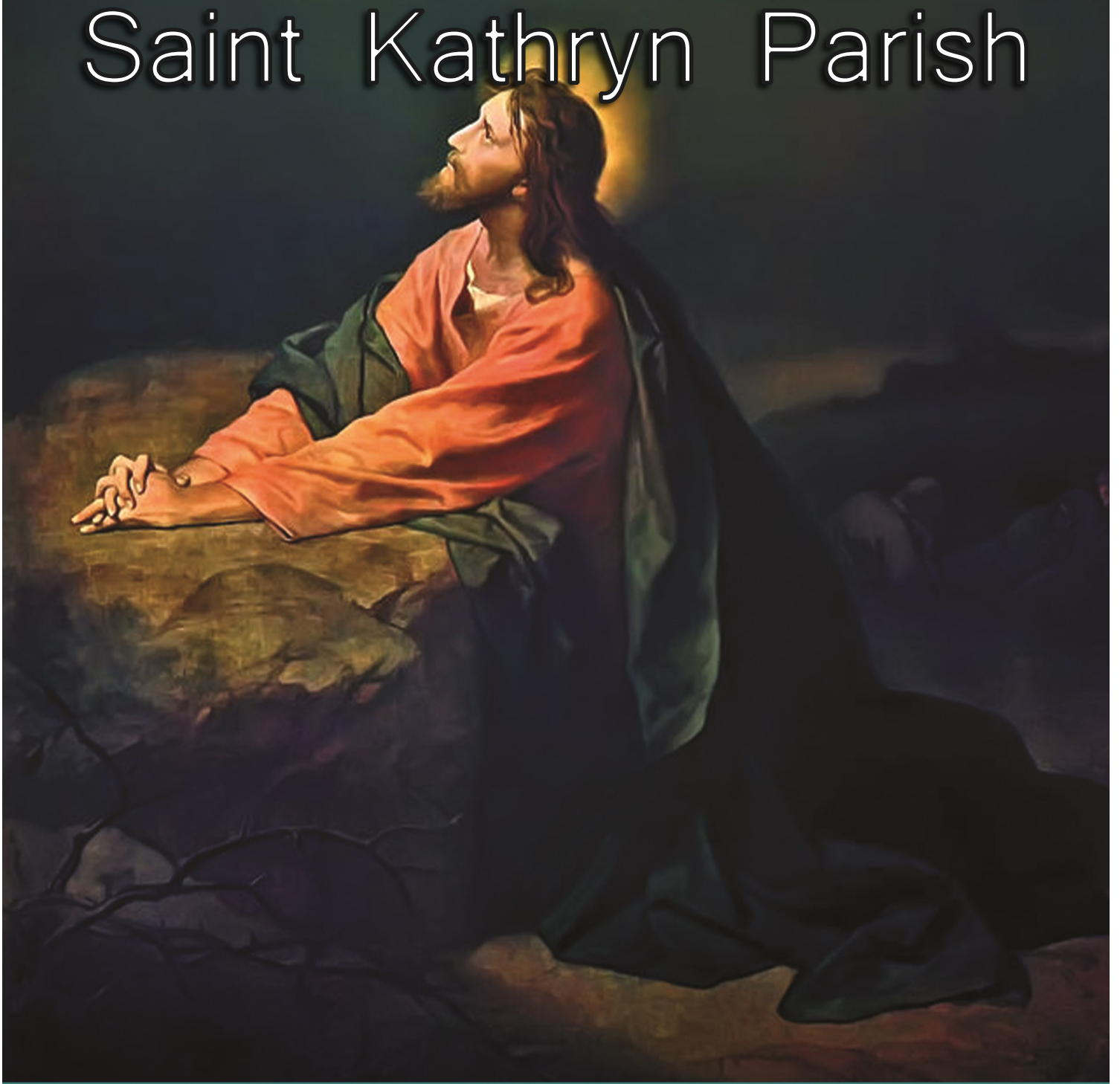


Saint Kathryn Parish



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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God Alone!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over this past month of October, we have grounded our reflections on the life of St. John Paul II whose writings and example have much to say to our times and especially to our nation in the critical moment in which it finds itself. One final aspect of his life that bears great importance for us was his immense love and devotion to our Blessed Mother. Indeed, the whole of his life could be said to have found refuge in Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The month of October, which is more distinctively known for its remembrance of the apparitions at Fatima, is also the month in which was consecrated a beautiful shrine to our Lady, in a lesser known apparition: Our Lady of Hope, which occurred on January 17, 1871 in Pontmain, France. The Basilica which honors this quiet apparition of Mary was dedicated on October 15, 1900.

