

Saint Kathryn Parish

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BUT WHOEVER LIVES THE TRUTH COMES TO THE
LIGHT, SO THAT HIS WORKS MAY BE CLEARLY SEEN AS
DONE IN GOD. - JN 3:21

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

14 March 2021

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



On Friday of this week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Not only is St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church, he is also the patron of our Diocese, and this year through December 8, 2021 is a holy year dedicated to him, the chosen instrument to protect and provide for Mary and Jesus. How blessed we are to celebrate this special year dedicated to him and how blessed we are that he is the special patron of our local Church.

On August 15, 1989 Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical letter on the person and mission of St. Joseph in the Life of Christ and of the Church entitled *Redemptoris Custos*. In this letter, the Holy Father reflects on how the Guardian of the Holy Family played an important role in God's plan of redemption and St. Joseph reminds us too that we are also wrapped up in God's plan...we too are a part of the plan of God for the redemption of the world. John Paul begins his letter, "I am convinced that by reflection upon the way that Mary's spouse shared in the divine mystery, the Church - on the road towards the future with all of humanity - will be enabled to discover ever anew her own identity within this redemptive plan, which is founded on the mystery of the Incarnation. This is precisely the mystery in which Joseph of Nazareth "shared" like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word. He shared in it with her; he was involved in the same salvific event; he was the guardian of the same love, through the power of which the eternal Father 'destined us to be his sons through Jesus Christ.'"

This should give us pause for reflection, that none of us is here by accident, in the specific time and history in which we find ourselves. Moreover, God has called us to participate in His plan for the good. Even though He has no need of us, God desires us to play a role in bringing about

His salvation. He wants us to share in the very redeeming mission of Christ, His Son. This is what St. Joseph teaches us so beautifully. I am reminded of the words of John Cardinal Henry Newman, which find a great resonance in the person of the foster father of Jesus, "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

As we celebrate St. Joseph's feast this week, maybe take up and read John Paul II's letter on St. Joseph and ponder that like him, we too have been entrusted with a mission, which is a part of Christ's redeeming work, and let us ask St. Joseph to help us walk by faith, knowing that God's eternal design is being fulfilled in us!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

Save the date!

upcoming mobile food pantry



Tuesday, March 30th from 12-2pm

(while supplies last)

**Holman Stadium parking lot
67 Amherst St. Nashua, NH**

The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of fresh food to distribute to families and individuals of Southern NH.

This free event is open to all. Proof of residency or income is not needed. This is a drive thru event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

Sponsored by
caring neighbors.



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE Our annual Lenten Food Drive for the Hudson Community Food Pantry is underway! Please take a brown paper bag from the church entrance, fill it with the items on the attached list, and return it to the entryway by March 28th. Each bag has one of three different lists of needed items on it: personal hygiene items, food items, and Feed Our Kids items. Whatever list or lists you choose will help make a difference! Our Lenten almsgiving collected on Holy Thursday will also benefit the pantry this year as usual, specifically the Feed Our Kids program, which provides meals and snacks for food vulnerable children of Hudson on the weekends. Thank you for all the support you give to this critical community resource this Lent and always!

SPECIAL COLLECTION This weekend, we take up the collection for Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Home Missions. CRS provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. CHM supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

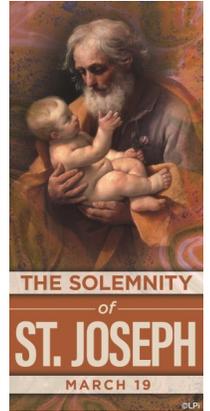
PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



ST. PATRICK'S WOMEN'S GUILD PENNY SALE Join us Saturday, April 24th, for the Annual Women's Guild Penny Sale at the Parish Center. Many wonderful items can be won for only pennies!!! Please come in through the Kitchen door and you will exit through the Main Entrance unless you have a disability. We will be open on Saturday, April 24th, from 9am to 3pm. Pick up of items will be Sunday, April 25th, from 9am to 1pm. Masks and social distancing are required. Come join the fun.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. The eating of meat is not permitted on any Friday in Lent for those 14 years of age and older. (Those who must eat meat for reasons of health are encouraged to do another act of penitence in its place.) **Good Friday**, April 2nd, is a day of fast and abstinence. The same disciplines for Ash Wednesday apply on Good Friday.

Old **palms** may be brought to church and placed in the basket in the vestibule for burning.

After pausing the practice for several months due to COVID-19, we resumed **Vespers and Benediction on Wednesday nights** beginning with February 24th and continuing through the month of June with a new time of 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross takes place on Fridays of Lent at 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Stations of the Cross will take place at noon on Good Friday, weather permitting.

Solemn Vespers is sung each Sunday from the first Sunday of Lent (February 21st) through Divine Mercy Sunday at 5:00 p.m., preceded by a **Lenten Holy Hour** each Sunday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The **Diocesan Day of Confession** takes place on Monday, March 29th. Confessions will be heard in our church from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. The **Divine Mercy Novena** will be recited beginning on Good Friday and concluding at Vespers on Divine Mercy Sunday. Our **Divine Mercy Celebration** will take place on April 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SPRING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant



wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, April 18 at 2 pm**. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing

their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/anniversary> **by April 11**.

