



CHURCH OF SAINT KATHRYN

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

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God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our lighting project gets underway, the electrical contractor and the supplier are presently formulating their submittals to be reviewed by the lighting designer and manufacturer as well as members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and myself. The submittals will detail all the materials and equipment that are needed for the completion of this project. Once, the submittals are finished, a timeline for the completion of the project will be able to be determined. As the project moves forward, I will keep everyone informed of the projected timeline and what to expect as work begins.

As I mentioned last week, there are also several other projects that will need to be attended to in the not too distant future and the parish will need to begin a capital campaign to meet the needs of these various projects.

The Bishop has also recently approved a capital campaign for our parish in order to address these needs. In the coming weeks, I will speak a little bit more about the Capital Campaign, its timeframe, and how it will be organized, as well as other pertinent details.

In brief, the Capital Campaign has been approved for the following projects which need our attention. In addition to the Church Lighting Project, we need to address the parking lot lights, provide important upgrades and improvements to the HVAC system in the Church and the Church Hall, improve security for the Church and the parish office through an electronic access control system, attend to the painting and repair of some of the exterior Church structures, and finally we need to address some smaller projects such as the drainage issues on the parish property to stop flooding and seepage. More details about each project will be provided. As with the lighting project, each of these endeavors will need to be put out to bid and approved, so it will take time to address them.

Regarding the parish parking lot lights, the same company which installed the Church lights had also installed LED retrofit kits in each of the parking lot lights. As with the Church lights, the lights were gutted so that the original hardware inside each light head is no longer repairable. Thus, each of the light heads needs to be replaced as the LED retrofit kits are failing and the lights in the parking lot are going dark. In some cases, some of the poles may also need to be replaced from damage over the years. Members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee are also working on this project concurrent to the Church Lighting project given the safety and necessity of having a well-lit property.

At twenty-three years of age, our parish property has held up well and is structurally sound. It is to be expected that as the buildings advance in years, some of these projects need to be addressed. We all know this from experience of being homeowners of one kind or another. As I conclude my thoughts this week, I want to thank the members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Finance Council who have worked very hard and provided me with invaluable discernment and assistance not only with these major projects but in the many behind the scenes issues that have needed to be addressed on an ongoing basis.

In Jesus and Mary, Fr. Michael



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MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL (THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 pm — +Gail Lamontagne by Paul and Pauline Gagne, +Janet Flores by Judi Penkofski

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8:30 am — +Frankie LaGaccia by his sister

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30PM — +Moses, +Irene Bargiel by their daughter, Annette Lemire

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

8:30 am — +Joseph Stevens by his family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

8:30 am — +Robert, +Winifred Creed by the Dwyer family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

8:30 am — +Jack Burke by Rick and Sandi LeVasseur

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

8:30 am — Vilma Zuliani Intentions by Alcida deClaire

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

8:30 am — +Chester, +Mary Sojka

VIGIL (THIRTY-FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 pm — +Joseph Murguia by the Murguia Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 (THIRTY-FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30 am — +Ellen, +Joseph Harper by the Battis Family

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30PM — +Karen Wilder by Angeline and Rob LeMere

INTENTIONS FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sanctuary Lamp for +Chester, +Mary Sojka

NOVEMBER SHRINE INTENTIONS:

Black Madonna Shrine for the deceased members of the Taylor and Marcotte families by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte

Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine for +Doris DiFonzo by Elaine Russell

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, Nov. 19th after the 8:30 am Mass.

Enjoy fellowship with your parish community!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Coffee & Donuts, Hall A (9:30 am)

Religious Education Group 2, Rooms 1-6 and Hall (10 am - noon)

Restored Order Parent Meeting, Hall B (12:15 pm)

Youth Group, Hall B (5 - 6:30 pm)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

Crafters, Craft Room (noon - 4 pm)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Adoration, Church (9 am - 6:30 pm)

Staff Meeting, Parish Office (9:45 - 10:30 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church (5:30 - 6:15 pm)

Choir Rehearsal, Church (7:15—9:15 pm)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

Parish Office and Book Store closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Rosary, Church (8 am)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Homeschool Robotics, Hall & Room 4 (6 - 8 pm)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church (9:15 - 10 am & 3 - 3:45 pm)

Carmelites, Rooms 1, 2, 3 (9:30 am - 1 pm)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

During the month of November, the Book of the Dead will be set up next to the holy water font in the back of the church. Please inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book. We encourage the entire parish community to keep these souls in your prayers during the month of November.

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CURSILLO / ULTREYA

Cursillo is a wonderful weekend that invites women and men to encounter/experience the love of Jesus Christ on a more personal level. Everyone in the parish is welcome to come and learn more about Cursillo or come and share their Cursillo experience. Meetings are the last Friday of every month in Room 1, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There is always a Guest Speaker, refreshments, and fellowship! Next meeting is **Friday, Nov. 24th** and **Dec. 29th**! Contact Wanda and Randy Bushey for more information (603-889-0327).

