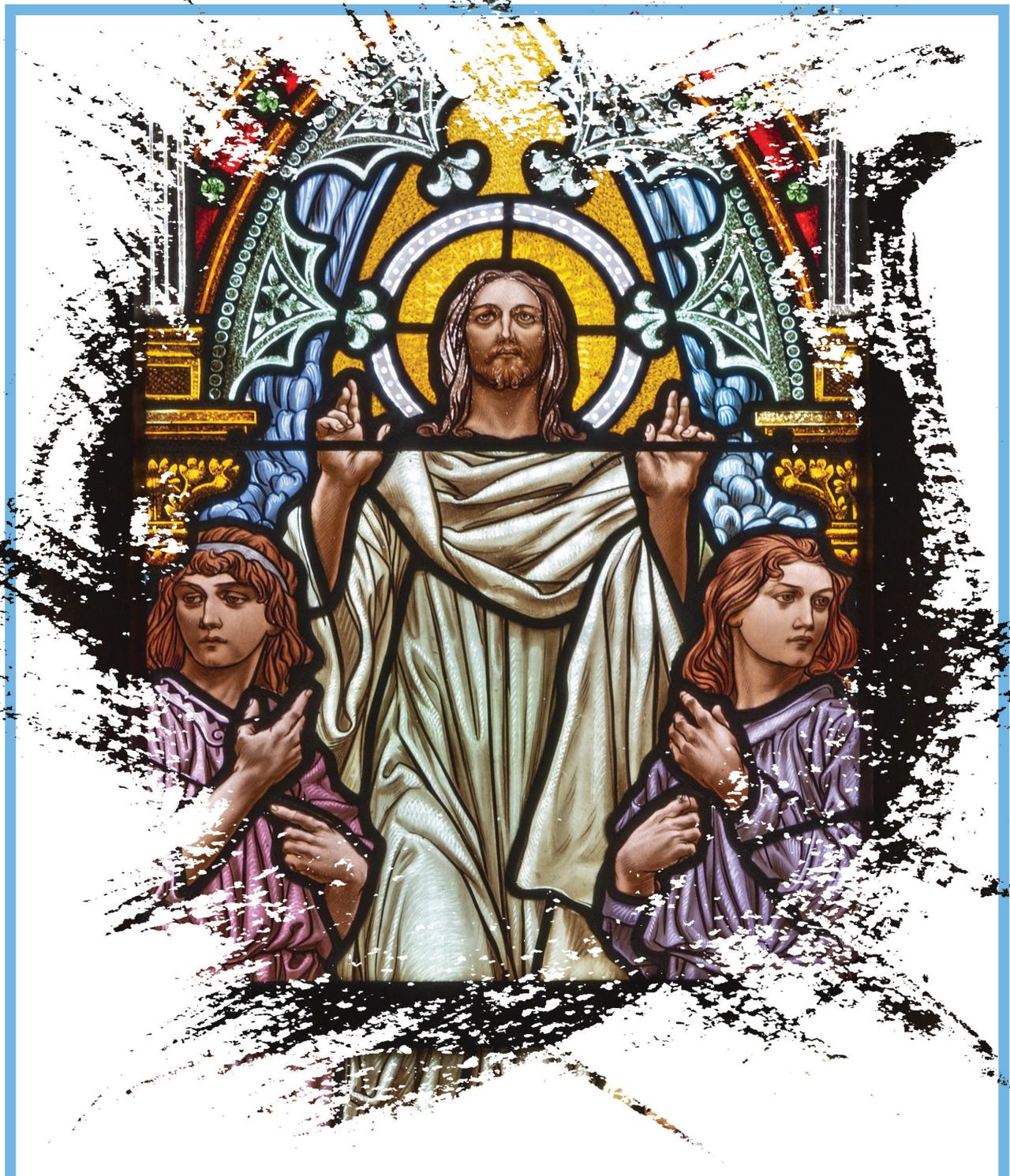


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[HE SAID TO THEM], "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS
FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING." - LK 4:21

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



This week's reflection is based on paragraphs 18-23 from the USCCB's recent letter, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*. Again, you can access the letter from our parish website or directly from the USCCB website. This section of the letter comes under the heading, "The Real Presence of Christ."