At this apparition, which occurred at the height of the Franco-Prussian War, our Lady did not say anything. However, she appeared for three hours to four young children. As the apparition continued, a small white scroll appeared beneath her feet, upon which materialized the words, *"But pray, my children. God will hear you in time. My son allows Himself to be moved."* It would only be eleven days later that the war would end. Our Lady's appearance over the little hamlet of Pontmain coincided with the withdrawal of troops from that area of France. The invading army did not enter Pontmain and the war did not enter any of the territory of Brittany. It is reported that the commander of the Prussian forces said, *"We cannot go farther. Yonder, in the direction of Brittany, there is an invisible Madonna barring the way."* Thus, through our Lady's intercession, the hamlet of Pontmain and Brittany was saved.

How appropriate that Mary is given the title, Our Lady of Hope. Indeed, for those who have recourse to her powerful intercession, she lends her protection and restores hope to the hearts of her children. The whole of St. John Paul II's life manifests this reality.

What does this little-known apparition of our Lady of Pontmain offer us in these days? It reminds us powerfully that we must call upon our good Mother to assist our nation in these dark times so that it too may remain protected from the forces of the anti-Gospel. Although our

country does not find itself in the midst of a physical war, it is most assuredly in the midst of a spiritual battle. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians, *"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens"* (Ephesians 6:12). Her apparition also calls us to preserve hope within our hearts, for if we turn to her Son, He will provide assistance in our fight for that which is good, true, and just. Aquinas defined hope in this way, *"the object of hope is a future good, difficult but possible to attain. Now a thing is possible to us in two ways: first, by ourselves; secondly, by means of others. Wherefore, in so far as we hope for anything as being possible to us by means of the Divine assistance, our hope attains God Himself, on Whose help it leans"* (Summa Theologiae II-II, 17.1). Mary reminds us that we must lean on the power of God. Finally, we must remember that the United States belongs to our Blessed Mother. This is her country. During one of the meetings of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1846, the council fathers unanimously voted that our Lady would be the Patroness of the Republic. In their pastoral letter of the sixth provincial council, they stated: *"With enthusiastic acclaim and with unanimous approval and consent, the Fathers of the Council, have chosen the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, as the Patroness of the United States of America."* The date was May 13, 1846. The Holy Father, Blessed Pius IX, confirmed this decision of the United States Bishops in 1847.

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!"

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Vigil (*The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

4:00PM—+Mary Gleason, *by her daughter, Terri*

Sunday, October 25 (*The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:30AM—+Kyle Perkins, *by the Dotchin Family*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Joseph Tru Do, *by his family*

Monday, October 26 (*Weekday*)

8:30AM—+Joseph Mikenas

Wednesday, October 28 (*Saint Simon; Saint Jude*)

8:30AM—+Mary Bridget (Murphy) Madden (8th Anniversary), *by her loving son*

Thursday, October 29 (*Weekday*)

6:30PM—+Pauline Lemoine (13th Anniversary), *by her loving husband and children*

Friday, October 30 (*Weekday*)

8:30AM—+Bud Haigis (23rd Anniversary), *by his family*

Saturday, October 31 (*Weekday*)

8:30AM—+Pantaleon Yuds, *by his family and*
+MaryAnn Bucchio, *by Rosa*

Vigil (*Solemnity of All Saints*)

4:00PM—+The Palaski Family, *by Elaine Palaski*

Sunday, November 1 (*Solemnity of All Saints*)

8:30AM—+Ryan Lee, *by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+All Souls

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE St. Gianna's Place, a home for women in crisis pregnancies, has had its first successful year of operation in Hudson, NH, helping 8 women and 2 children! Donations are needed to help defray the costs of day-to-day operations and home maintenance. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle from the back of the church, fill it with loose change, bills, or a check (payable to Saint Gianna's Place) and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by November 1st. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies' lives.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, October 25th

Religious Education, Group 2, Grades 1-10/Parish Hall and Rooms (10:00A-noon)

Tuesday, October 27th

Cub Scouts/Parish Hall (6:00-7:00P)

Boy Scouts/Parish Hall (6:30-8:00P)

Wednesday, October 28th

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:15A-7:00P)

Staff Meeting/Parish Office (9:45-10:30A)

K of C 4th Degree Assembly Meeting/Hall B (7:00P)

Thursday, October 29th

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (5:30-6:15P)

Consecration to Saint Joseph Meeting/Hall B (6:30P)

Saturday, October 31st

Rosary/Church (8:00A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (9:15-10:00A and 3:00-3:45P)

Sunday, November 1st

Religious Education, Group 1, Grades 1-6/Parish Hall and Rooms (10:00A-noon)

Consecration to Saint Joseph/Church (after 10:30A Mass)

Adult Confirmation/Cathedral of Saint Joseph (2:00P)

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time we entrust our country to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people.

Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and the breakdown of family life.

