

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT.

— JOHN 12:24 —



SAINT KATHRYN PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Day of Reconciliation at St. Kathryn's Parish
Monday, March 25
Confessions offered:
11 am - 1 pm and 4:15 - 6:15 pm

Volunteer Opportunity: The Religious Goods Store is a ministry of the parish serving St. Kathryn's parishioners and the surrounding community as one of the only religious goods stores in southern NH. They would like to expand their hours and are in need of additional volunteers. If interested, please contact the parish office (contact information in the back of the bulletin).

Grieving the death of a loved one?

Deacon Brian Lester is starting GriefShare sessions at St. John Neuman Hall (708 Milford Rd, Merrimack, NH) on Feb 21 (6:30 - 8:30 pm). Group will meet for 13 total sessions; join at anytime in the series. Contact Deacon Brian Lester (deacon@sinnh) for more information or visit griefshare.org.

Calling All Crafters!

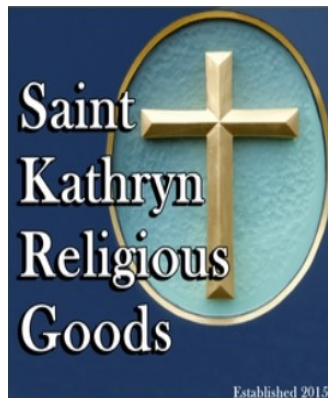
The Crafters are meeting each Tuesday afternoon from noon to 4 pm in the Craft Room (in the basement of the Parish Office).

ALL ARE WELCOME!

K of C CHOWDER SUPPERS DURING LENT:

The Knights of Columbus are holding chowder suppers (a light meatless meal) during lent this year. Chowder suppers will be held in St. Kathryn Parish Hall on Friday nights starting February 16 from 5 to 6:30 pm. You will have a choice of clam chowder, corn chowder, or broccoli cheddar soup and salad, drink, and cookie for \$8.00 a person. We also offer an alternate choice of peanut butter and jelly sandwich, drink, and cookie for \$4.00. Please consider attending with your family.

In celebration of Lent and the Easter season, the store is offering **20% off** the following merchandise:



- Crucifix necklaces
- Wall and standing Crucifixes
- Statues and framed pictures of Jesus
- Wall plaques of the last supper

**Sale ends:
April 4, 2024**

GUEST SPEAKER: KATHY GARON, CREATOR OF THE MINISTRY, "TO TOUCH HIS HEM."

The mission of this ministry is to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to put our faith into action by living and sharing it with our families, church community, neighbors, and in our workplaces. Please come join us as Kathy Garon shares a Lenten presentation called, "Forgiveness," on **Monday, March 18th**, at St. Kathryn's Parish in the Transept Parish Chapel from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. It is an evening with an insightful presentation, small group discussions, and a prayer service.

Cursillo / Ultreya 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 2, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There is always a Guest Speaker, refreshments, and fellowship! Next meeting is **Friday, March 22**. Contact Wanda and Randy Bushey for more information (603-321-4564). **Hope to see you there!**

Become a 2024 Totus Tuus Missionary! The Diocese of Manchester is seeking committed Catholic College Students, preferably sophomores or juniors, to serve as Totus Tuus Missionaries this summer. The commitment is from June 5 to August 2, 2024. The first ten days are dedicated to rigorous training to present the Totus Tuus Catholic curriculum, along with prayer, games, song, and witness to elementary age students and high school students in a team setting. Immediately following the training, missionaries from the Diocese of Manchester will travel to the first of six parishes to impart the week-long program. Missionaries will have the week of July 4 off. Room and board are provided by each parish, and a stipend is provided by the diocese. For the complete job description and online application, please go to: <https://www.catholicnh.org/parishes/formation/parish-faith-formation/totustuus/>. When applying, please check the box next to **NH: Diocese of Manchester** as the diocese to which you would like to apply. For questions and more information, please contact Gloria Zapiain, Cabinet Secretary for Catholic Formation, at gzapiain@rcbm.org or 603-669-0159.

MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL (THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

4:00 pm — + Guy and +Anna Savio by son Charles

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024 (THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

8:30 am — +Joan Malone(2nd Anniversary) by the Joy Family

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — +Joseph Anthony Oertel by Carmen Rodriguez-Brick

MONDAY, March 18, 2024

8:30 am — +Mary Gleason by her husband Ed

WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024

8:30 am — +Rockwood Nickles by the Joy Family

THURSDAY, March 21, 2024

8:30 am — +Ray and +Rachel Belleville, +Florence and +Leo Bellemare, +Cameron Ricard, +Michael Fitterman, +Ann and +Dale Blake, +Leo Bellemere Jr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

8:30 am — +Josep Tru Do by Yuds Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

8:30 am — Birthday blessings for Brayden Bean by his grandparents

VIGIL (THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

4:00 pm +Joan Malone by Linda

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 (THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

