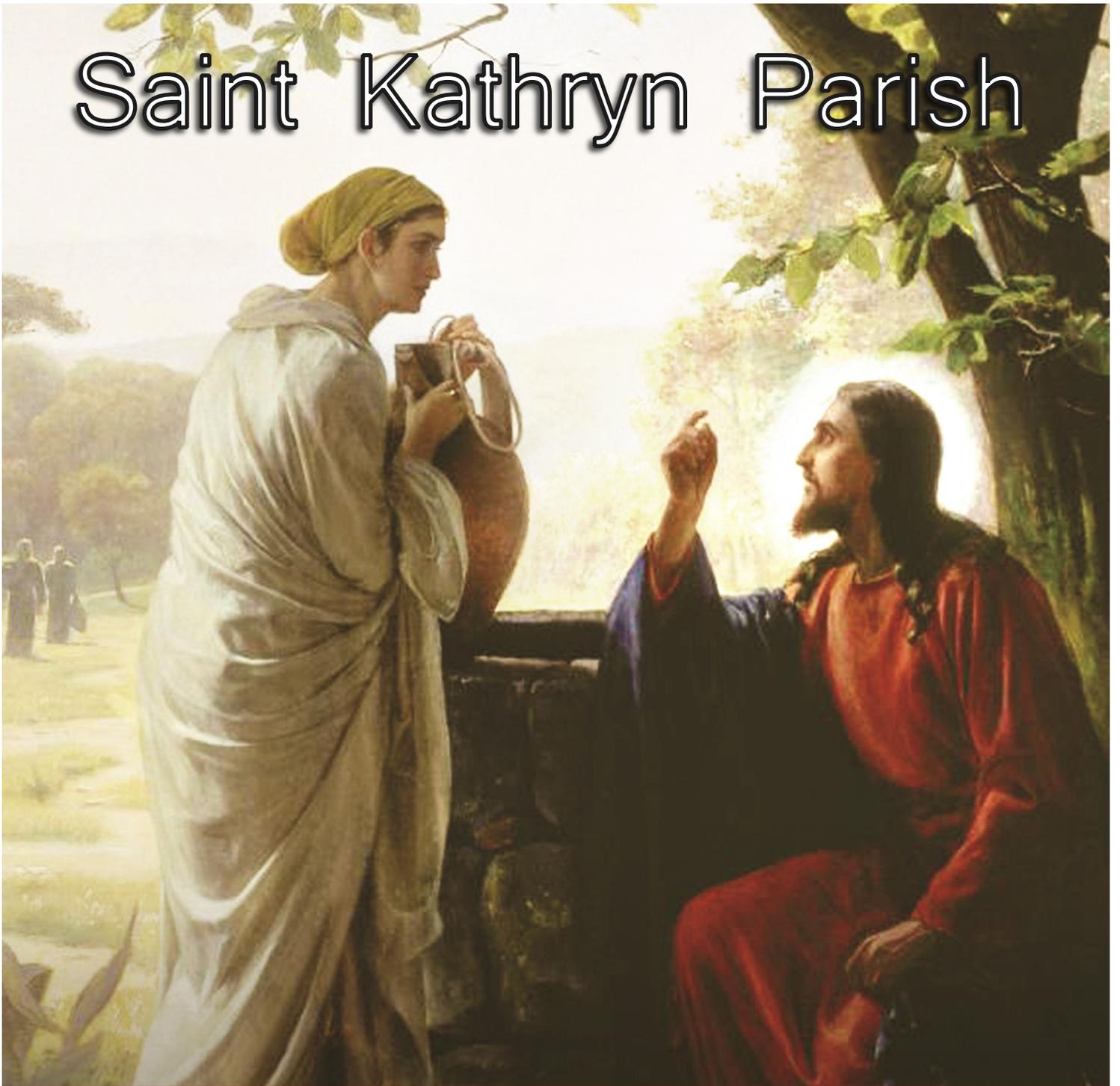


# Saint Kathryn Parish



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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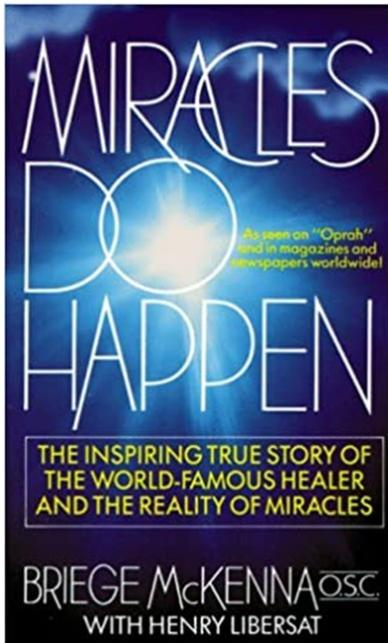
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

