

Saint Kathryn Parish



Easter SUNDAY

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God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The Lord is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia. Although the world's situation may not seemingly point to the Resurrection during these days, Christ truly manifests Himself on this Easter Sunday and reassures us that He is with us more than ever during these difficult times.

As I reflect back on the Gospels for the Resurrection, the passage from Luke about the two disciples walking to Emmaus immediately comes to mind. The Gospel reports, "And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, 'What are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped, looking downcast" (Luke 24: 15-17).

It might be a great way to enter into the Easter season by sitting with this passage from Luke's Gospel (24: 1-35). We can only imagine what must have been going through their minds as they played the scene of the crucifixion over and over again and began to give in to the despondent thought that everything was at an end. We too might be going through the same feelings. However, as the disciples were immersed in the Word of God and in the Eucharist, their eyes were opened and they remarked, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

The Lord wants to do this for us as well. The Lord wants to rekindle the flame of faith in our hearts and fill us with his joy. He too wants to open our eyes. But how can the Lord do this for us? The same way He did it for His disciples. As we begin this Easter season, let us take the Scriptures in hand and not only read them but also meditate upon them. Let us spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. If we cannot make a visit to Church, let us find him online. There are many places that have live virtual streaming of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, of the Risen Christ, who is with us. Check out our parish website to find places where livestreaming of Adoration is happening now. Just as the risen Jesus was not bound by time, history, or physical space, so much more now! Jesus can transcend all physical limitations by His risen presence, most especially when we stay with Him in His Word and in His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Know that I am praying for all of you, your families, and your intentions every day but most especially on this holy Day of the Lord's Resurrection. May He who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, cover you with His Most Precious Blood and sustain you, so that you may be strong. A most blessed and holy Easter to all of you!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael



FROM THE NEWLY FORMED EVANGELIZATION/OUTREACH TEAM: ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Men, women, young adults and teens can now complete home Bible Study online through the group "Walking With Purpose" found on Facebook and at WalkingWithPurpose.com. Presently, it consists of a breakdown of the upcoming Sunday readings. This allows you to come before your TV each Sunday morning for the livestream Mass prepared to hear and to understand what is being said. It is a program that should be used each of the 5 days of the week prior to Sunday. It is a supplement, not a replacement, for what you already do at home, the title being "Defining Moments." The five segments include: 1) 1st Sunday reading, 2) responsorial psalm, 3) 2nd reading, finally 4) and 5) "pulls apart" the Gospel. Also included is an explanation of Spiritual Communion for those who are still pondering what exactly it means to "receive" a spiritual communion with a suggestion of the words you may want to say to obtain this Communion.

Good luck, and feel free to send us feedback, through Saint Kathryn's office. Would you want more from Walking With Purpose? Let us know!

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. In Him we trust!

FROM THE OFFICE OF HEALING AND PASTORAL CARE



Joseph Naff, MSW is the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Manchester. As Director of the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care, Mr. Naff is available to provide compassionate, confidential and free assistance to individuals who were sexually abused by those representing the Church. If you or a loved one would

like to speak with Mr. Naff, you may contact him at (603) 663-0125 or jnaff@rcbm.org.

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS As you know, the Coronavirus is threatening the health of many businesses in the U.S., large and small alike, and that includes Saint Kathryn Religious Goods here in our parish.



We are here to serve you and the community by providing the best evangelizing and faith formation material available to strengthen our families, friends and neighbors in their spiritual journeys.

To help press forward though this unusual but, we hope, short lived virus episode, one of our premiere Catholic booksellers, [Sophia Institute Press](http://SophiaInstitutePress.com), is making their substantial database of books available to you through our own website. Any and all books you order through the website are shipped free when you type in **promo code FreeShip** at checkout. The pricing on their entire inventory is exactly what we retail the books for in our store. Proceeds from any purchases you make online through the [Sophia Press link at \[stkathryns.org/store\]\(http://stkathryns.org/store\) will go directly to our store and hence to our parish.](http://stkathryns.org/store) Remember, you must follow the link on our website for the proceeds to be sent to us.

Now is an excellent time to return to reading—to take advantage of the wonderful materials that encourage and strengthen us during this Lenten season and beyond. As we have always promoted in the past, our book selection is awesome and now you have access to a good part of it from your computer at home. As Fr. Monette has written, to believe that prayer (and faith education) is not an essential part of getting through this period of forced reclusion is pure folly and goes against our beliefs as a Catholic community.