SAINT GIANNA'S PLACE St. Gianna's Place is 2 years old! Please help us celebrate by attending our **Night of Hope** on March 23, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM. This is a virtual event and registration is free. The evening will feature Immaculee Ilibagiza, author of *Left to Tell*, a chronicle of the 1994 genocide that took the lives of over 500,000 Rwandans. Immaculee will tell her inspiring story of survival and share how deep faith in God allowed her to find peace and forgiveness as she moved forward to a successful and hopeful future. The evening will also highlight some of the women that St. Gianna's Place has helped over the past two years as they share their own stories of hope and success. This is sure to be an uplifting and inspiring event, and we look forward to sharing it with you! Please click on the link below to register, and we will send you a video link a few days prior to the event with instructions on how to tune in. <https://www.trailblz.info/stgiannasplace/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=8&banner=0>. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gianna's Place!

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY Each year on March 21, people with Down syndrome and those



who live and work with them throughout the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice advocat-

ing for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome. Show your support and celebrate all the wonderful things about people with Down Syndrome by wearing bold, brightly colored, mismatched socks on March 21st!

LOVE OR LUST? For students in grades 7-12 only. Friday, March 19, 6:30-8:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH (no livestream). In this combination in-person/virtual event, international speaker, Jason Evert reveals the compelling vision of God's plan for human sexuality and presents an uplifting case for practicing the virtue of chastity. By addressing the issues that teens struggle with most, such as sexual pressure, pornography, and modesty, Jason offers encouragement for teens to maintain their purity or begin again if they have made mistakes in the past. The seminar will include a live talk and Q&A with Jason and conclude with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and live music. Attendance for this event is in-person and Jason Evert's talk will be projected live. **Registration required. Register at iccnashuanh.org/jason-evert**

GREETERS NEEDED We are looking for additional volunteers for greeting at all Masses, but especially 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. If interested, please call the parish office at 603.882.7793.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS This year, Council 5162 will be offering the following scholarships. **The Dave Sullivan Memorial Scholarship** is open to Catholic students who will be graduating Alvirne High School this June.

Some of the **Columbianite Scholarships** are open to Catholic students who will graduate this year and are members of St. Kathryn's. They could be attending a school outside of Hudson, such as Notre Dame Academy.

The following information must be received **no later than Friday 05/07/21**

- A completed application
- A copy of applicant's current grades
- A copy of his or her SAT scores (if applicable)
- A one page summary of extracurricular and community activities since last year. This can include jobs and volunteer positions.
- A one- page essay as why you wish to attend college and how your future goals relate to your Catholic faith.

Applications are available by emailing me at rddistasio@comcast.net.

Please return completed applications to either Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 42, Hudson N.H. 03051 or to Ron Di Stasio 27 1/4 Highpine Ave. Nashua N.H. 03063 (phone: 595-7837)

Thank you

Sincerely,
Ron Di Stasio

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory	
In Church:	\$ 3,595.50
Online:	\$ 5,846.82
Mail In/Delivery:	\$ 3,980.00
Total:	\$13,422.32

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!**

BLUE U TRAINING FOR GREETERS Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 14th, all greeters are invited to attend a Blue U Defense training session along with parish staff. The session will be about an hour long and will educate us in ways to work together for the safety and security of all in any situation that may arise during Mass.

"WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC?" General Audience. Friday, March 26, 6:30-8:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH (also livestreamed). There is ultimately only one reason to be Catholic: because it is true! In this combination in-person/virtual event, international speaker, Jason Evert shows us the beauty and the treasures of the Faith, as revealed through the Saints and Sacraments. The seminar will include a live talk and Q&A with Jason and conclude with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and live music. Attendance for this event is in-person and Jason Evert's talk will be projected live. This event will also be livestreamed at iccnashuanh.org. Registration required for in-person attendance only. Register at iccnashuanh.org/jason-evert. For more information on Jason, please visit www.jasonevert.com If you have any questions, please contact Fatima Walsh at 603-888-0321 or fatima@iccnashuanh.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH - FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Catholic Charities New Hampshire has an opening for a full time Bilingual Intake Coordinator (English/Spanish required). This position is regularly scheduled for 35 hours/week at our Nashua Service Location, where we provide counseling services to individuals, couples and families, as well as Parish and Community services. We'll pay you based on your experience and offer you a great work environment with generous benefits, including 401(k) plan, medical, dental, life and disability insurance, along with other fringe benefits.

To apply online, please visit our website at www.cc-nh.org or use this link <http://bit.ly/2NRa0hV> to our Online Application. For more information please call or email Kevin Spillane - Recruitment and Compensation Specialist for Catholic Charities New Hampshire at 603-663-0226 or email him direct at kspillane@nh-cc.org.

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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. - 7:00 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!

**ST. KATHRYN PARISH
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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