

Saint Kathryn Parish

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

26 April 2020

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Last Sunday we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast requested by our Lord to Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1936: *"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy"* (Diary, 669).

In preparation for that beautiful feast, we prayed together for nine days prior, the Novena to the Divine Mercy. On the ninth day, Jesus asks us to bring to Him and to immerse in the fount of His Mercy, all souls that are lukewarm. Again, he told Sr. Faustina, *"Today bring to Me souls who have become lukewarm and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls"* (Diary 1228).

In these days when we have witnessed such devastation and sickness in our world, the Lord is inviting the world to turn back to Him, and to those who already follow Him, to be raised up from their lukewarmness of soul. As I reflected with you in my letter of Easter, the Lord wants to rekindle the flame of His divine life in our souls as He did for the apostles on the way to Emmaus. He reminded them of how lukewarm their hearts had quickly become: *"Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"* (Luke 24:25). The Lord wants to do this for us not just for our own sake but

for the sake of the many souls in the world who have turned away from God, who do not know God and the life He desires for us, and who without the witness of fervent disciples of Jesus would lose the grace of salvation.

Thus in these remaining days of the Easter season, I want to reflect and deepen our understanding of lukewarmness and prepare our hearts to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle them and make them fervent for Jesus, His Church, and all the many spiritual gifts which He has given to us. Whether we like it or not, and whether we want to or not, all of us are part of a spiritual battle, which in these last several years has grown even more intense, and within these past several months has revealed even more plainly the battlefield: the souls for which Christ died and rose again! How many souls are saved or lost, how much the world will suffer, how much evil will be held at bay, will depend on how alert and how serious we take our commitment to follow Christ, and our commitment to remain faithful to Him. Jesus himself once revealed to St. Therese of Lisieux that countless souls depended on the manner with which she lived her religious vows in the life of Carmel. St. Faustina too came to this realization in her own spiritual life as a Sister of Mercy, *"I strive for the greatest perfection possible in order to be useful to the Church. Greater by far is my bond to the Church. The sanctity or the fall of each individual soul has an effect upon the whole Church. Observing myself and those who are close to me, I have come to understand how great an influence I have on other souls, not by any heroic deeds, as these are striking in themselves, but by small actions like a movement of the hand, a look, and many other things too numerous to mention, which have an effect on and reflect in the souls of others, as I myself have noticed.* (Diary, 1475).

More than ever, Jesus is calling us to a greater fervor in following Him in whatever vocation, state in life, or circumstances we find ourselves in. Even those who are homebound, sick, and who feel they have nothing to offer the Lord, are being called in these days, to become fervent lovers of Jesus, so that relying on our love and commitment, He may unite our efforts to the outpouring of His grace for that which is most dear to His heart: the salvation of souls.

In Jesus and Mary,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 25

Vigil (The Third Sunday of Easter)

4:00PM—+Dick Duprey, by Joan Malone

Sunday, April 26 (The Third Sunday of Easter)

8:30AM—+Colleen White, by the Dotchin Family and
+Ruth Tamulonis, by her sister, Judi

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 27 (Easter Weekday)

8:30AM—+Earl and Catherine Krauss, by Peter and Dorene

Wednesday, April 29 (Saint Catherine of Siena)

8:30AM—+Francine Dupuis, by Richard and Renee Dupuis

Thursday, April 30 (Saint Pius V)

6:30PM—Birthday Blessings for Clare Schofield, by the Schofield Family

Friday, May 1 (Saint Joseph the Worker)

8:30AM—+William Souza and Lucille Hebert, by their daughter, Denny and
+John M. Pietrowski, by Dick and Peg

Saturday, May 2 (Saint Athanasius)

8:30AM—+Joseph Tru Do, by his family

Vigil (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

4:00PM—+Gerard Hudon, by Leo and Lauraine

Sunday, May 3 (The Fourth Sunday of Easter)

8:30AM—+John Wieckowski, by Alina Tobin and
+Francine Dupuis, by Bob and Mary McNeil

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

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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 (and sign up for our email announcements there!) and/or find us on Facebook at Saint Kathryn's Church for the very latest information regarding cancellation of events and any additional protections put into place to slow the spread of coronavirus.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

By decree of the Most Rev. Bishop Peter A. Libasci, Mass is not open to the general public until further notice in cooperation with CDC social distancing recommendations for slowing the spread of coronavirus.