I was reminded most recently in a Catholic radio show I was listening to, that 70% of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. A Pew Research Study conducted in 2019 shows that only 28% of Catholics believe in the Church's teaching on Transubstantiation, that the bread and wine, during the Consecration at Mass, truly become the Body and Blood of

Jesus. The other 2% do not know the Church's teaching or they think the Church teaches that the bread and wine are only symbols of Jesus. Of the 70% that do not believe in the Real Presence, the majority think the Eucharist is only a symbol, and the rest deny the Church's teaching concerning Transubstantiation. Based on these statistics, we should be challenged to renew our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and we should also grow in our understanding of the great gift of the Eucharist.

The bishops' letter states, "*The reality that, in the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ without ceasing to appear as bread and wine to our five senses is one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith...the real, true, and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the most profound reality of the Sacrament. 'This mysterious change is very appropriately called by the Church transubstantiation'*" (21). So, the question beckons, "What is Transubstantiation?" Let us take a greater in-depth look at this theological term the Church has used to proclaim the greatest miracle the world could ever know!

The word Transubstantiation, in its simplest definition, means a change of substance. According to the great theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, substance refers to the reality of a particular thing, in other words, the reality of what that thing is. It also has accidents, or the characteristics of the thing in question. So, for example, the binding of a collection of printed pieces of paper is a book, this is its substance (or the reality and form of what a particular thing is). However, a book also possesses certain accidents (or characteristics) such as its size, weight, the scent of paper, particular colors, shape, and its action (opening and closing). "For Aquinas, all of reality could be classified according to the distinction of substance or accident. Therefore, whatever exists is either a substance or accident" (For a great video presentation on this very topic about substance and accident, go to <https://aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org/substance-and-accidents>). Although this seems like technical philosophical language, which it is, the understanding of this concept is central to understanding the reality of the world in which we live, and most importantly the mystery and the miracle of the Eucharist, under which appearances God humbles himself out of great love for us. We will look how this philosophical concept applies to the Sacrament of the Eucharist next week. However, let us conclude our reflection this week with the words of Aquinas himself from his hymn **Adoro te devote**, "*Godhead here in hiding whom I do adore; Masked by these bare shadows, shapes and nothing more. See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart. Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.*"

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

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MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL (THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00PM—+John and +Sylvia Smaldone (Birthday Remembrance), *by their family*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 (THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30AM—+Rick Wickham, *by Judy Masson*
10:30AM—For the People of the Parish
6:30PM—+Phillip McKinnon, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

MONDAY, JANUARY 31 (SAINT JOHN BOSCO)

8:30AM—Birthday Blessings for Genevieve Schofield, *by the Schofield Family*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 (THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD)

8:30AM—+Ernest Beatrice (19th Anniversary), *by Kim Taralli*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 (WEEKDAY)

6:30PM—+Stephanie Duato (Birthday Remembrance), *by Kim Taralli*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 (WEEKDAY)

8:30AM—+William Souza and +Lucille Hebert, *by their daughter, Denny*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (SAINT AGATHA)

8:30A—+Ludmila Slivova, *by her daughter*

VIGIL (THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00PM—+Henry Frenette (1st Anniversary), *by Judy Paladino*
and
+Angeline Potzner, *by Joan Malone*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30AM—+Donald Lemoine, *by his brother, Bernie*
10:30AM—For the People of the Parish
6:30PM—+Bira Machado, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*



The advantages and appeal of a Catholic School education has never been more prevalent than now. The Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro offers full day, co-educational, in-person learning for Pre-Kindergarten three-year-olds through grade 12. NDA provides a foundation of education that encourages young minds to think critically, embrace their faith, and take on academic challenges. We encourage you to visit our website and to schedule a tour with our Director of Admissions, Mrs. Charlotte Kelly. Tours are offered each weekday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and are by appointment only - to schedule a tour, please call the Admissions Office at 978-649-7611, Ext. 351. www.NDATyngsboro.org

