

Saint Kathryn Parish

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

5 September 2021

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past month we have witnessed the world descend into even greater darkness as world events turn more critical day by day: unashamed contempt for human life in the womb, confusion regarding the identity of the human person created in the image and likeness of God, the abandonment of Christian faith and morals, and its mockery by elected leaders of nations by their personal actions and civil legislation, the re-establishment of ideological extremism, and the renewed potential for the global expansion of terrorism. Add to this the curtailment of religious freedom and conscience rights, the dissolution of common sense and reasoning, and the resultant turning of brother against brother, treating one another with contempt and suspicion. The backdrop of today's world seems to reflect what Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, *"Brother will hand over brother to death...and many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold"* (Matthew 10:21; 24: 10-12). Man has forsaken God and refuses to listen to Him, and when this happens, an abyss will open in men's souls and in the world, which if not filled with God's life and light, will be consumed by the malfeasance of the father of lies and his darkness.

Against this backdrop, I wish to reflect with you on the only one, whose perfect existence was consumed by God: our most holy and sweet Blessed Mother. As we did in August, we shall celebrate this month, several important feasts, related to her life. Just as Moses encountered God in the wilderness in the burning bush that was enveloped by fire but not consumed, so Mary is the fulfillment of that encounter. She was totally enveloped by God's grace but was not annihilated. She perfectly enjoyed the Divine Life of God, lost by our first parents who refused to listen to God, and by her obedience and her *FIAT*, all those who take refuge in her will know her protection and will share in an abundance of God's life and light.

On September 8th, the Church will celebrate the feast of the *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, an important feast for us, for by her very birth, she announced the salvation of man and the renewal of all things in her Son, Jesus, our Savior. Concerning the mystery of her birth, St. Andrew of Crete writes, *"Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared, for her role as the Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages. Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led to the truth, and we are led away from*



our condition to slavery...how can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light...and the old is replaced by the new...Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Today...the creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator."

Today, more than ever, I am inviting everyone who reads these words, to personally consecrate themselves to Mary, the Mother of God. Beyond having a reverence for her, we must give ourselves wholly to her, for she is the ark who will protect us from the coming flood of darkness. She is the ark in whom will always be found Jesus, *"whom even the winds and sea obey"* (Matthew 8:27).

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Vigil (The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Clement and +Rita Brissette, by
Claudette and Paul Roy

Sunday, September 5 (The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—+Mary Gleason, by her husband, Ed
10:30AM—For the People of the Parish
6:30PM—+John Sojka, by his wife and family

Monday, September 6 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+All Souls

Wednesday, September 8 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30AM—+Phillip McKinnon, in loving memory by
Linda McKinnon

Thursday, September 9 (Saint Peter Claver)

6:30PM—+Jonathan Lehto (2nd Anniversary), by the
Battis Family
and
+Pete Patistas, by his wife, Anne

Friday, September 10 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Kathryn Adams, by the DiPietro Family

Saturday, September 11 (Weekday)

8:30AM—+Brian Kinney and All Victims of 9/11
(20th Anniversary), by his mother

Vigil (The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM—+Phillip McKinnon, in loving memory by
Linda McKinnon

Sunday, September 12 (The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM—+Bernadette Wetmore, by Deborah
Reichheld
10:30AM—For the People of the Parish
6:30PM—+Phillip McKinnon, in loving memory by
Linda McKinnon
and
+Maurice Theriault (30th Anniversary),
by his wife and children

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Monday, September 6th

Parish Office and Store Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7th

Cub Scouts/Parish Hall (6:00-7:00P)
Catechist Meeting/RM 1 (6:30-7:30P)
Boy Scouts/Parish Hall (7:00-8:00P)

Wednesday, September 8th

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:00A-6:30P)
Staff Meeting/Parish Office (9:45-10:30A)
Vespers and Benediction/Church (6:30P)
Illuminated Manuscripts Class/Parish Hall (7:00-8:00P)

Thursday, September 9th

Bible Timeline Class/Hall B (9:15-11:15A)
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (5:30-6:15P)
Bible Timeline Class/Hall B (7:15-9:15P)

Friday, September 10th

Magri-Burda Wedding Rehearsal/Church (7:00-8:00P)

Saturday, September 11th

Rosary/Church (8:00A)
Secular Carmelites/RM 2 (8:00-noon)
Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Church (9:15-10:00A and 3:00-3:45P)



Sunday, September 12th

Magri-Burda Wedding/Church (4:00P)

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

In Church 8/28-8/29:	\$ 4,347.00
Online:	\$ 6,290.00
Mail/Drop Slot:	\$ 268.00
Total:	\$10,905.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,500.00.

