

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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GOD ALONE

January 7, 2024

Caring for the Gift of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you today to be a part of our parish's Capital Campaign, entitled *Caring for the Gift of the Lord*, which is a four-year initiative to replace and upgrade some of the essential elements of the infrastructure of our parish facilities. St. Kathryn Church and its physical plant has been a great gift from the Lord to so many people, and as our facility ages, we need everyone's help to keep it going!

As many of you know, in the last year, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and I have been working hard to replace the lighting system in our Church, which has been failing over the past several years. After receiving permission from the Bishop to proceed with the project, our lighting system suffered a disastrous malfunction in the operating hardware this past October, which no longer allows control of the lights. Thus, this necessary project has become an urgent need!

However, our capital campaign needs to include other necessary upgrades and replacements, although our lighting system has become our top priority. Attached to this letter is the outline of the various projects which need to be addressed over the next several years; updates about these projects will be made on a regular basis on the Capital Campaign's website, as we move forward. Please be sure to check back often to remain up to date on our progress: www.stkathryns.org/caring

As you know, St. Kathryn Church has been a place of worship which has ministered to so many of us and to the needs of the wider local community over the years, it truly is a **GIFT** from the Lord, worthy of our gratitude, our care, and our financial assistance.

This is why I am writing to all of us today, to ask us to prayerfully consider contributing to this needed work which cannot be accommodated by the ordinary offertory or operating income. The scope, complexity, and cost of these projects really need us to make a planned extra gift during the various phases of our campaign. With your generous help, we will be able to reach our goal, replace our lighting system, and begin working on the other projects which desperately need our attention.

I have asked parishioner and member of the finance council, Ed Caron, to chair the capital campaign. If you have any questions, please contact me at fr.michael@stkathryns.org or reach out to Ed Caron at edward.caron@comcast.net. Donations can be made by check, online at the website above, or in person at the office. Again, I sincerely thank all of you for your continued generosity every week, and for your willingness to prayerfully consider this important request.

Assuring you of my prayers for you and your intentions, I remain sincerely yours

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael Monette

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MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL (THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 pm — +Dick Frenette (7th Anniversary) by Judy Paladino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 (THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30 am — +James and +Gloria Joy by the Joy family

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — +Claire Dupuis (Birthday Remembrance) by her family

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

8:30 am — +Mary Gleason by Judy Masson

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

8:30 am — +William Souza (24 Year Anniversary) by his daughter, Denny

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

8:30 am — In Remembrance of +Anthony Francis Adams by Cecile Adams

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

8:30 am — +Thomas Madden by Deacon Ray & Gayle Marcotte

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:30 am — +Frankie LaGaccia by his sister

VIGIL (THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 pm — +Leo Routhier (8th Anniversary) by his family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 (THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30 am — +Adrian and +Anna Paquette and Family (In Loving Memory) by their son-in-law, Bernie Lemoine

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — +Maria A. Conti by Bob Bradley

Humane Society of Greater Nashua Collection

My name is Gina Todisco and I am a Senior at Alvirne High school. I am currently in a Capstone class, and for my project I am putting donation bins around to collect pet supplies for animals at the Humane Society of Greater Nashua. Suggestions are located on the bins however, anything is appreciated! I will be collecting Jan 7-28th. **These bins will be in the entrance of the church.**

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Youth Group, Hall B (5 - 7:30 pm)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Parish Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Boy Scouts, Room 3 (7-8:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

Staff Prayer, Emmaus Chapel (9:45 - 10:30 am)

RCIC, Room 3 (4:15 - 5:30 pm)

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

Cub Scouts, Room 2 (6 - 7:30 pm)

Vespers & Benediction, Church (6:30 - 7 pm)

Benediction & Reposition (7 - 7:30 pm)

Knights of Columbus Meeting (Audit), Room 3 (7 - 10 pm)

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Confirmation Youth and Young Adult, Room 2 (6 - 7:30 pm)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th

Men of Saint Joseph, Room 1 (6:45 - 8 am)

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Coffee & Donuts, Hall (9:30 am)

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

First Penance Parent Meeting, Hall (12:15 pm)

Youth Group, Hall B (5 - 7:30 pm)

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena **9 Days for Life**, Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message.

Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Christmas season is always a special time to remember with gratitude all the many blessings we have received, and although we have already returned to Ordinary Time, I too wish to express my gratitude for so many blessings. In a special way, I want to thank everyone who helped to decorate the Church for Christmas and to make it look so beautiful for our celebrations of the Lord's Nativity. It was wonderful to see so many people who came on the day that we decorated the Church, and who shared some of their time to lend a helping hand. It always brings me such joy to hear people comment on how beautiful the Church looks...it truly is thanks to all of the volunteers who help out! I also want to thank our wonderful choir for the beautiful Christmas music with which they adorned the sacred Liturgy. It truly helped us to enter more deeply into the mystery of the season. We are indeed richly blessed with the gift of their music the whole year through. Finally, I also want to offer my deepest thanks to everyone from whom I received gifts, food and baked goods, and the many Christmas greetings. As I read each of your cards and opened the gifts I received, I was reminded of your love and your faith. You are a great gift to me and I am blessed to be with you as my parish family. As always, I was deeply moved by your many expressions of kindnesses and it meant so much to be remembered by you during this special time of the year.

Finally, I will be taking my Christmas break from Sunday, January 14th through Wednesday, January 24th. As I do always, please know that I will remember you and your intentions in my prayers, especially when I offer the Mass. May the new year 2024 bring great blessings to all of you and your loved ones!

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Michael

Youth Group Corner

For all Youth in Grades 6th to 12th

● **Sunday January 14th**, 5 pm - 6:30

pm: Epiphany Party with Yankee Swap!

● **Sunday January 21st**, 5pm - 6:30

pm: Choosing Wisely (Virtue of Prudence)

Sunday January 28th, 5pm - 6:30

pm: We All Have Limits (Virtue of Temperance)

Sunday February 4th, Off Campus
Outing TBD

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR REAL OPTIONS (formerly Care Net) Starting Jan. 1, 2024.

Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your spare change or other donation to this wonderful organization.

Real Options is a free women's health clinic that provides medical services, referrals and support to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. They have two convenient locations in Manchester, NH and Nashua, NH and serve all of Hillsborough County and Southern New Hampshire.

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles will be at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Windham, NH on Saturday, Jan. 27 (noon - 7 pm) and Sunday, Jan. 28 (8 am - 2 pm). Talks on Blessed Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. For more information call 603-893-3336.

Contact Parish office by Thursday at 2 pm if you would like an announcement made after the weekend Masses

CARING FOR THE GIFT OF THE LORD

OVERVIEW

This section of our bulletin is dedicated to keeping us informed of our parish's Capital Campaign, entitled ***Caring for the Gift of the Lord***, which is a four-year initiative to replace and upgrade some of the essential elements of the infrastructure of our parish facilities. St. Kathryn Church and its physical plant has been a great gift from the Lord to so many people and to the wider community for many years, and as our facility ages, we need everyone's help to keep it going! You can learn about the campaign, download the donation form, or donate online at www.stkathryns.org/caring

PHASE ONE

Church and Parking Lot Lighting **Total Projected Allotment for Phase One \$321,000**

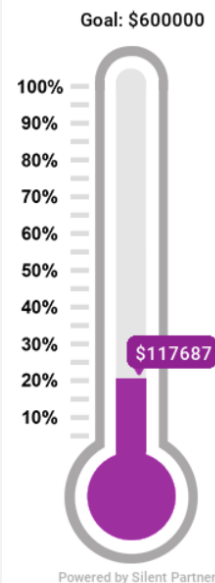
Our first and most pressing project is the total replacement of the Church Lighting, which has a **confirmed cost of at least \$241,000.00**, although we need to plan for any unexpected costs that may occur, as always happens with construction, so we are estimating an additional **\$30,000**. Phase One will also address the replacement of the **Parking Lot Lighting**, which has also begun to fail, estimated at **\$50,000**.

