage

Celebration Day with dancing, karaoke, hors d'oeuvres and cake. Please come and enjoy an evening out with Saint Kathryn family members, please B.Y.O.B. The celebration takes place in our Parish Hall. Come celebrate marriage by dancing to music from the years past to today. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church, and the deadline to return the form in the offertory basket or to the office is January 31st. The evening is only \$20.00 per couple! Space is limited, so register early!



Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of **10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years**, to attend the ***Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass***. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office by **March 20, 2020**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register later for a fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

Registration forms can be found in the back of the church for a pilgrimage to Guadalupe led by Father Volney DeRosia of Saint Patrick's Parish in Pelham. The trip takes place on November 12-17, 2020. For more information, please see the flyer, or contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at 1-800-653-0017.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Catholic Charities NH invites you to their 75th anniversary gala, The Ice Ball, which will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Manchester. The evening will celebrate our powerful past and promising future with a cocktail reception, dinner and dancing within a beautiful and festive atmosphere. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.cc-nh.org/iceball or call 603-669-3030.



WAY OF THE CROSS CONCERT

The Way of the Cross Concert with Donna Cori will take place Sunday, March 1st, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH. Make the Stations of the Cross like you never have before. Each meditation on the 14 stations is in song and video form.

For more information about Donna, please visit www.donnacori.com. Please call the Parish Office at 603-888-0321 if you have any questions.

WINTER ADVISORY

Please remember to check our Facebook page, website, and/or WMUR for activity updates on days of inclement weather, including the celebration of Holy Mass or other services and classes. The rule of thumb: if Hudson schools are closed, all parish activities are cancelled.

VOCATIONS

"Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, religious sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Mason at 603.663.0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

*The following is a copy of the **Finance Committee Presentation** delivered by Carol Holleran at all Masses on the weekend of January 18th and 19th, 2020:*

I am Carol Holleran and a member of the finance council. As we do every year, we would like to present to you our annual financial report.

Father Michael, myself, Ed Gleason, Adam Florczak and Dave Wilson, along with Peter Krauss, who is the parish bookkeeper, meet quarterly as a committee to review the finances. We are half way through our year which runs July to June. We kept our budget at \$11,900 per week for this year's budget. If you read the parish bulletin, you will notice that we are not making this budget on a weekly basis. We are down an average of \$565 per week the past 6 months and \$799 per week year over year. We are assessed on the extra collections and must make up the difference to the diocese. This is an unbudgeted expense that we have had to pay \$3876 to the diocese the first 6 months of our year.

Our budget this year is \$752,000. Our income comes from the offertory, of which \$195,000 is from the Online Giving and \$423,000 from envelopes and loose money. Other income is derived from donations, candles, and fundraising events. The bazaar is our largest fundraiser and is targeted specifically for improvements and building maintenance and repairs. Because of the donations, fundraisers and tithing, last year we finished the floors in the Parish Hall, kitchen, and 6 classrooms. We also added a dumpster enclosure, did compressor work, HVAC upgrades, made necessary improvements to the restrooms in the parish hall and rectory, added the tile floor to the altar, purchased TV's for the Religious Education classrooms, and relined the parking lot, among other things. As we all know with owning a property, there are always unforeseen maintenance expenses in buildings over 20 years old.

Pending approval from our Bishop, a portion of the proceeds from our parish bazaar this year will be used for upgrades to our sound system, and to begin a pool of savings for projects we feel we will need to address in the years ahead.

Our expenses were budgeted at \$752,000, to match the forecasted income, and is divided into a few major categories. The largest is salaries, benefits, and taxes at 39%, Assessments, which are mandatory and paid to the diocese at 18%, Utilities at 7%, Insurances at 6%, and Church and Liturgical expenses at 6%. Other expenses include the grounds maintenance; contracted services like lawn care and snow removal; church, rectory, and office supplies; music ministry; religious education; rectory cleaning and household expenses and charity.

Our expenses have changed somewhat with the changes in our parish and we are adjusting to accommodate these. Hiring a full time Facilities Manager was a necessity for a church and grounds of our size. We are pleased and the results are paying off.

A summary of our expenses is available to anyone who would like to review them or discuss them with us. I have a printout that I can give you today, if you would like to see a basic breakdown of our income and expenses. Just see me, Father, or a member of the Finance Council in the back of the church after Mass. The speech and this summary will also be in a future bulletin.

We have not met our weekly budget consistently, which is to be expected due to the unforeseen circumstances which affected our parish this past summer. It will take time for our parish to readjust and get back on track. We appreciate all who tithe to St. Kathryn's to help us meet our budget and expenses. We have a beautiful church and grounds and are blessed by so many things. We will continue to publish our weekly income in the bulletin and adjust our budget if necessary.

In conclusion, we want to thank you again for your weekly offering and appreciate your continued support. Let us remember that we all take pride in our parish and must continue to make the effort to give sacrificially in order to support the many good things we do as a parish family.

Thank you for your time and attention. Happy New Year!

St. Kathryn Parish 6 Month Financial Review

Jan 2020

INCOME – 6 months

Account Activities	Actual	Budget	Variance to Budget
Offertory – Envelopes and loose	\$ 190,442.60	\$211,697.00	\$ (21,254.40)
Offertory- On Line Giving	\$ 104,269.70	\$ 97,703.00	\$ 6,566.70
Offertory – Holy Days	\$ 19,561.91	\$ 27,595.00	\$ (8, 033.09)
Donations	\$ 24,288.73	\$ 12,722.53	\$ 11,566.21
Fundraising	\$ 51,069.40	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 11,069.40
Other	\$ 10,793.20	\$ 9,825.00	\$ 968.20
Total	\$ 400,425.54	\$ 399,543.52	\$ 883.02

EXPENSES – 6 months

Expense/Liability	Actual	Budget	Variance to Budget
Salaries and taxes	\$ 162,391.74	\$ 148,837.42	\$ (13,554.32)
Diocese Assessments	\$ 70,623.21	\$ 69,6111.82	\$ (1,011.39)
Utilities	\$ 22,822.65	\$ 26,285.98	\$ 3,463.33
Insurance	\$ 18,648.00	\$ 21,424.38	\$ 2,776.38
Church and Liturgical	\$ 20,596.13	\$ 21,698.50	\$ 1,093.37
Supplies- office, rectory, grounds	\$ 18,403.11	\$ 17,627.00	\$ (776.11)
Religious Education	\$ 11,762.06	\$ 9,546.00	\$ (2,216.06)
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 55,070.14	\$ 19,306.67	\$ (35,763.47)
Contracted Services	\$ 18,171.64	\$ 14,483.60	\$ (3,788.04)
Charity	\$ 8,486.00	\$ 15,590.99	\$ 7,464.00
Other	\$ 17,528.87	\$ 15,730.00	\$ (1,798.87)
Total	\$ 424,503.55	\$ 380,392.37	\$ (44,111.18)

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January 26, 2020 – Week 9