The Parish Office and Saint Kathryn Religious Goods are closed until further notice. Office staff check parish voicemail and emails remotely during normal parish business hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The church is open for prayer every day from 7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26th

Livestreaming at stkathryns.org:
Mass (10:30A)

Wednesday, April 29th

Staff Prayer/Online (9:45A)
Adoration/Church (5:30A-7:00P)

Friday, May 1st

Adoration/Church (9:00A-Midnight)

Sunday, May 2nd

Livestreaming at stkathryns.org:
Mass (10:30A)

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MASS LIVESTREAMING FROM SAINT KATHRYN'S

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 the prayers from page 5 of this bulletin handy as you participate in the Mass virtually with us, as we will be using both of them during Mass at this time. The prayers can also be found on a button on our website, as can [Daily Mass Readings](#).



SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA: THE MYSTIC



The feast day of our patroness, Saint Catherine of Siena, takes place this Wednesday, April 29th! From now through April 29th, Bishop Robert Barron is making his feature-length film, *Saint Catherine of Siena: The Mystic* available to view online for free at [https://](https://special.wordonfire.org/stcatherinebook)

special.wordonfire.org/stcatherinebook. There, you can also order a copy of Word on Fire Institute's new book, *Saint Catherine of Siena: Mystic of Fire, Preacher of Freedom* by Father Paul Murray, O.P. Copies of the book are also in stock at Saint Kathryn Religious Goods and will be available for purchase once we return to our normal hours of operation and the parish campus reopens. Happy feast day!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious education registration forms for grades 1-10 for school year 2020-2021 are available online at <https://www.stkathryns.org/religious-education-grades-1-10> and in the back of the church. Register by June 1st to avoid late fees! Tuition is \$40/child and \$80/family maximum. Confirmation this year will be for grades 3, 6, and 7. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible to ensure that your children are placed in the group that is convenient to your schedule.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH UPDATE: ALL PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO OFFER SUPPORT DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of our physical locations are closed, all of our programs remain operational. Our staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030. You may also visit www.cc-nh.org/programs for more information on how we continue to adapt to changing needs statewide.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL Envelopes are available in the back of the church next weekend as we begin our annual Catholic Charities NH appeal. Catholic Charities serves so many in need here in our diocese. Thank you for being as generous as your means will allow.

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 even 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 also many stories and videos written for children. 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!

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.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE NIGHT

JESUS a CROSS the Border

FEATURING:
FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020
7-8PM EST

- "EMERGING FROM THE TOMB"
- TALK BY FR. MIKE
- LIVE Q&A WITH FR. MIKE
- GIVEAWAYS

HOW TO JOIN:
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.JESUSACROSSTHEBORDER.ORG/FRMIKE
OR WATCH LIVE VIA OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

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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 Częstochowa 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.

SAINT KATHRYN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates of **August 17-21, 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!**

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory (mail):	\$ 3,857.00
Online:	\$ 5,628.00
Total:	\$ 9,485.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00. Thank you to parishioners who already give regular automatic offertory donations 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!

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.

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.

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 week-end. Daily Mass readings may be found on our website at <https://www.stkathryns.org/daily-mass-readings>.

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.

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.



A MESSAGE FROM SAINT KATHRYN'S EVANGELIZATION/OUTREACH TEAM: ONLINE BIBLE STUDY Men, women, young adults and teens can now complete a 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!

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS To help press forward though this unusual but, we hope, short lived virus episode, one of our premiere Catholic booksellers, Sophia Institute Press, is making their substantial database of books available to you through our own website, www.stkathryns.org/store. 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 www.stkathryns.org/store will go directly to our store and hence to our parish. Remember, you must follow the link on our website for the proceeds to be sent to us.

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.

EXTENDED WEDNESDAY ADORATION Thanks



to parishioners who 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.

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 300 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!

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

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS (CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION)

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 (NO MASSES OPEN TO PUBLIC AT THIS TIME)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (livestream); 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. when normal operations resume)

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.

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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