

# Saint Kathryn Parish

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“TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD?” —MK 4:30

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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13 June 2021

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Last Sunday, I reflected with all of us on the great gift of our Lord Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, inviting us to rediscover the practice of spending time with Him in adoration. Let us take the rest of this month reflecting on the practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Also in this week's bulletin, you will find three letters from Bishop Libasci. The first letter is the one he wrote last week, lifting the COVID precautions so that parishes can resume the celebration of Mass as it was celebrated prior to the spread of the pandemic. The second two letters deal with the resumption of the obligation to participate in and worship at holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The first of these letters beginning

with the words, *"Without the Lord's Day, we cannot live!"* is the joint statement of all the New England Province of Bishops who together are calling the Catholic faithful to return to the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. The second letter is Bishop Libasci's own personal letter to all of us in the Diocese of Manchester in which he reflects a little more in depth on the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation, which is rooted in the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath. I ask that each of us take the time to read these letters as an expression of our communion with one another gathered around the successors of the apostles, appointed to oversee and shepherd us. Therefore, given that the more grievous conditions of the pandemic, which have impeded people from gathering in public over the past year, have been greatly reduced, **the obligation to worship the Lord in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, will once again be required of the people of God, beginning with Sunday Mass on the weekend of June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This obligation can only be fulfilled in person by attendance at Mass in Church.**

As we begin to resume in person attendance at Church, we begin to understand the act of Adoration of the Eucharist. Our very participation at Mass is an act of adoration in itself: the movement of our whole person in loving and reverencing the infinite majesty of God. It is an act of love, love which is expressed not only in words but which above all is expressed in our physical presence and participation in the worship offered at the altar, for what is offered at the altar is the most perfect form of worship which God has given to man: the sacrifice of His only-begotten Son on the cross. As the Catholic Encyclopedia defines it: *"Adoration, in a strict sense, is an act of religion offered to God in acknowledgment of His supreme perfection and dominion, and of the creature's dependence upon Him...The rational creature, looking up to God, whom reason and revelation show to be infinitely perfect, cannot in right and justice maintain an attitude of indifference. That perfection which is infinite in itself, and the source and fulfillment of all the good that we possess or shall possess, we must worship, acknowledging its immensity, and submitting to its supremacy."* In other words, we are hard-wired to love and adore, which we owe first and foremost to our Creator and Lord, who first loves us. Thus, the Church's precept concerning our Sunday obligation, is not a man-made regulation. Rather, it is a reminder of a divine precept that is built into how God created us: to love and adore Him. The fulfillment of this duty towards God then is the seeking to be authentically human—to live as *Theophilus—friend of God*, as one loved by God.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Vigil (The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Aurelle Duprey, by Joan Malone

### Sunday, June 13 (The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—+Joshua Lariviere (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary), by the Battis Family

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Eleanor McCarthy, by the McCarthy Family

### Monday, June 14 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Pauline Lemoine, by Bernie Lemoine and family

### Wednesday, June 16 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Esther DiMare and +Antonette Minichiello, by Sebastian and Rose DiMare

### Thursday, June 17 (Weekday)

6:30PM—+Seraphine Adams, by John, Ginny, and Cecile Adams

### Friday, June 18 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Henry Chojnowski, in loving memory by Linda Chojnowski

### Saturday, June 19 (Saint Romuald)

8:30AM—+Don Mello, by the Joy Family

### Vigil (The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Thomas Lafferty (27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), by his family

### Sunday, June 20 (The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—All Fathers, Living and Deceased

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—Healing for Nick Wencis, by his mother

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## JULY CRAFT CLASS: WREATHS ARE NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!



When you hear the word "wreath" do you instantly think of evergreens and Christmas? We love a good Christmas wreath, too, but wait till you set your eyes on the beautiful spring/summer/fall wreath you'll enjoy making during our July craft class!

Join us for a fun evening of crafting a wreath with sunflowers on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. \$20 per participant, materials included. Please call the parish office to register at 603.882.7793.