Every dark cloud has a silver lining, and the silver lining around this virus scare is that we can rest in the Lord and go deeper in our Catholic faith. Let us help you do that with this book buying approach through your own store here at Saint Kathryn's. Try and relax, have faith and enjoy some quality quiet time. This crisis will surely pass and we can't wait to see everyone back on campus and also in the store!

FORMED Visit formed.org to keep the faith alive



and active during this time of seclusion! We renewed our parish subscription this Christmas. Why not take advantage of this great resource?

FORMED has a wealth of Bible Studies, movies, and children’s activities. Read weekly meditations and listen to audio while you’re traveling. You’ll hear top speakers like Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Dr. Scott Hahn, and many stories and videos written for children as well. Simply visit formed.org and use our parish code, 748649, to enter. You will experience a whole world of Catholicism. Don’t waste this wonderful opportunity!

2021 MASS BOOK AND EVENT CALENDAR

Our 2021 Mass book is open! Call now to book a Mass in memory of a loved one, for birthday blessings, for someone’s intentions, in thanksgiving, or for another reason for a donation of \$10.00. Our 4:00 p.m. Masses are the most popular for booking, so it is best to call as soon as possible for those Mass intentions. You may also have the sanctuary lamps or the shrine candles of the Blessed Mother, Sacred Heart, Divine Mercy, or Our Lady of Czestochowa burn for a loved one or intention (\$12.50-\$25.00).

Also, if your parish group is looking for a place to meet, our 2021 event calendar book is open now for room reservations. Please call the office at 603.882.7793 for Masses, shrines, or events. We are not in the building, but we are checking voicemails and email regularly during our normal business hours of Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

SAINT KATHRYN PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP



Stay connected to Saint Kathryn’s community with our Facebook group! Visit Saint Kathryn’s Church on Facebook and click the blue “Visit Group” button to be taken to our official Facebook group, which is where parishioners can post and communicate with one another. Over 250 parishioners have joined! Simply click “Join Group” and a moderator will approve your request. Have a question, prayer request, or suggestion? Post to the group and stay in touch –without being close enough to touch!

CUB SCOUT FUNDRAISER Help support the Saint Kathryn’s sponsored Cub Scout Pack and bring beauty to your garden by buying bulbs through Three Rivers by April 30th. Go to <https://ThreeRiversFundraising.com/>. Click on the “Enter Group Code” button and enter code 93SCDR. Thanks for your support, Pack 252.

PRAYER TO SAINT CORONA IN A TIME OF EPIDEMIC

Lord Jesus Christ,
You came into this world
for our salvation.
Look kindly on us now, we pray,
that we, and all those who serve You,
might be kept safe from this epidemic.
Heal those who are sick,
comfort the suffering, bring back
those who have gone astray, and
above all, increase our faith, O Lord.
Give us the grace to follow You and,
like the martyr St. Corona, who gave
her life for love of You, to take up our
crosses daily without fear or hesitation.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the
living God, have mercy on us and
on the whole world.
St. Corona, patroness of
epidemic victims, pray for us.
Amen.

REFLECTING GOD’S GENEROSITY TO US

Due to an early publishing deadline, the offertory for the weekend of April 4-5 will be published in the next bulletin.

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00. Thank you to parishioners who already give regularly online and to those who recently signed up for online giving during this time when we cannot be together on church grounds to celebrate Mass. Thanks, also, to parishioners who mailed offertory checks to the main office at **4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051**. We are unable to pass the offertory basket in the pews at this time, but our bills remain the same. We are grateful to all who are helping us to stay afloat and pay for utilities, contracts, supplies, services, payroll, and other regular expenses. If you are able to sign up for online giving to automatically give to the parish weekly, please visit stkathryns.org/donate. Thank you!

MASS LIVESTREAMING FROM SAINT KATHRYN'S! Many of you remember that we announced in bulletins at the end of last spring that we would be livestreaming Sunday Mass to reach the homebound and all those unable to join us due to illness. The project had to be put on hold for a time, but we are excited to have launched the livestream of our 10:30 a.m. Mass last month, thanks to a generous volunteer! During this time when we cannot congregate together in the physical church building, please join us in spirit as the Body of Christ at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Simply go to our parish website, stkathryns.org, scroll down, and click on the video to view the Mass live at 10:30 a.m. You can also find the livestream on our Facebook page, Instagram and YouTube channel. If possible, keep page 7 of this bulletin handy as you participate in the Mass virtually with us. We will be using both prayers on that page during Mass. The prayers can also be found on our website.

