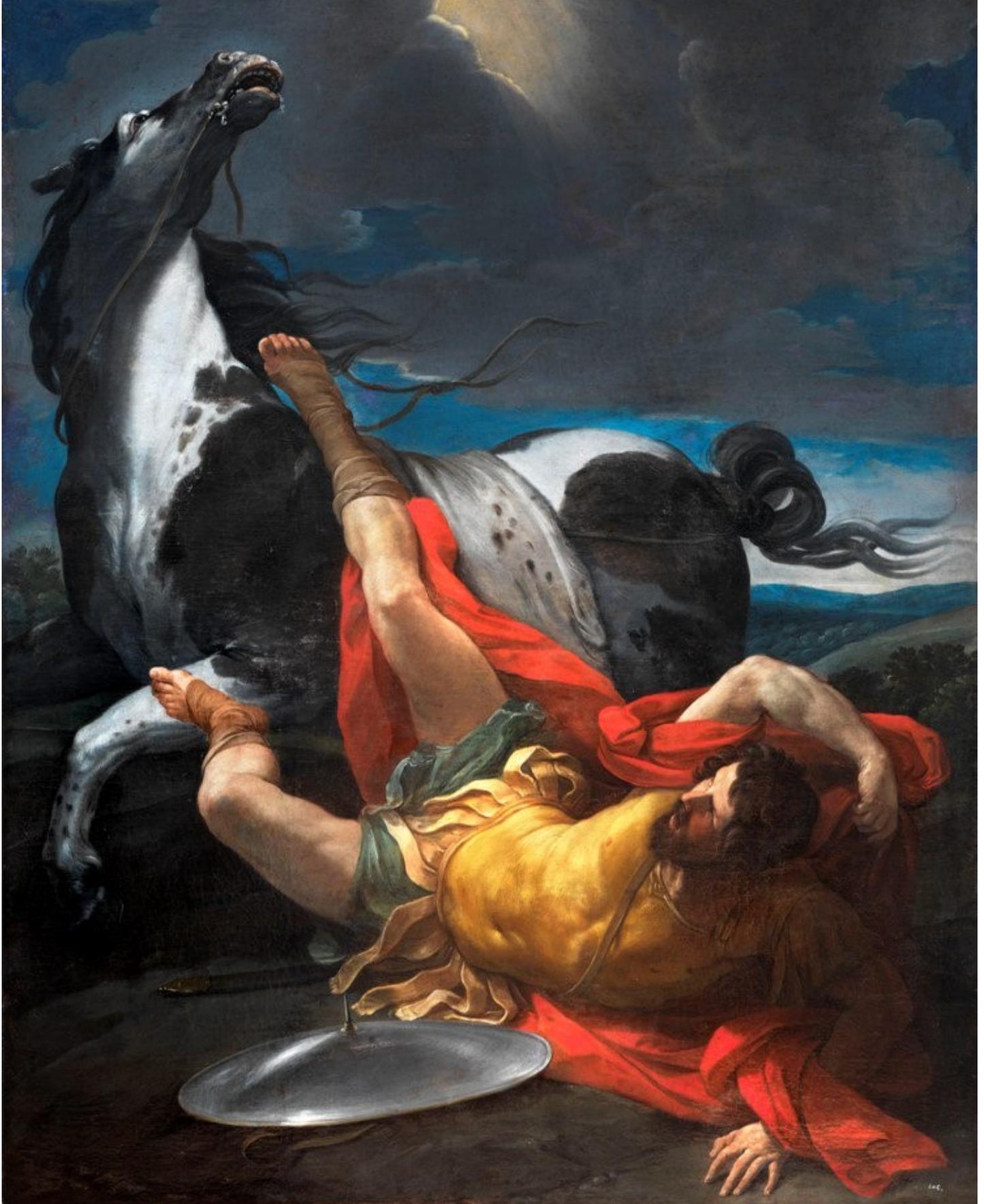


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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I wasn't expecting feedback, but I was humbled by it this week! When I mentioned that I was resetting my "homily clock," I found dozens of emails from our parishioners who asked me to return to the floor, to not worry about time, to offer what I have in the past. I was flabbergasted! So, while I have

been able to reset the clock, I am grateful for your observations and will return to my usual way of preaching. Thank you for your support and your encouragement.

This week, the DVDs and leader's guide for our next Lectio presentation arrived. I've watched several of the videos in advance of setting this as our next adult faith formation series, but I'm even more impressed by the content and the suggestions for discussion. It's going to be a powerful session, albeit shorter than what we have had in the past. I'm so happy we'll be looking at prayer during the Lenten season. Many of us, including me, need that reminder about the true nature of prayer and the nuts and bolts of praying effectively. I'm really excited about this and I hope it will be beneficial for the members of our community.