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

Cub Scouts/Parish Hall (6:00-7:00P)
Boy Scouts/Parish Hall (7:00-8:00P)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:00A-6:30P)
Staff Meeting/Parish Office (9:45-10:30A)
Homeschool Lego Robotics Group/RMs 1-4 and Parish Hall (3:00-5:00P)
Vespers and Benediction/Church (6:30P)
K of C Business Meeting/Hall B (7:00-10:00P)
Contemplative Prayer Gathering/RM 1 (7:00P)
Choir Rehearsal/Church (7:15P)
Finance Council Meeting/Hall A (7:15P)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Adoration/Church (9:00A-midnight)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

Religious Education, Group 2 and Grades 7-8/Parish Hall and RMs 1-6 (10:00A-noon)

LIVESTREAM REPAIR

Our volunteer livestream team has been working with our livestream provider over the past several weeks to troubleshoot the intermittent dropped signal problems with our Sunday Mass livestreams. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by these issues. Please know that our team is hard at work to resolve the problem.

NEIGHBOR NEEDS

Are you able to donate a gently used electric washer and dryer to a huge family in urgent need? Or a loveseat with chair, a kitchen table for 4-6 people, a high chair, or a TV stand for other local families? If you can help, please call Jarretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you!

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH: "HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMENTIA" SUPPORT GROUP

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, "How to Deal with Dementia," is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.

PRESENTATION OF MARY ACADEMY

Presentation of Mary Academy offers a Catholic education that prepares your child for Academic, Spiritual and Social Success! Now accepting students for the 2022-23 academic year in Grades Pre-k through Junior High. Call to schedule a private tour of the school and the new ATHLETIC AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Visit our web site www.pmaschool.org and click on the inquiry link. For more information, please contact Kim Flint at 603-889-6054.

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory, January 15th-16th

In Church:	\$3,607.50
Online:	\$6,034.00
Mail:	\$3,247.00
Total:	\$12,888.50

Seminarian Fund: \$605.00

Offertory, January 22nd-23rd

In Church:	\$3,066.04
Online:	\$5,477.00
Mail:	\$495.00
Total:	\$9,038.04

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.

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

Most of the new stock items are now on full display in the store. More due in every week from now till spring finally shows up. Make it a diversion trip on one of your days and swing by and spend a few minutes browsing all we have for spiritual relief! 9-12 M-Th. and Sat. 9-12.

BOOK SELECTIONS / BOOK NEWS

This week we received our initial order of the *New St. Joseph Sunday Missal*. This is both a prayer book and a hymnal for the coming year. It includes the complete Mass schedule for Sundays, Holy days, and the Triduum. It's a paperback that is small enough to fit into a purse or a jacket pocket and it's only \$2.95.

We have copies of the *Saint Joseph Catholic Handbook*, which includes principal Catholic beliefs (based on the Creed), popular prayers, and major practices of the Church. Short, concise, and an easy quick read. This one's only \$3.75

Jesus Speaks to Faustina and You. 365 reflections for every day of the year. Robert Cardinal Sarah says "Tassone's book makes Faustina's insights available in an accessible manner to all." Anyone who has read Faustina's book (all 800+ pages!) will find this meditation book very insightful and very moving every day.

Anchors For The Soul by Joyce Rupp. It's a book for daily wisdom for inspiration and guidance. Joyce Rupp is probably one of the favorite woman writers for every woman buying books from us. Rupp has been writing for over 30 years about the spiritual insights you need to accompany you through the seasons of life and also help you to glimpse the Divine.

The Catholic Guide to Loneliness - How science and faith can help us understand it, grow from it, and conquer it. In this fragmented, technological society how can almost anyone escape some type of loneliness. Add in a two year pandemic and it's hard for anyone to escape it. The book is based on ancient biblical philosophy buttressed by modern theory and research. Author Kevin Vost discusses subjects like: how to profit from solitude when you must be alone, How to acquire the virtues that immunize you against loneliness, the 3 psychological and behavioral components of loneliness. What a timely read for these days we are in.

And we would be remiss to not mention that we have many, many authors and books that we are always filling our discount sale rack with. Great reads we move so we can make room for all the new authors. All of the volunteers can make recommendations for almost any reading preference. Books are still the best gift too!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

The St. Kathryn's Marriage Committee would like to remind all married and engaged couples that World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Parishes around the world will honor and celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on this day. World Marriage Day honors the husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.