March 15, 2020

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I want to thank everyone who attended the Lenten parish mission with Fr. Marc Montminy last week. It was great to see a full Church for these Lenten exercises where Fr. Marc spoke about our call to holiness and our need to call upon the power of the Holy Spirit more in our lives. Fr. Marc also enjoyed being with us and doing what he has loved to do for so many years...talking about Jesus!

When I spoke with Fr. Marc, he shared with me how he related a story with all of you in his weekend homily that he had heard from a Sr. Briege McKenna, a Poor Clare Sister, with whom he had been on retreat. I too had the opportunity years ago to attend a retreat given by Sr. Briege McKenna. She shared with all of us priests her own story of healing and also the many insights she received from the Lord about His gift of the priesthood to the Church. She is a simple and humble religious who exudes an incredible love for Jesus and a tremendous faith in his power.

This brings me to the heart of my thoughts for this week as I remember reading, long before I attended the retreat with her as the retreat director, her own autobiography, *Miracles Do Happen*. Hers is a story right out of the Gospel, Mark 5: 25-34: *"There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet, she was not helped but only grew worse."* As Sr. Briege describes her

own experience, "There was a doctor who said he could do very little for me but wanted to try out different medicines to see if they could help me. The pain was constant. The doctor said there was no hope for me: I would be confined to a wheelchair."

If you have never read Sr. Briege's account of her healing and drawing closer to Jesus, I would highly recommend taking the opportunity to read it this Lenten season. At the heart of the story of her healing is her personal encounter with the Lord. Jesus changed her whole life. He was no longer some distant God whom we read about in a book called the Bible. He was real and when He entered her life, her life would never be the same. Yet, the grace she received is not reserved just for a religious sister. Jesus wants to do this for all of us! Jesus wants to enter into our lives in a way that He has never done so before. He wants us to truly know Him up close and personal. Jesus wants us to know that He is real and wants to be a part of our lives. He wants us to be able to experience the power of His love and His grace. In some way, that is what this whole season of Lent is all about. It is our invitation to allow the Lord to draw close to us. It is our invitation to allow Him into our lives. It is our call to desire to know the Lord personally. As Sr. Briege shares in her autobiography, "One day before the Blessed Sacrament, I said, 'Jesus, I'm going to find you, whatever it takes.'" Jesus is waiting to be found, by all of us!

Many of us have seen the familiar painting by William Holman Hunt, *The Light of the World*. It depicts Jesus standing at a door that is covered by overgrown vegetation and appears to have been unopened in quite a while. If we look closely at the picture, we will notice that there is no handle on the outside of the door, which means that it can only be opened from the inside. Hunt painted the picture to illustrate the beautiful truth expressed in the Book of Revelation, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20). This Lent let us open the door to Him for He desires to give of Himself to us fully!

In Jesus and Mary,

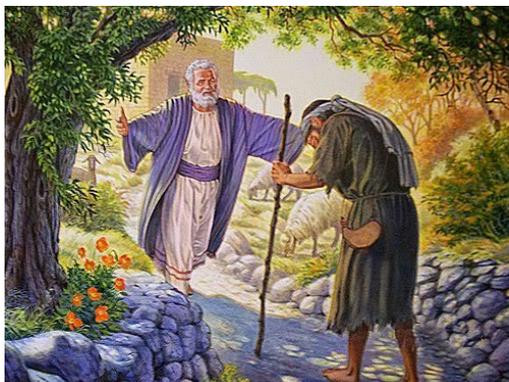
Fr. Michael



**ANNIVERSARY MASS** 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!

**COMING HOME TO CATHOLICISM** They're out there. You probably know one. A neighbor, co-worker, friend or family member. Someone who



has left the Church, and is thinking about returning.

You're supportive and helpful, but you don't really understand why they left

or why they think that coming back will be hard and nerve-racking.