8:30 am — +Aurel Dupuis by his family

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — +Waldemar and +Otylia Krajewski by Lanzillo family

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Religious Education-Group 2 –Room 1-6 and Hall (10 am- noon)

Holy Hour and Vespers, church (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

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

MONDAY, MARCH 18th

Rosary, Hall (8 am)

Forgiveness by Speaker Kathy Garon, Transept Chapel (6 - 9 pm)

Boy Scouts, Room 3 (7-8:30 pm)

TUESDAY, March 19th

Jesus and the Eucharist, Hall (9:30 - 11:30 am)

Crafters, Craft room in basement of parish office (noon - 4 pm)

Jesus and the Eucharist, Hall (6 - 8 pm)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

Rosary, Hall (8 am)

Adoration, Transept Chapel (9 am - 6:30 pm)

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

Homeschool group board game, Room 2 (2 - 3 pm)

RCIC, Room 3 (5:15 - 6:30 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)

K of C Planning Meeting, Hall B (7 - 10 pm)

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

Rosary, Hall (8 am)

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

Rosary, Hall (8 am)

Stations of the Cross, Transept Chapel (9:15 - 10:15 am)

Reconciliation Class, Room 2 (9:45 - 11:15 am)

K of C Chowder Night, Hall (5 - 6:30 pm)

Homeschool Group-Mom's panel, Room 2 (7pm)

Cursillo/Ultreya Meeting, Room 2 (7 - 8:30 pm)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Holy Hour and Vespers, Church (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

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

Parish office Hours: Mon through Thurs, 9:30 am - 3 pm
Religious Goods Store : Tue, Wed, Thurs, 9:15 am - noon

The Parish Office and Religious Goods Store follow the Hudson School inclement weather cancellation and delayed opening schedule.

Please keep these catechumens /candidates in your prayers as they will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Emily, Derrick, Dustin, Britni, Bethany, Matthew and Julie. Also please pray for Molly, Jesse, Dominic, and Zachary as they begin to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation at the 2025 Easter Vigil.

ZERO HOUR ON ASSISTED SUICIDE YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR HOUSE VOTE

Thank you for all the help you have provided thus far in spreading the word and helping to stop this dangerous legislation. HB 1283 is a bill pending before the NH Legislature that would legalize assisted suicide. The House of Representatives will vote on this bill on **Thursday, March 21**. Please call or write to your representatives now to urge them to oppose this bill: <https://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members>

From House Judiciary Committee Hearing, February 7, 2024

"The data we have shows that in states that have allowed medical aid in dying, we see the needle tick towards more suicide. I want to avoid that."

– Dr. Jonathan Eddinger, NH Cardiologist



"This bill scares our members right down to their socks...while veterans are a relatively small portion of our population, we have a really, really outsized number when it comes to suicides."

– Kevin Grady, NH State Veterans Advisory Committee



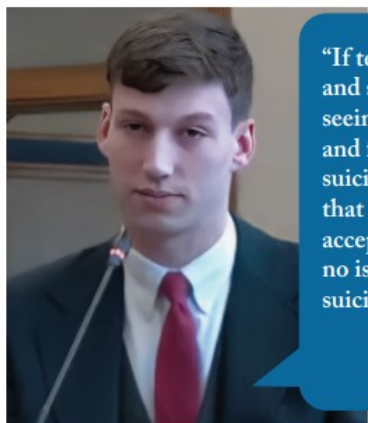
"Our residents often state that they do not want to be a burden on their families. This will influence their decision without a doubt."

– Brenda Buttrick, NH Nursing Home Administrator



"If teens with depression and suicidal thoughts start seeing family members and friends...committing suicide...and they see that this is being morally accepted...they will see no issue with attempting suicide."

– Peter Hogan, NH High School Student



"Disability is not a fate worse than death. All of the national disability organizations oppose assisted suicide laws."

– Forrest Beaudoin, NH Resident and Advocate



ACT TODAY TO STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE FROM BECOMING LAW IN NEW HAMPSHIRE!

For more information, visit: catholicnh.org/nosuicide



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

UPDATE FEBRUARY 18, 2024

The work on the new lighting system is progressing smoothly. They are continuing to add more of the new downlights in the main church, so each week, we will notice more light being restored in the worship area. Also, work continues to progress in the chapel with the pendant lights and the spots for the Stations of the Cross.

The initial cost of the lighting project was \$241,000. However, with the final additional needed materials and labor for the project and the additional cost of the structural engineer, our final cost will be around \$275,000. It would be good to plan on raising \$300,000 by the end of April 2024 to ensure we have what we need for the entire project once installation begins.