EXTENDED WEDNESDAY ADORATION



Thanks to parishioners who recently volunteered to be on the extended adoration schedule, we now have adoration from 5:30 a.m. straight through to 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday until further notice. Please take advantage of the added hours to spend some time with the Lord. Just be sure to maintain social distancing and keep 6 feet between adorers.

EASTER FLOWERS Thank you to those who have already donated to our Easter Flower Fund. The names memorialized by Easter Flower Donations will be printed in an upcoming bulletin as we allow more time for those who may not have had a chance to donate yet under the unusual circumstances. Flower envelopes may be dropped off at the parish office via the drop-slot between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. They may also be mailed to Saint Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051. Any envelope marked "Easter Flowers" will do. If you would like someone remembered for your donation, please put a note in the envelope with the name(s). There is a button on our parish website for flower donations as well. If you use this method, please email charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org with any names to be remembered in the upcoming bulletin. Thank you.

CHANGE TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES Save the dates of **August 17-21, 2020** for our very first Vacation Bible School at Saint Kathryn's! Due to a major scheduling conflict, we have pushed VBS back a week. 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!**

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.

DAILY MASSES ONLINE There are many Masses livestreamed daily. A few options are EWTN (ewtn.com/tv) at 8:00 a.m. and Word on Fire at 8:15 a.m. at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>. For the Sunday Mass, visit stkathryns.org and scroll down to view our 10:30 a.m. Mass live each weekend.

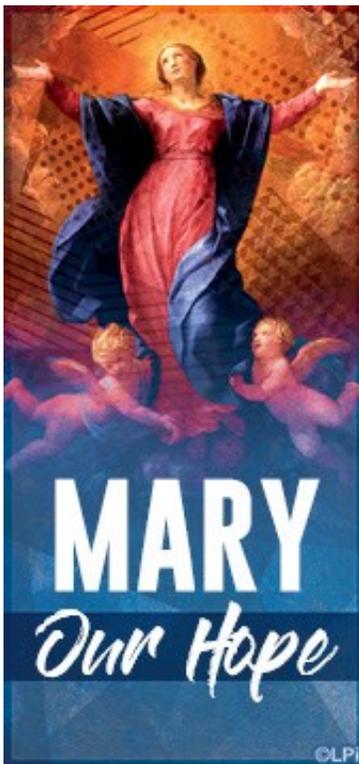
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Join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! RCA assists homeschoolers by providing a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. PreK3-12th-grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days following a provided lesson plan. Find out about this amazing program with 16 locations in 11 states. Accepting applications for the Northern MA/Southern NH area for 2020! <https://rcahybrid.org/Apply> Questions? Contact Becky Casey at



CORONAVIRUS UPDATES Due to the rapidly evolving nature of coronavirus prevention protocol, events and information in this bulletin may be outdated by the time of distribution. Please visit [stkathryns.org](https://www.stkathryns.org) (and sign up for our email announcements there!) and/or find us on Facebook for the very latest information regarding cancellation of events and any additional protections put into place to slow the spread of coronavirus.

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE END TO THE PANDEMIC



*O Mary,
you always shine on
our path
as a sign of
salvation and of
hope.
We entrust ourselves
to you, Health of the
Sick,
who at the cross took
part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith
firm.
You, Salvation of the
Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you
will provide
so that, as in Cana of
Galilee,*

*we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the
entreaties of we who are in trial, but
deliver us from every danger, O glorious
and blessed Virgin.
Amen.*

HOMILIES AND BULLETINS ONLINE The weekend homily is always posted on our website at <https://www.stkathryns.org/homilies> and our bulletins can be found at <https://www.stkathryns.org/bulletins>. However, make it even easier on yourself and join over 400 parishioners who automatically receive the bulletin via email every week. Simply visit our website, scroll down and click "Sign Up for News and Bulletins." The bulletin will be emailed to you every week, and you will also receive important email announcements from the parish, such as cancellations, upcoming events, and other news.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION When unable to receive Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist, a Spiritual Communion can be made:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You
and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to
be separated from You.
Amen.

INSTAGRAM Yet another way to keep connected to Saint Kathryn Parish is to follow us on Instagram! View photos of our church, stained glass windows and statues, read inspiring Bible quotes, and keep informed of various events and happenings. Between our website, livestream Sunday Mass, YouTube channel, Facebook page and group, email list, homily recordings, store email list, Formed, and Instagram, these online options are the next best thing to being there.



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