UPDATE JANUARY 2024

The lights and materials for the Church lighting are currently being manufactured and we are working with a structural engineer to ensure the structural integrity of the Church floor during the installation process. We have a projected start date of February 2024 with a minimum five week installation time frame.

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Scan this code to be taken directly to the Capital Campaign donation page.



**TOTAL CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN GOAL**
\$600,000

**TOTAL NEEDED FOR
PHASE ONE**
\$321,000

TOTAL RAISED SO FAR
\$117,687

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The men of St. Joseph Ministry will continue meeting the third Saturday of every month. The next meeting is Jan. 20th from 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in Room 1. The monthly meeting will include fellowship, a short presentation, refreshments, and praying the rosary.

All men in the parish are welcome!

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, Jan. 26th!** Contact Wanda and Randy Bushey for more information (603-889-0327). **Hope to see you there!**

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STEWARDSHIP

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

December 30-31, 2023

Envelope	\$2,760.00
Loose Cash	\$1,254.55
Online Giving	\$6,984.00
Received in Mail	\$290.00
Total	\$11,288.55

January 6-7, 2024

Envelope	\$4,054.00
Loose Cash	\$1,083.00
Online Giving	\$5,958.00
Received in Mail	\$240.00
Total	\$11,335.00

**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET IS \$11,500.00.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GIVE!**

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

Your contribution makes a difference! Consider online giving as a regular way of supporting the mission and good works of St. Kathryn Parish. Scan this code to learn more about and sign up for online giving.



REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

St. Kathryn's is a tithing parish, giving of our time, talent, and treasure so as to give glory to God. As a parish family, we tithe on a monthly basis to Ste. Marguerite D'Youville Parish in Groveton, NH; Hudson Community Food Pantry; St. Gianna's Place; and to Catholic School Education in our Diocese.

Local Families in Need of a baby swing & changing table, upright bureau, clothing rack that can go in a closet, kitchen table with four chairs, and crock-pot. Please contact Jaretta 603-820-0365 to arrange drop off of larger items. Smaller items can be dropped off in the parish office or parish office foyer. Wishing everyone a happy and safe new year! - Jaretta

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. There are over 2 million members and more than 16,000 councils worldwide. Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated over 185 million dollars and 49 million volunteer hours to charity. We hold true to our founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

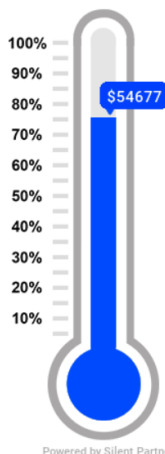
Membership in the Knights of Columbus will give you the opportunity to give back to your community, grow in your faith, strengthen family life, form lasting friendships, and provide access to exclusive top-rated insurance and financial programs to protect your family's future. With just a couple hours a month, you can assist with Council or charitable projects, attend Council meetings to help plan future activities, assist with church activities, enjoy a Council fundraising dinner, or read our Council newsletter and Knights magazine.

If you are committed to Faith, Family, Community, and Life, JOIN OUR COUNCIL! Now is the time to join. Though the annual dues are nominal, the Council has agreed to provide a free year for any new applicant. You can join online at www.KofC.org/JoinUs. List 5162 as your Preferred Council. If you would like more information or to fill out an old-school paper application, please contact me at johnfrechette202@gmail.com. Join now and try the Knights of Columbus free on us.

Thank you,
Grand Knight John Frechette

Goal: \$70651

2023 NHCA GOAL: \$70,651.00



As of January 8, 2024:

\$53,625.75 Received by Diocese

\$1,051.25 in Outstanding Pledges

77.4 % of our Goal Raised

16.4 % of Households Participating

\$54,677.00 Total Collected

\$15,974.00 Remaining to Attain our Goal

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James Lockwood, chair, Ed Caron, Adam Florczak, Jennifer Leclair, David Wilson

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!