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!**

DAUGHTERS OF EVE The Daughters of Eve will be starting back up in September. In order for more women to be able to attend we will meet every month on the 13th. Rotating which day we meet makes attending more flexible.

Daughters of Eve mission statement: *Women who strive to become like Mary with the encouragement of other women.*

- ✦ Create a fellowship for ALL women of the parish
- ✦ A place to share how the Lord has been with you through joys and hardship
- ✦ Support and help each other mature in our faith and love for the Lord

Please join us for our first meeting September 13th at 7PM in Room 1. We will be discussing Psalm 23. For more information contact Karen Wilder (603)-881-8310.

BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

Please join us as we study *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end. Class takes place twice on Thursdays, with remaining dates being September 9th, 16th and 23rd. Morning session will take place from 9:15-11:15 a.m., and the evening session will run from 7:15-9:15 p.m. There is no cost for the course. Refreshments will be served and a goodwill offering can be made the day of class. Please contact Deacon Ray with any questions at deacon_ray@stkathryns.org or 603.882.7793, ext. 15.

PARISH PAGE-TURNERS RESUMING Parish Page-Turners would like to invite you to read and discuss *The Life of St. Catherine of Siena* by Blessed Raymond of Capua. Copies of the book are available at many bookstores and at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). This will be a three part series, meeting Tuesday Sept 21st, Oct 19th and Nov 16th at 7pm in Room 1. For more information contact Karen Wilder (603) 881-8310.

CATECHISTS NEEDED If you would like to assist directly with the faith formation of the children of the parish, please contact Sister Janice at 603.882.7793, ext. 14 to discuss the possibility of becoming a religious ed teacher. No teaching experience is necessary, and we will give you all the tools you need! Classes generally meet every other Sunday from 10:00 a.m.–noon, September through March beginning with Mass on September 19th. Come and be part of the team!

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS



Rosaries handmade by our parishioner (above), 15% off in the month of September! The sale also includes rosaries from Bliss! Visit our store in the back of the parish office building from 9:00 a.m.–noon Monday-Thursday and also Saturday (closed Friday and Sunday). 603.595.4463.

BAZAAR GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS

We are so excited to be able to hold our Annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale this year, after having taken a pause for the pandemic! Envelopes containing tickets for our bazaar's Grand Raffle are now available on the windowsills in the church vestibule. We are counting on everyone to sell tickets to friends and family—and/or purchase them to take a chance yourselves!—and return the proceeds as soon as possible to the offertory basket in the provided self-sealing envelope (or any envelope marked "raffle"). Tickets are \$1 each or a book of six for \$5. Each envelope contains seven books for a total of \$35. Grand Raffle pre-sales account for a large part of bazaar funds raised each year, so please help get our parish off on the right foot and let's sell all those tickets in record time! The bazaar takes place on Saturday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 14th from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$750, and third is \$500. Winning tickets will be picked at 3:00 p.m. on November 14th. Thank you for your support, and good luck!



ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets to our annual Italian Dinner Night. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and children under 12 are \$6. Come enjoy pasta, meatballs, pulled pork, beef, salad, dessert and all the sides! The dinner takes place on Saturday, October 16th with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Win raffle prizes, eat, drink and partake in the Italian heritage of our patroness. Tickets will go on sale starting the weekend of September 11th after all masses.

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

- chest freezer
- kitchen table and chairs for six

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

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 far into late registration (religious ed begins September 19th!), so tuition is now \$50/child and \$100/family maximum.

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.