We know. We understand. We walked in those shoes. All of our Team Members left the Church at one time. Some of us were away for decades. We, too, were hesitant and nervous about what returning would mean and would require. Each of us now knows the grace, and the joy, and the peace that the world cannot give, that we found when we 'came home'.

Help us to help them. By calling Saint Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd Hudson, NH, parish office 603.882.7793, the Prodigal Son or Daughter that you know can get information on our next session, which will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in Room 1 of our Parish Center. Or, to connect to a team member, visit our website [www.stkathryns.org/chc](http://www.stkathryns.org/chc).

**SAINT KATHRYN SCHOLARSHIP** Our parish Tithing Council is accepting applications for fall 2020 scholarships through April 17, 2020. Several scholarships are awarded each year to students who will be attending college or trade school in the fall, have maintained a C or better average in high school, and are active, registered, confirmed parishioners of Saint Kathryn's. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, or supplies. Applications may be found in the back of the church and also on our website.

**VOCATIONS** "But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason at 603.663.0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PRO-LIFE SEMINAR** Please join us on Sunday 03/22/20 for an uplifting and educational afternoon.

Time: 12:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.

Place: St. Joseph Cathedral Church Hall, Pine St. Manchester N.H.

Our guest speaker is Sister Patricia Marie Barnette of the Daughters of the Good Shepherd in Danville, PA. Sister Barnette has a Masters in Counseling Psychology from Temple University. She has counseled women for different issues for a number of years and also has worked with Project Rachel.

Her new book, *God's Mercy Awaits You: Finding Healing After Abortion*, is being published by Pauline Press. She will speak about how to be faithful to the Culture of Life, mercy and compassion, and ways to help post-abortive women.

There will be information tables from the Daughters of St. Paul, the Knights of Columbus, N.H. Right to Life, Cornerstone, 40 Days for Life, Natural Family Planning, the Marian Family Apostolate, and various pregnancy crisis centers.

It all begins at noon with a luncheon prepared by the Daughters of Isabella.

The speaking program begins at 1:00 p.m. with important updates from some of the pro-life organizations present. We will break for about 20 minutes.

Sister Barnette will begin her presentation at about 2:15 p.m. followed by a Question and Answer session.

Any questions and/or to register, please contact K of C Life Director, Ron Di Stasio by Thursday 03/19/20 at 603.595.7837 or [rddistasio@comcast.net](mailto:rddistasio@comcast.net).

**PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES** Bishop Peter Libasci, in union with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued a recent statement of precautionary measures as related to concern over the coronavirus and the possible risk of infectious disease. Given the recent world wide concern over the outbreak of the coronavirus, it is recommended that all parishes temporarily institute the following safe practices:

- discontinue distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice.
- exchange the sign of peace verbally without physical contact.

Therefore, the Precious Blood will no longer be distributed at Mass, until further notice, and we will suspend all physical contact at the beginning, during, and at the conclusion of Masses, including at the sign of Peace. We would ask that all parishioners exchange the sign of peace verbally without physical contact.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**FIRST PENANCE** Yesterday, our second grade children celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Please pray for our children and their families as they experience the great mercy of God in their lives.

**2020 MAY CALENDAR RAFFLE** Sales for the May Calendar Raffle are taking place after the weekend Masses. As in years past, the price will be \$10.00 for one calendar, \$25.00 for three. Envelopes containing several calendars are available for you to sell to family, friends, and co-workers. With \$4,200.00 in prizes, it is an easy sell and every winning ticket is returned into the drum for another chance at winning. Please help us make this year's effort our most successful yet. Thank you.

**EASTER FLOWERS** Envelopes for donations for our Easter flowers can be found near the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Please complete the prayer requests and return the envelope with your donation by April 5<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Easter bulletin.

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Online:	\$ 3,570.00
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**SAINT KATHRYN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Save the dates of August 10-14, 2020 for our very first Vacation Bible School at Saint Kathryn's! Plan now to register your children in grades K-6 for a fun-filled time of games, songs, and learning about God's love with their parish friends. Do you have children who attend VBS at Saint Patrick's in Pelham (July 6-10)? Why not do both VBS programs this year! We are using a different theme. Registration forms and more details will appear in future bulletins. **We need many volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School! Please call the parish office at 603.882.7793 to volunteer as soon as possible!** Thank you.

