

Saint Kathryn Parish

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

11 October 2020

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Last week we reflected on the spiritual contribution of St. John Paul II to his beloved Poland in the face of great oppression imposed by a Marxist regime. A great movie to watch to get a sense of what the young priest Karol Wojtyla lived through both under the Nazi and Communist governments is the two-collection miniseries: *Karol, the Man who became Pope* and *Karol: the Pope, the Man* by director Giacomo Battiato. In the first movie, there is a scene where the young Karol first meets Venerable Jan Tryanowski who pulls him into his apartment to protect him from being shot. In that quiet encounter, Tryanowski comments about the war that is raging in Europe, "We will win with love not with guns....the nazis will disappear because evil will devour itself, but..." Karol finishes his thought, "but, if love does not win out, the nazis will just come back under a different name? Is that what you mean?" Venerable Tryanowski replies, "Exactly." Tryanowski would be influential in Karol's spiritual formation, introducing him to the writings of St. John of the Cross. Pope Francis declared Jan Tyranowski venerable on January 20, 2017.

It is a profound insight that is to be gained: if an authentic love of God and an authentic love of the dignity of the human person does not win out in society, then evil will come back, just under a different name. However, evil is never new, it is

always the same errors that appear, just under different forms throughout history. This again is what we are seeing in the headlines and the newscasts of today. The answer to this? To love the One who is Truth, or as St. Catherine of Siena was often fond of saying, "to love the one who is *First Truth*." Jesus! It is what the first letter of Peter says, "By your obedience to the Truth, you have purified yourselves for a genuine love of your brothers" (1 Peter 1:22). Only if Christians make a stand for Christ and the Gospel will evil and the anti-Gospel disappear, for love drives out evil.

A profound example of this is to be found in the lives of the parents of St. John Paul II, Karol, Sr. and Emilia Wojtyla, whose cause for beatification was recently approved this past March. The Catholic News Agency reported that a new book on their life shows a profound love of Christ. When Emilia was carrying her son Karol in her womb, her doctor insisted that she get an abortion, because of the difficult pregnancy she was experiencing. However, the parents of St. John Paul II, made the decision, that despite everything, their baby was to be born, for their deep faith would not allow them to choose an abortion. Thus, on May 18th, 1920, little Karol Wojtyla, Jr. came into this world, who would later become Pope St. John Paul II, who acknowledged that he was elected Pope at the same time of day that he was born. Are these just all coincidences? Hardly. This is the work of love: love of God, love of truth, love of the Gospel. Can any one of us imagine the world without John Paul II? I know I couldn't and if I closed my eyes and pictured John Paul II speaking to us as a country and a world, it would be the same very words he spoke during his first homily when he was installed as the 264th successor of Peter:

"Brothers and sisters, *do not be afraid* to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help the Pope and all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. *Be not afraid*. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. *Be not afraid*. Christ knows "what is in man." He alone knows it. So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you therefore, we beg you with humility and trust, let Christ speak to man. *He alone has words of life, yes, of eternal life....*We should not be afraid because Jesus is the eternal Son of the Living God who became man for our redemption and salvation...and who gives us the peace that the world cannot give, and yet who calls us to share that peace with that same world."

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

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RCA assists homeschoolers by providing a classical, *University-Style 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 national program with close to 20 locations in the U.S. and how we can bring a new center to Southern NH in 2021! For information about upcoming tours and events contact Mrs. Rebecca Casey at rebecca.oneil.casey@gmail.com or (781)856-7690.

VIRTUAL VOCATION DINNERS The Lord is continuing to call! We would like to invite men and women in our diocese who are considering a vocation in the Church or would simply like some help hearing the Lord’s call for their life, to a virtual evening of prayer and conversation with the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Manchester. Virtual St. Andrew Dinner with men of all ages: Friday November 13, 7pm. Virtual Miriam Dinner with women of all ages: Friday November 20, 7pm. For more information and to register, please visit the diocesan vocations website at liveinblackandwhite.com.

REFLECTING GOD’S GENEROSITY TO US

In Church Offertory:	\$ 3,372.00
Online:	\$ 6,926.82
Mail/Delivery:	\$ 1,440.00
Total:	\$11,738.82

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00.

Thank you for giving, whether online (sign up for automatic giving at stkathryns.org/donate), in the offertory basket, or mailed to **4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051!**

UPDATE: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR GRAND RAFFLE

With our annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale on pandemic pause this year, we are counting on you more than ever to buy and sell tickets for our Annual Grand Raffle to raise money for the parish Buildings and Grounds fund for future repairs and upgrades. So far, we have raised \$5,360.00 with raffle ticket sales—thank you! If you haven’t done so already, be sure to take an envelope or two of raffle tickets from the windowsills and tables in church this weekend and sell them to friends and family. Each envelope contains \$35.00 in sales, and if we sell them all, we can raise over \$20,000! Please return ticket stubs and sale money to the offertory basket in the provided self-sealing Grand Raffle envelope by Sunday, November 15th. Tickets are only \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of six. The drawing will take place on November 16th and the winners will be announced via social media and the bulletin. First prize is \$1,000; second prize is \$750; third prize is \$500. Try your luck and give the parish a boost!