CUB SCOUTS Cub Scout Pack 252 meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Kathryn's, teaching Kindergarten through 5th grade boys and girls strong values and good character through fun activities. If you would like to join us, please call Chris Funk 603-960-0765 or show up to one of our meetings.

BOY SCOUTS BSA Troop 252 meets 7-8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Kathryn's to build young women and men into adults of strong values through outdoor activities and skill training. If you would like to join us, please call Chris Funk 603-960-0765 or show up to one of our meetings.

COMING HOME TO CATHOLICISM Our Coming Home program on October 16th and 23rd from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. is part of our parish outreach and evangelization effort to embrace Catholics who would like to explore the possibility of returning to the active practice of our Faith. All the team members of this outreach program have at one time left the Church for various reasons – Church laws, misunderstandings, confusion, or apathy. Come to one of our sessions to hear their stories. Listen to why they left and how they returned. You've been away - and you have been missed! Come to discover the connections between the teachings of Christ and His Church and the needs and challenges of your daily life. Returning to Church can be intimidating, but we try to make it easy and fun at the same time. Bring a friend! All are welcome! Register at www.stkathryns.org/chc.

Topics

Why do Catholics leave the Church? What keeps them away? Hear testimonials from others who were where you are now, and what brought them back. All discussions are confidential.

The Sacraments, what are they? A film will reintroduce them to you. See what you remember...or what you forgot! You'll also hear Deacon Ray describe his role and duties in our community.

Explore the Bible. Find out if your Bible is a Catholic Bible. Learn how to find passages and interpret meanings. Discover our Jewish roots and their fulfillment in the New Testament.

Learn about the power of prayer in all its forms and discover how the Mass, our greatest prayer, can significantly impact your life.

Go on a behind-the-scenes tour of our Church.

Reasons to Come Home

To deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith

To enhance understanding of the sacraments

To de-mystify the Sacrament of Reconciliation

To develop a prayer life

To begin to heal from old wounds and hurts

To attain a spirit of community

To discover a Church that is bigger than what might have caused you conflict or pain

To fill the spiritual void in your life

To connect more intimately with Jesus the Head, through His Body, the Church

To satisfy your hunger to deepen your faith

Let us share our story with you and let us hear your story! You'll find a very welcoming Church here. Welcome home!

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by September 22, 2021. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass! (Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)



SPECIAL COLLECTION This weekend, we take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America, a national research university with over 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Thank you for your prayerful donations.

EMAIL SCAMS We regularly receive phone calls from parishioners who have received what look like emails from Father Michael or parish staff members requesting favors or money. These emails are always phishing scams. Please look at the email address of the sender if you receive something suspicious; if the email is not coming directly from one of the email addresses listed in the back of this bulletin, then it is a fraudulent email from someone looking to part you with your wallet in the name of the church! Please delete the email and do not respond.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Volunteers needed to greet parishioners arriving for our weekend Masses, especially 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.! If you are interested in joining the hospitality ministry, please call the parish office at 603.882.7793.

For the month of September, candles burn in prayer for...

BLACK MADONNA SHRINE

In Loving Memory of +Phillip
McKinnon
by Linda McKinnon

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE

In Loving Memory of +Phillip
McKinnon
by Linda McKinnon



DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

+Brian Kinney
by his mother

SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK

+Brian Kinney
by his mother

Memorial flowers for the weekend of September 4-5:

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FLORAL
ARRANGEMENT**

+Clement and +Rita Brissette
by Claudette and Paul Roy

To have a shrine or sanctuary lamps burn for your intention, please call the parish office at 603.882.7793. The donation for a shrine is \$12.50-\$25, and it is \$15 for the sanctuary lamps. Flower memorials at the shrine of Our Lady are available for \$100.

**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH**

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member or friend, and are struggling to cope with the loss? Catholic Charities NH will be starting its next online support group, **"Bereavement - Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again,"** a six-week program helping participants discover new ways to cope with loss, while creating opportunities to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays (September 29 - November 3) from 1:30-2:30 p.m. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/berereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

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PARISH OFFICE

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!

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