**SAINT KATHRYN'S CRAFTERS** Birds are singing, wildlife is stirring—time to spring into crafting! After a well-deserved winter break, our crafters are at it again. Come and join them! Crafting drop-in hours take place each Tuesday in the Craft Room of the Parish Office from 1:00-8:30 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Crafters of all skill levels are welcome, from beginner to expert. There is a job for everyone when it comes to preparing crafts for the region's best Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale (November 14-15 this year)! Stop by for some fun, friendship and crafting.

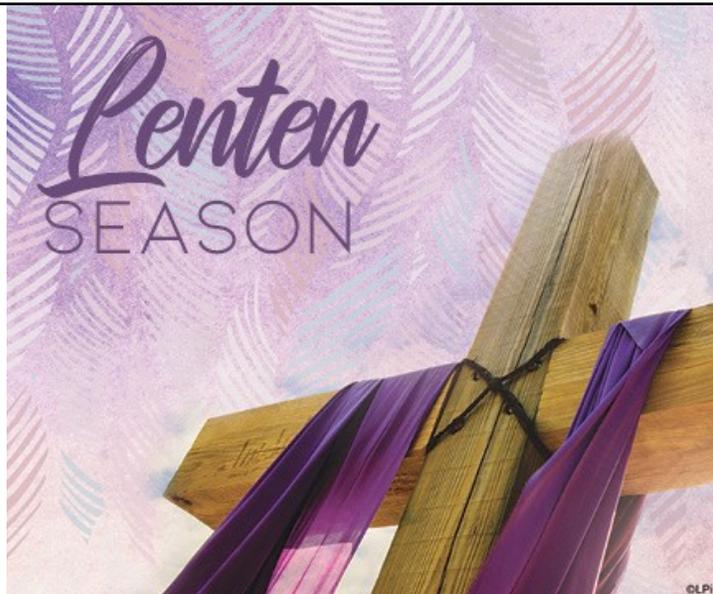
**SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE** Join us for the celebration of Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Immediately after the Mass, our Social Group will host "Saint Joseph's Table" in the parish hall for all.



As always, the desserts for the table will come from YOU! Bring your favorite dessert to be placed on the table to be shared with all who join us for the reception. It's always a great time, and don't worry about sweets and Lent this evening; this is a solemnity—rejoice and feast!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**LENTEN CHOWDER SUPPERS** Come join the Knights of Columbus Council 5162 for our Lenten tradition of delicious chowder, salad, drink and cookie. Please bring family and friends. After your meal, please join us in prayer at 7:00 p.m. in our church. We would love to see you all! God Bless!



When: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Time: 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Where: Saint Kathryn Parish Hall  
Cost: \$8.00 (Chowders) \$3.00 PB&J

**LENTEN SCHEDULE** Good Friday, April 10, is a day of fast and abstinence. All between the ages of 18 and 58 (inclusive) are permitted one full meal and two smaller meals not equaling the main meal. Eating in between meals is not permitted, although liquids (water, milk, juice) are permissible. The law does not apply to those with medical conditions that preclude fasting. Abstinence from meat is required on this day as well for all over the age of 14. **Stations of the Cross** will take place on Fridays following the morning Mass and again at 6:30 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. and **Solemn Vespers** will be sung on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. from the first Sunday of Lent through Divine Mercy Sunday (*except Easter Sunday*).

The **Divine Mercy Novena** will be recited beginning on Good Friday and concluding at Vespers on Divine Mercy Sunday.

On Monday of Holy Week, the **Diocesan Day of Confession**, Confessions will be heard from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. The **Deanery Lenten Penance Service** with Confessions is on March 22nd at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua at 2:00 p.m. Plan now to participate in as much as you can!

**LENTEN FOOD DRIVE** Our annual Lenten Food Drive is underway! Brown bags are in the vestibule of the church. You know what to do—take one of the brown bags, fill it with the groceries listed on the sheet on the bag, and return it to the vestibule of the church. We'll take care of delivering the groceries to Saint John XXIII.

**LENT AT DONNA'S PLACE** If you are looking for a Lenten option for breakfast or lunch on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, Donna of Donna's Place in Hudson called to let us know they have a great seafood fest! Stop in and enjoy a Lent-friendly meal at Donna's Place in Hudson, 28 Lowell Road, #11.

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### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

### SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

603.595.4463

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

### SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org).

### OPEN FOR YOU!

We invite you to use our church, the transept chapel, or the Emmaus Chapel (in the office building) for personal prayer. Our sacred spaces are open daily from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

**Welcome!** If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

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