BAZAAR DONATION THANKS

We have received several donations from parishioners wishing to contribute to the Bazaar, even without the Bazaar! We have been given notes



for “what I would have spent on the bake sale,” and, “money I would have used to purchase Penny Sale prizes,” etc. Our parish is truly a remarkably supportive and generous one. Just more proof that you all make the Bazaar what it is every year, a tremendous success of the parish family, even when a pandemic gets in the way. Thank you!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: THREE MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have an **open weekly adoration shift on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.–noon** and an **open monthly slot on First Fridays from noon–1:00 p.m.** We are also in need of an **adoration team captain on First Fridays from noon–3:00 p.m.**, who will receive any phone calls from adorers unable to make a scheduled shift during that timeframe and check the schedule to ensure there are at least two adorers per assigned time slot. Please call Charlene in the office at 603.882.7793, ext. 10 to sign up. For more information about adoration, please visit <https://www.stkathryns.org/adoration-and-benediction>.

God is Near

Creator of the Universe,
 May I always choose to see through eyes of faith.
 When I see fearful and frustrated faces, may I see Your eyes.
 When I see the raging storm coming, may I see Your breath.
 When I see the fragile bodies of those who are ill,
 may I see Your broken body upon a cross.
 When I gaze upon all there is and will be,
 may I see and believe, without reservation,
 that You ARE ALIVE and You ARE NEAR.
 May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done.

Amen.



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

It is hard to believe that we are already in October. It doesn't seem possible as I look at the leaves that have already begun to change color. Although the fall season has been one of my favorite seasons of the year, I find myself asking, "Where has the time gone?"

The month of October has always been the time of my yearly priesthood retreat. As with so many other things that have been affected by the pandemic, many religious communities are not accepting retreatants this year. In light of this, I have decided to make my yearly retreat "in-house," meaning here at the rectory, from Sunday afternoon October 11th through Friday October 16th. As I will be present here at the parish during this week, rather than away at a religious house, I will be able to offer some of the daily Masses with the community.

However, immediately following my retreat, I am scheduled for surgery on Monday, October 19th. Again, as with so many things during this time, it will require some extra steps and precautions which will include COVID screening on the final day of my retreat and then the necessity of remaining quarantined until my surgery on the following Monday.

Fr. Gerry Dion will be with you to celebrate Masses while I am out and I am most grateful for his assistance. According to my doctor, he is not expecting a long recovery time, so I plan to be back to weekend Masses on October 24th and 25th.

As I make my retreat, know that I will keep all of you in my prayers, especially every day at the celebration of Mass, and I would ask that you keep me in your prayers as well, especially during my surgery. As always, please remember me to our Lady, to whom I have entrusted the whole of my life.

Wishing you the Lord's dearest blessings as we enter this beautiful time of the year!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

VOCATIONS "Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, or in consecrated life. Call Father Matthew Mason at 603.663.0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

NEIGHBOR NEEDS Are there any former pre-school teachers or homeschool parents out there? After decades of working together with us to help local families, our friend Jaretta from the Tolles Street Mission has a rare request for herself. Due to COVID-related circumstances, in between helping the many families she works with, Jaretta will also be homeschooling her four 4-year-old granddaughters this year. She has a large basement to work with and is looking for anything to help set up a pre-school classroom for four students: bulletin boards, cubbies, bookcases, white boards, posters, shelves, floor pillows for reading time, books, kid tables and chairs, art supplies, and anything in between! Can you help?

In addition, we are still in need of a queen size mattress for a family expecting a baby in a few weeks. We have also become aware of an elderly person in need of a humidifier, as well as a family coming out of transitional housing that needs a kitchen set for six. If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Jaretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you, as always!

FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Masses



with the Bishop to mark significant wedding anniversaries of the faithful of the Diocese of Manchester have occurred for nearly 40 years. These

important celebrations remind us all of the beauty and dignity of marriage in Christ. While it is fitting that such celebrations look differently during these unprecedented times, invoking God's blessing on those who continue to offer Christian witness by their marital union continues nonetheless! Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 year anniversaries to watch and unite their prayers with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the worship aid and a special novena for marriage, couples will receive an invitation to a post-Mass virtual gathering where they will have an opportunity to speak with other couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Any questions may be directed to dmcdonald@rcbm.org. To register for the virtual celebration, please visit <https://fallanniversary2020.eventbrite.com>. Please register by the end of today, October 11th, to ensure you receive your prayer resources and link in time!

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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

603.595.4463

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (also livestreamed on our website); 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.

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 7:00 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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