Hope to see you there!

YOUTH GROUP

Nov. 19 - YOUTH GROUP FAMILY POTLUCK

(5 - 6:30 pm). All Youth Group families are invited to a Potluck on November 19th with games and family fun! Come and meet other families! We look forward to seeing all of you there! For more information contact Valerie Somers at 978-660-9777 or valerie.somers@stkathryns.org

Nov. 26 - No Youth group. Enjoy Thanksgiving and see you in Advent!

Dec. 5—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

(5—6:30 pm)

Tonight we will delve into the Scriptural Prophecies regarding Advent and how Jesus fulfilled them! Prepare the Way of the Lord! Make Straight His Paths!

Dec10 - NO YOUTH GROUP DUE TO THE RETREAT DAY ON THE 9TH! See you on the 17th!

Dec. 17—DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS! (5—6:30 pm) Join us tonight to learn how to make God focused Decisions using the Cardinal Virtue of Prudence and exploring the toolkit of virtue that we are given at Baptism.

December 24th and December 31st - NO YOUTH GROUP! Next Youth Group Night will be January 7th for an Epiphany Party with a Yankee Swap!

SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

ST. NICK FEST

Dec 3

Come and join us for our Annual St. Nick Fest on Sunday December 3rd after the 10:30 Mass from 12-2 pm. St. Nicholas will join us at the end of Mass and walk down to the Parish Hall where we will have Food, Crafts, Storytime, and Treats! Last year the children of the Parish and Father Michael all made Advent Wreaths by tracing their hands and Gingerbread Houses! And then we read a story about the Grumpy Old Ox in the Nativity! This year the story will be based on the Tradition of the Poinsettia! And we will have a couple of crafts including a handmade Jesse Tree!

We look forward to seeing you there!

TEEN RETREAT

ALTARATION

Saturday, Dec 9 (9 am—6:30 pm)

AltARATION is a teen program designed to help the Mass come alive in your life. In this program, author, Mark Hart, and presenters, Chris Stefanick, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jackie Francois Angel, and Fr. Josh Johnson will lead you through their stories, share their love for the Mass, and reveal its incredible power. This five-lesson program will help you to encounter Christ in a new and real way, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have adapted the program for a Youth Ministry retreat with discussion, games, activities and more!

For more information or to register, call Valerie Somers at 978-660-9777 or email at valerie.somers@stkathryns.org.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who participated and helped in any way at our annual Parish Christmas Bazaar. So many of you came together to help set up, decorate, bake, run ticket sales, sell Grand Raffle Tickets, cook, clean, tear down, make phone calls, direct traffic, and the list goes on. Then, of course, there were so many who donated great penny sale items, who made crafts, and theme baskets, and who shared some of your favorite baked good goods. Finally, there were all those who worked quietly behind the scenes; your assistance did not go unnoticed. Your presence and your generosity helped to make the Bazaar a wonderful weekend for the parish to gather together to enjoy one another's company, to have fun, and to witness to the wonderful community that makes up St. Kathryn Parish.

In a special way, I want to thank Charlene Maniotis and Nancy Phanuef and their team who stepped up and led the efforts to run the Bazaar this year. They did a tremendous job coordinating everything and gave many hours of their time to help all the volunteers. It was truly a blessed weekend which not only helps our parish but which also witnesses to the Gospel to all who came through our doors.

May the Lord continue to bless and reward everyone for all the hard work and commitment of time and talent that went into the weekend. Thank you again to everyone for a job well done!

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Michael

Need an announcement proclaimed after the weekend Masses?

Please contact Kim in the parish office by 2 pm on Thursday.

Calling all Crocheters and Knitters!!

We only have one prayer shall left. If you would like to help us continue on this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Ray.

Our Lady of Czestochowa

*Tuesday Dec. 5,
9:30—11:30 am or 6—8 PM
Room 1*

Who is she? What is the history associated to her? What is the shrine in the Narthex? Why is there a crown that sits atop the shrine? Come to this presentation to explore who our lady is, why she is so important and what promises she holds. Facilitated by Gayle Marcotte. Register by Friday, Dec. 1 by calling the parish office or emailing the parish secretary.

Be A Star



With the holidays quickly approaching, and as we do every year during Bazaar Weekend, we are pleased to be starting our Be A Star program! Thanks to your generosity and kindness we have been able to maintain this long-standing tradition in our parish of giving to local families registered with the Hudson Food Pantry. With your contribution we will be able to provide gift cards for over 100 families to purchase what they may need, including food, clothing, and gifts for Christmas. The Pantry has expressed their immense gratitude for our invaluable contribution which they have come to depend on each year. You can find the yellow stars in the back of the Church. Please choose one, take the yellow star, fill out the white star and leave it in the second basket. You can bring back the gift card and leave it in the wooden box in the back of the Church by **Thursday, December 14th** or drop it off in the office during the week. Thank you and God bless!