Grant us the wisdom to know and proclaim that this nation was founded on God's law and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights and freedoms. Guide and protect this land from every evil and from the attacks of the powers of darkness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death, and the strength to build a new culture of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS



In keeping with our commitment to offer you our widest and most up to date offerings in new books, we have merchandised a new book rack in the store. Every

book in the rack is priced at 30% off our normal retail. Our normal retails on all our books are standard retails with no added markup on them. While we do get a discount from our vendors, we always use the retail they advertise so that buying from us should be the same as buying anywhere else—unless you feel like supporting the Big Box places for a couple bucks saved!!

This accomplishes two things for us and you, our customers. You get to buy books at a huge discount and we get to use the proceeds to buy more books! Win / win? We think so. Oh, and the 30% books are all books we have consistently sold at full price since the date they were published. All are considered current works.

Also, as you read in last week's bulletin, we are the pickup point for the *33 Days to Morning Glory* book that will be used for the Consecration to Mary class offered here at St. Kathryn's. What better way for you to get acquainted with "your" store than stopping in and being amazed at what's hidden at the rear of the office!

VOCATIONS "Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Mason at 603.663.0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Volunteers needed! Do you have a knack for helping people feel welcome and at home in our church? Would you enjoy greeting parishioners as they arrive for Mass, and are you willing to assist them with following COVID-19 safety guidelines? Are you able to pitch in with disinfecting the church after Mass? We are in need of more greeters for all of our weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining the hospitality ministry, please call the parish office at 603.882.7793.

MARIAN CONSECRATION



On the heels of our series of meetings for consecration to Saint Joseph, we are soon beginning a weekly gathering to prepare for consecration to Mary using Father Michael Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Embark on a journey of deepening love of the Lord through Mary with teachings and meditations of Saint Louis de Montfort, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope Saint John Paul II. Copies of *33 Days to Morning Glory* are available at a discounted price of \$5.00 (only for those attending the meetings) at our own Saint Kathryn Religious Goods, which is open Monday-Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.–noon, closed Friday and Sunday. Participants should purchase the book (also available in Spanish) and start reading on November 5th to prepare for the first meeting on November 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Hall B. Meetings will continue on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. until the consecration takes place on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. To register for the meetings, please contact the parish office at 603.882.7793 or Bill Incera at wincera@comcast.et.

33 Days to Morning Glory Schedule

Nov. 5: Read the Introduction to Marian Consecration, pages 20-27

Nov. 6 - Nov 11: Read St. Louis de Montfort Day 1 - Day 7

Nov. 12: **Group meeting at 6:30** in Hall B to review St. Louis de Montfort Day 1 - Day 7

Nov. 13 - Nov. 18: Read St. Maximilian Kolbe Day 8 - Day 14

Nov. 19: **Group meeting at 6:30** in Hall B to review St. Maximilian Kolbe Day 8 - Day 14

Nov. 20 - Nov. 24: Read St. Mother Teresa Day 15 - Day 21

Nov. 25 (Wednesday due to Thanksgiving): **Group meeting at 6:30** in Hall B to review St. Mother Teresa Day 15 - Day 21

Nov. 27 - Dec. 2: Read St. John Paul II Day 22 - Day 28

Dec. 3: **Group meeting at 6:30** in Hall B to review St. John Paul II Day 22 - Day 28

Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—Consecration Day

CALCULATING LOVE

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE DROPS A CONSECRATED HOST?

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops’ statement *Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they

handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected “area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium.”



According to no. 280 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed

(customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly.

ALL SOULS DAY All Souls Day remembrance envelopes are available near the shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa. If you would like your deceased family members and friends remembered at a Mass each month during the year, please add their names to the envelope and return it to us by November 1st.

We will also celebrate a special All Souls Mass on Sunday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the church with a particular remembrance of all who were buried from our church since last November 1st.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH TO HOST ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Charities NH is hosting a new online innovative support group for parishioners across the Diocese who are dealing with grief and loss. "Bereavement - Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again" is a (free) six-session program allowing participants to learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held every Wednesday at 1 p.m., starting October 28 and running through December 2. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/beravement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is asking all bishops throughout the country to consider taking up a special collection in response to the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Laura and the wildfires in the Western part of the United States. In anticipation of more calamities awaiting us this year, this collection will also be used to provide relief from possible future disasters. To that end, Bishop Libasci is inviting all parishes in the diocese to voluntarily take up a special relief collection. We will take up this collection on the weekend of October 24-25. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you may contribute.

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

In Church Offertory:	\$ 3,559.00
Online:	\$ 5,256.82
Mail/Delivery:	\$ 912.00
Total:	\$ 9,727.82

World Mission Sunday: \$ 550.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00.

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 \$7,610.00 with raffle ticket sales and donations—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!

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: ONE MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are 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>.

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SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

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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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