QR CODE FOR CAMPAIGN PAGE

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



TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$600,000

RECEIVED THIS WEEK (Mar 4 - 10, 2024)

\$5,585.00

CHURCH LIGHTING PROJECT

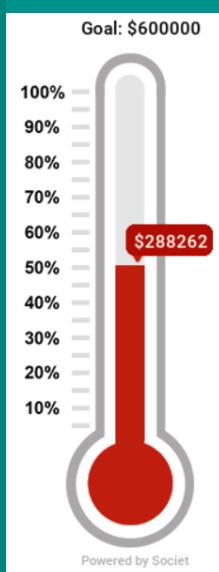
TOTAL NEEDED FOR CHURCH LIGHTING: \$275,000

DESIRED GOAL FOR CHURCH LIGHTING FUND: \$300,000

TOTAL RAISED SO FAR: \$288,262.00

GOAL DATE FOR CHURCH LIGHTING FUND: April, 30, 2024

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO THE CAMPAIGN TO DATE. YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS A TREMENDOUS BLESSING!



Paschal Mystery Retreat, Friday, March 22 at 4 - 6 pm at the Parish of the Resurrection, Nashua: Offers a chance to take a step back from the pressing concerns of daily life, to reflect prayerfully on the current state of your relationships, with God, with the people around you, and with the world. It will help us prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. Fr. Anselm, a Benedictine monk from St. Anselm Abbey will talk about what the Paschal Mystery is and answer questions like, what does the Paschal Mystery mean for us in the 21st century? How can we experience the Paschal Mystery and its effects on a day-to-day basis? And, how can we become aware of its presence in our lives in a real way and not just something we know about? **All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to be transformed and to enter the Holy Week spiritually prepared.**

Updated Information: Life in the Spirit Seminar at St. Kathryn's May 17-19, 2024

This weekend seminar primarily serves to:

- *Establish or deepen relationship with Jesus
- *Lead to an awakening to the power of Sacramental Baptism and Confirmation
- *Provide an experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit - a fuller expression of the Spirit, as in a personal Pentecost.

The seminar is most effective when approached with faith, openness and expectancy. Cost of the weekend is \$30 and includes all light meals and all supplies. FINANCES SHOULD NOT KEEP ANYONE FROM ATTENDING-- ALL ARE WELCOME, WITH OR WITHOUT THE FEE. Sessions begin Fri. evening 6:30 - 9 pm, Sat. 9 am - 9 pm, Sun. 9 am - 1 pm. TO REGISTER: Bernadette Lanzillo at 781-485-7308, lifeinthespirit24@gmail.com or Jackie Morganti at 603-332-3576, jspmnt@gmail.com. PLEASE MAIL CHECKS, PAYABLE TO: St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd. Hudson, NH 03051.

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STEWARDSHIP

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

March 9 - 10, 2024

Envelope	\$2,732.17
Loose Cash	\$1,594.43
Online Giving	\$5,739.00
Received in Mail	\$555.00
Total	\$10,620.60

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.



Please contact the office if you would like your **2023 Record of Financial Contributions** mailed to you.

Second Offertory Collections

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2024: Feed Our Kids. Monies go to support the work of the Hudson Food Pantry in supporting local area children and struggling families.

Good Friday, March 30, 2024: Holy Land. Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.

Special Easter Sunday Collection, March 31, 2024. This collection helps to support operating costs for our parish. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!!

Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Day reminds us that Knights of Columbus founder, Father Michael McGivney, was the son of Irish immigrants. In the mid-19th century, millions of Irish migrants came to America due to the potato blight and famine. Many of the Irish families of the time revered religious vocations, so his parents were proud when he discerned the priesthood. After his ordination, he was assigned to St Mary's Church in New Haven, which was considered a blemish among the Protestant aristocratic community in the shadow of Yale University.

At the time, poverty was common among the new arrivals from Ireland, and work afforded to Catholics was often dangerous. Most of his congregation was of Irish ancestry and were proud of their roots. Every founding member of the Knights was Irish, though this never limited their vision of who the Knights of Columbus would become. Father McGivney loved their annual St Patrick's Day celebration.

St. Patrick's Day traditions such as parades, corned beef and cabbage, step dancing, and wearing a bit- o'-green are deeply rooted in Irish American Catholic culture. The parades were a way to celebrate not only their ethnic origins but also their successful integration into American society. Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world. As with many of the national holidays, Catholic history and the life of the Saints are forgotten. The celebrations are mostly secular, and many who celebrate are unaware of the history or the reason.

Respectfully,
Grand Knight John Frechette

Easter Flower Donations

Help to beautify the church for Christ's resurrection by donating to the Easter Flower fund. Donations can be made in memory of your loved ones. Use the Easter Flower offertory envelopes included with your offertory envelop packet or those at the back of the church. The deadline for the envelopes is Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024. Names of those remembered will be published in the April 7, 2024 bulletin.

Local families in need of anything for a newborn baby boy. Also need: small kitchen table with four chairs & car seat for 3 year old child. Call Jaretta at 603-800-7432 or drop smaller items off in the parish office.

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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.
Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:15 am—noon

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!