COME HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Friday, Dec 15 after the 8:30 am Masses

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STEWARDSHIP

Due to holiday publishing deadlines, the November 11-12 offertory was not collected at the time of printing.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET IS \$11,500.00.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GIVE!

2023 NHCA GOAL: \$70,651

As of October 16, 2023:

Amount of Monies Received by Diocese	\$49,582
Amount of Outstanding Pledges	\$2,755
% of Goal Raised	74.1%
% of Households Participating in Appeal	16.1%
Total Monies Collected Thus Far	\$52,337
Remaining Monies to Attain our Goal	\$18,314

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Beginning on January 1, 2024, all offertory envelopes will be mailed to each household for those who have signed up for them and have been actively using them in the past. We will no longer be receiving yearly boxed sets to pick up in Church during the month of December. Instead, the offertory envelopes will be mailed on a bi-monthly schedule. This will make it easier for the parish office to manage the envelopes as well as send out new ones to families who are newly registered. If you have not signed up for envelopes in the past and would like to begin receiving them, please call the parish office or email kimberly.moushegian@stkathryns.org. Those who use online giving can also request envelopes to place in the collection basket at Mass. Just mark on the envelope: "I gave online" and the amount submitted through online giving. **If you currently have envelopes, no action is necessary. Your information will be transferred to the new system.**

Boxed sets of children's and young people's envelopes will also be available from the parish office for those families who would like to introduce and share the blessing of sacrificial giving with their children. These envelopes will have small teachings about the Faith and the Saints as well as a place for our young people to write down and share some of the good works they have done during the week. If you would like a boxed set of children's envelopes, please call the parish office or email Kim at the email listed above.

Thank you to everyone for their continued generosity to the Lord and support of our parish family.

Knights of Columbus

Thanksgiving is generally about three activities: spending time with family, eating an extravagant feast, and flipping back and forth between football and the Macy's parade. The origins of our Thanksgiving traditions are a blend of facts, fiction, and myths.

England was a Roman Catholic nation until 1534 when King Henry VIII declared himself the head of a new national church called the Church of England. He and his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, called for a simpler faith, a less structured form of worship. Because they wanted to purify the church, they became known as Puritans. The Pilgrims took it a step further. They felt the Church of England was beyond reform and wanted to form a new separate church. But, it was illegal to be part of any other church other than the Church of England. So they fled to the New World to exercise their religious freedom.

The Mayflower made landfall on the tip of Cape Cod in November 1620 before sailing to safe harbors in Plymouth in December. There is no historical evidence that the Pilgrims ever set foot on Plymouth Rock as they disembarked. Over half of the original 102 passengers of the Mayflower died during that first harsh winter. It was the Wampanoag Indians who taught them how to hunt, plant crops, and how to get the best of their harvest. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621. It was a three-day harvest celebration, which historians suggest may have taken place in October. It included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians. Although turkey was plentiful in the region and was a common food source, it was not the star of the meal. Venison and other fowling, such as ducks, geese, and swans, are believed to have been served.

Sarah Hale, of Mary Had a Little Lamb fame, worked for many years to promote the idea of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. It was President Lincoln who set the date on the fourth Thursday in November. Many Native Americans do not celebrate Thanksgiving. For them it is a reminder of the genocide of their people and the theft of their native land. Since 1970, Native Americans have gathered at midday on Cole's Hill in Plymouth, the site of the first English colony, to commemorate a National Day of Mourning for their people. The Wednesday night before Thanksgiving is one of the booziest days of the year. It was even dubbed "Black Wednesday" in some areas. Black Friday is the biggest day of the year for shoppers. It has even become a state holiday in many states. The Friday after Thanksgiving is also the busiest day for plumbers. Roto-Rooter calls the day Brown Friday.

Did you know it is a myth that tryptophan in the turkey makes us sleepy. According to WebMD, there is no more of the amino acid in turkey than in any other poultry. It is more likely that you feel exhausted because of the exorbitant amount of carbohydrates you just ingested.

Respectfully,
Grand Knight John Frechette

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Finance Council members may be reached through the parish office for any questions regarding parish finances. All parishioners are welcome to inquire for information about policies, practices, and our stewardship of God's gifts.

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am-12:00 pm and 12:30 pm-3:00pm
Closed Friday/Weekends

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

603-595-4463

Store and parking in back of the parish office building.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
9:00 am—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am; 10:30 am (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 pm

Weekdays and Saturdays at 8:30 am (no Mass on Tuesdays)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday: 5:30-6:15 pm

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 am and 3:00-3:45 pm

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.

ADORATION

Wednesdays: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

First Friday: Begins Friday morning 9 am overnight through Saturday morning 8 am

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 am - 7:00 pm (closed Saturday after the 4:00 pm 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!