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Get to Know Your New Parish/Parish Hall (noon)

### Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:15A-6:30P)

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

Vespers and Benediction/Church (6:30P)

K of C Planning Meeting/RM 3 (7:00-10:00P)

### Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/Church (after morning Mass)

### Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Rosary/Church (8:00A)

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## SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN IN PRAYER FOR

+Henry Chojnowski,  
in loving memory by Linda Chojnowski

## KEEP KIDS SAFE—BOUNDARIES IN MINISTRY: COMMUNICATING WITH MINORS

Adults who minister to minors must be mindful of their interactions with minors. Remember that words as well as actions can easily be misinterpreted. When communicating with minors, keep these boundaries in mind: Speak to minors in a respectful manner \* Keep conversations ministry-focused \* Ask minors to refer to you as Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc., rather than by your first name \* Do not discuss your personal life or problems with minors \* When meeting with individual students, do so in an area that is visible to others.

For more information about child safety, visit [www.catholicnh.org/safety](http://www.catholicnh.org/safety).



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

June 6, 2021

*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood  
of Christ*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

For more than one year, you have faced difficult challenges personally in the midst of a pandemic. And as a Church, as we struggled to keep safe all entrusted to our care, some also have faced extended times separated from the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

After reading “the signs of the times” regarding the benefit of our collective efforts for the reduction of contagion, in light of the positive developments we have seen in New Hampshire, and the changes in guidance from public health authorities, it is with great joy that I can now announce that effective today, June 6, 2021, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the COVID-19 restrictions and procedures which we have had in place for Masses in this Diocese will no longer be in effect.

Except for the bringing up of the Gifts, the exchange of the Sign of Peace, and the Distribution of the Precious Blood (all of which shall remain suspended for the time being), the Liturgy will be celebrated as before the pandemic. While a positive trend is very much anticipated to continue in New Hampshire, directives may be reinstated if there is a change of circumstances. Our continued care for the most vulnerable will help to keep us on a positive track.

The wearing or not wearing of a mask at Mass will now be at the option of the individual. In making a decision whether to wear a mask, those who have not been vaccinated must be mindful of the need to take other safeguards for the care of self and others, as recommended by public health authorities. In any event, let us not shame or admonish other people whatever course of action they decide to take.

As was the case before the pandemic, those who are sick should not attend Mass. This would include those who recently have been exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness. These individuals are excused but of course, should not be attending other events that would pose the same concerns. A mother’s words ring true: “If you’re too sick to go to church, you’re too sick to go out and play.”

I want to thank you for the depth of support you extended to your parishes during this difficult time, and for placing the health and safety of your sisters and brothers above your own comfort and convenience. And I share in the overwhelming gratitude we all owe to our priests,



## LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM BISHOP LIBASCI

deacons, and parish staff members, who quickly found new ways to keep parishioners connected to Mass, the Sacraments, and to Parish life. We emerge from the darkness of the pandemic with a new awareness of our closeness as members of the Body of Christ.

This has been a sobering 18 months, but this time has highlighted for all the importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and it would be unthinkable to “return to normal” without having reflected on this from the First Letter of St. John:

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen  
with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns  
the Word of Life.

Looking forward with great anticipation to welcoming each of you back to the Lord’s Table, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci  
Bishop of Manchester

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### REFLECTING GOD’S GENEROSITY TO US

In Church 5/29-5/30:	\$ 3,529.00
Online:	\$ 5,983.00
Mail/Drop Slot:	\$ 298.00
Total:	\$ 9,810.00

In Church 6/5-6/6:	\$ 6,119.00
Online:	\$ 6,965.00
Mail/Drop Slot:	\$ 1,217.00
Total:	\$ 14,301.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00.

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

**PRO-LIFE ACTION ITEM: VACCINES** Please prayerfully consider joining Fr. Michael in signing the letters asking the major pharmaceutical companies to end the practice of using stem cells from aborted fetuses in the production of their vaccines and medical products. The letters will be available throughout this month at the back of Church and will be mailed to each respective company in July. Copies are available if you wish to take one home. This is an important witness to the Gospel of Life. Every signature counts! Thank you.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Saint Kathryn's Vacation Bible School will take place on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon for grades pre-k through 5! Join us for a wild journey as we sing, play, and pray together and learn all about God's love! We will hear stories, make crafts, and play games outdoors. Registration forms are available online and in the back of the church. Registration is \$20 per child, snacks and drinks included. The registration deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Tina in the office at 603.882.7793.



**SEEKING FOUR VOLUNTEERS** We are looking for four volunteers who can assist us with setting up a very large tent for Vacation Bible School. Tent setup is on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and take down is August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. We already have a volunteer who knows how to set it up, so all we need is a few more people to help put it together. If you can help, please call Tina in the office at 603.882.7793, ext. 11.