When a couple gets married they establish an unbreakable bond between each other, which God himself seals with the Holy Spirit, marking them and their marriage as His own. This is exemplified in the longevity of the marriages of couples strong in their faith.

This pandemic has not been kind to any of the ministries. Social constraints prohibit us from celebrating in person again this year. We remember the good times we had at past events and look forward with anticipation to when we can celebrate in person again. We will keep you all in our minds, hearts, and prayers. May the love of Jesus bless us, bless our marriages, and keep us safe. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR MARRIAGE

Heavenly Father, we thank You for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and with each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind, and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of your love. Help us to be examples of commitment, love, and service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity which Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to love in Jesus' name and walk in His footsteps. Amen.

With love,
St. Kathryn's Marriage Committee
Deacon Ray & Gayle Marcotte
John & Mary Frechette
Randy & Wanda Bushey
Jon & Kate Mallows

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022

Due to staffing and shipping issues with our envelope printing company (and seemingly every company!), offertory envelopes for 2022 did not arrive for November distribution. When the envelopes do arrive, they will be on tables in the back of church as usual. In the meantime, **please simply use any envelope you have handy and write your envelope number and/or name on it for the collection basket.** And there's always the option to sign up for online giving! Thank you.

EPIPHANY COLORING CONTEST

Calling all children of the parish! As we have just celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, and in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, let's keep the spirit and the fun of the Christmas season going through the whole month of January with our annual coloring contest! Pick up your coloring page in the back of the church, at Religious Ed. Class, or on our website. There are two pages to choose from, one for grades 3 and under and one for grades 4-6. One winner will be chosen from each grade 1-6, and another for ages 5 and under, and prize bags will be awarded! Please write your name, grade, and phone number on the back of your contest entry, so judges do not see names. Please have all entries in to your teacher or the office by January 31, 2022. All entries will be displayed in the Parish Hall, and the names of all winners will be announced in the bulletin.

UPDATED ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM

Parishsoft continues to work on the upgrade to our online giving system. Due to staffing issues that many companies are experiencing, there have been delays with the migration of online giving history from the old system to the new one. The record of any donations made since the system transition began in November are accessible to you through your online giving account. Donations made prior to the upgrade will also be available online soon as the upgrade progresses, likely in January according to Parishsoft.

REAL OPTIONS BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our baby bottle drive for Real Options, the pregnancy crisis center, continues through the end of January. Please take a baby bottle from the basket in church, fill it with your donation, and return it to church by January 31st. Thank you for your support.

FIRST CORINTHIANS AND THE STEWARDSHIP OF SOCIAL MEDIA

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

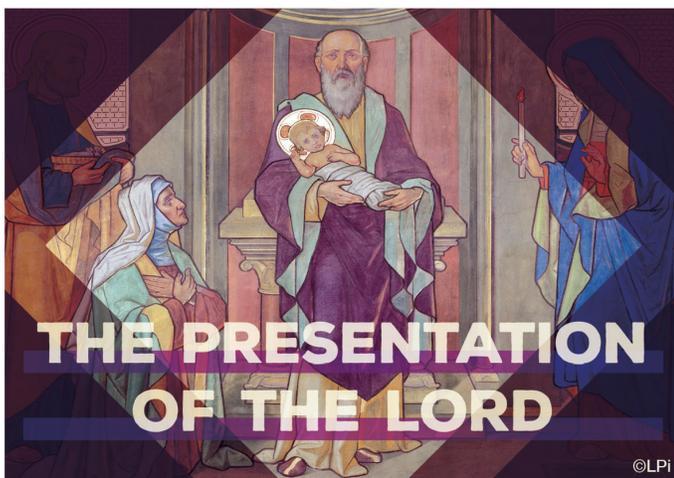
I'VE HEARD PEOPLE CALL JESUS' CONCEPTION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING “IMMACULATELY CONCEIVED.” IS THAT WHAT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS?

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the “immaculate conception.”

The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as “full of grace” (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new “arc” — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's

head. Christ is the “New Adam.” This passage sets up Mary, then, as the “New Eve.” Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more “original” than our sin!



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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. - 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!