**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE** Not everyone can attend a Steubenville Youth Conference this summer, so Steubenville is coming to you! The Steubenville Youth Retreat experience combines livestreamed and in-person elements to allow you to gather wherever you are - with whomever you are with - and encounter Christ together. Please visit their website to register for the conference that best fits your schedule, either June 25-27 or July 9-11: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth-retreat-livestreaming/>

## K OF C LOTTERY

Knights of Columbus, Council #5162, Hudson, NH is holding a lottery. Spend \$20 for a chance to win \$700, \$200 or \$100. Tickets on sale immediately following Masses, from May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be notified on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Good luck!



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** Religious education registration forms for grades 1- 8 for school year 2021-2022 are available online at <https://www.stkathryns.org/religious-education-grades-1-8> and in the back of the church. We are now in the late registration phase, so tuition is \$45/child and \$90/family maximum. Register by August 2<sup>nd</sup> to avoid further late fees! First Penance takes place in second grade. Confirmation and First Communion take place in third grade. All parents are encouraged to sign their children up for religious education, regardless of whether or not it is a sacrament year for them. How important it is to build that foundation of faith!

We have two religious ed groups, and they meet on alternating weeks. Please send in your registrations as soon as possible for the best chance to select the group that is most convenient to your schedule.

## NEW PARISHIONERS INVITED! GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH

Our next gathering for new parishioners to get to know Saint Kathryn's will be on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Have you just recently joined the parish in the last year or two? Please join us for this informal meet and greet to get to know some longtime members, including staff members and members of the Parish Pastoral Team, as well as to hear about some of our many programs. Are you considering joining the parish, but aren't quite sure yet? This gathering is also for you! We invite you to bring all of your questions and comments. Welcome!

**VOCATIONS** "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." Christ has sown the seed of your vocation within you. Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

**French Mass with Josée Vachon**

*Honoring St. Jean Baptiste, patron of Québec*

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**144 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA**

*Stair-free access on Fayette St. for handicap drop-off*

**Josée sings hymns in French at 11:30 am**

**Mass begins at 12:00 pm**

**Please arrive at church before 11:30 am**



*Josée presented at no charge by the  
Franco-American Day Committee*

**FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS** The 8:30 a.m. Mass on Father's Day weekend will be offered for all fathers (living and deceased) enrolled in our Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet. Cards and envelopes are available at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Envelopes must be returned before the Saturday Vigil Mass on June 19<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in the Mass intention.

**SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS** As mentioned in the bulletin a couple weeks ago, based on the success of our recent "thank you" book giveaway we were certainly contemplating undertaking another one at some point in the future. It would seem to make sense for us to hopefully get some type of feedback on how helpful the book may have been to those who took a copy. The easiest way for us to get feedback would be to ask that you leave a voicemail on either the store phone or the office phone. Just a quick comment on your thoughts and feelings about the book will help out tremendously in helping to choose a next offering. The store phone is 603.595.4463 and the best office number is 603.882.7793, ext. 13. You can also email us your comments at [stkstore@stkathryns.org](mailto:stkstore@stkathryns.org). Thanks for helping us out.

Don't forget that the office has an exceptional library of free loaner books available. Literally 10 bookcases full! It's open to anyone during regular office hours. And as usual we have awesome and very well informed volunteers if you need a recommendation for a great read for the summer.

The suppliers we use are slowly getting back to normalcy but it will take a bit more time. Currently we are ordering many new items and doing well keeping in stock on all the usual Catholic items you can always count on us having.

**NEIGHBOR NEEDS** We are looking for help for a few families who are starting over. Can you donate any of the following:

- Chest freezer
- Queen mattress (no frame needed)
- Gas dryer
- Living room furniture
- Any household items for an apartment (furniture, dishes, flatware, lamps, towels, etc.)

If you are able to help out with any of these items, please call Jaretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you!

**HERE FOR YOU—PARISH STAFF**

**Rev. Michael R. Monette**, Pastor

**Deacon Raymond V. Marcotte**, Permanent Deacon

**Sister Janice Rooney, SNDdeN**, Director of Religious Education

**Charlene Maniotis**, Parish Secretary

**Tina Decoeur**, Religious Education Secretary

**Peter Krauss**, Bookkeeper

**Larry Franchitto**, Music Director

**Rick Balboni**, Religious Goods Store Manager

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