We had an interesting experience of liturgy last Sunday morning with the electricity. Fortunately, Bob was able to get everything taken care of and worked with Eversource to have us up and running before the 6:30 Mass. We still don't know the exact cause of the outage, but the power surge that messed us up blew several of the fuses in our transformer which were all repaired. A lot of people mentioned that there was something "mystical" about coming to Mass in the dark. It's funny how we have become so accustomed to power in our homes and churches that we don't think about the fact that for 1900 years, that's exactly how Mass was celebrated! So, we had a taste (kind of – they didn't have sound systems or emergency lights or intermittent organ playing!) of what our ancestors in the faith saw as normal. Whatever the case, I'm glad we're back up and running! I'm so grateful to all of you for your flexibility and to Larry, Jerry, and our choirs for leading us in sung prayer under some challenging conditions.

Today is a sad day in our American history. Forty-four years ago, Roe v. Wade became the law of the nation, and abortion became legalized. We have prayed as a people for the reversal of this decision; we have struggled and many have suffered as a result. It's easy to be glib in our responses to those who still advocate for abortion, but we must also realize that for most this is a difficult decision. Under no circumstances am I suggesting that we relax our stance on abortion, but we must have compassion for those who at one time or another in their lives thought that this was the only possible option. Having heard a good number of confessions of women who have had an abortion or of men and women who have helped or advised women to have one, I have also come to understand that for some, there was no one who offered encouragement to keep the baby or to lend support. The sadness and sometimes devastation that I hear is heartbreaking, and that is why the Church is here to offer mercy and healing, not condemnation.

As I reflect on this, "abortion" is not the sole cause of our sadness with regard to this decision. It is really a lack of reverence for the gift of human life. We must always remember that life is a gift that is not ours to choose or disregard – it is cooperation in the creative work of God. While the circumstances under which a child is conceived is not always the "ideal," the child is, nonetheless, the work of God's hands. Taking God out of the equation certainly changes our viewpoint, but how can we ever take the Creator out of the equation of the created? Sadly, our world today no longer reverences life. We no longer trust that God will be with us in all circumstances of life – even in the case of a difficult pregnancy. But as a people of faith, we look to God to help us through the ups and downs of life. We recognize that we want to cooperate with His plan for life and not interfere with it – at conception, throughout a lifetime, and even to the moment of natural death. Revisiting the notion that life is a gift that is entrusted to us can help us to understand God's plan and be willing like Mary to say "yes" to such a great and profound gift.

Until next week....God bless!

Father Joe



Saturday, January 21

Vigil (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM – +Sylvia Fortier, *by Lauraine and Leo Hudon*

Sunday, January 22 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM – +Donald Jefferson, *by Mary Brotzki*

10:30AM – For the People of the Parish

6:30PM – +Lisa Dube and Jeanne Lamarande, *by Cecile Adams*

Monday, January 23 (Day of Prayer and Penance)

8:30AM – +Louise Sigman, *by Dolly Sigman*

Tuesday, January 24 (Saint Francis de Sales)

7:00PM – +Daiguon Howard, *by Janet Estes and Betty Jane McKenna*

Wednesday, January 25 (Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle)

8:30AM – Healing for Sister Eleanor Harkins, *by Teresa Harkins*

Thursday, January 26 (Saints Timothy and Titus)

7:00PM – +George Estes (4th Anniversary), *by his wife, Janet*

Friday, January 27 (Saint Angela Merici)

8:30AM – Addicts in Recovery

Saturday, January 28 (Saint Thomas Aquinas)

8:30AM – +Lucille Atkinson, *by Victoria Travers*

Vigil (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM – +Leo Routhier (1st Anniversary), *by his family*

Sunday, January 29 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM – +Steven Ferchak, *by his family*

10:30AM – For the People of the Parish

6:30PM – +Brian and Christina Maniotis, *by Bill and Charlene Maniotis*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

For our men and women in formation for religious life:

Sister Faustina Kolbe Burda, DMN

Roxanne Day

Diane Dube

Sister Athanasius Munroe, OP

Brother John Mark Solitario, OP

Brother Marius Strom, TOR

Sunday, January 22nd

Religious Education, Group 2/RMs 1-6 (10:00A-12:00N)

Religious Education, Grade 10/Hall B (4:15-6:15P)

Religious Education, Grades 7-9/RMs 2,3,6 (4:30-6:00P)

Monday, January 23rd

RCIA and RCIC/Parish Office (3:00-4:45P)

Religious Education, Grades 7-9/RMs 1-3 (5:00-6:30P)

Tuesday, January 24th

RCIC/RM 3 (4:00P)

Cub Scouts/Hall A (6:00-8:00P)

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7:00-8:30P)

RCIA/RM 1 (7:30P)

Wednesday, January 25th

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:15A and 1:00-7:00P)

Safe Environment Audit/Parish Office (9:00A)

Veterans Group Steering Committee/RM 2

(6:00P)

Evening Prayer and Benediction/Chapel (7:00P)

Religious Goods Store Volunteer Meeting/RM 1 (7:30P)

Thursday, January 26th

Coming Home to Catholicism/RM 1 (7:00-8:30P)

Friday, January 27th

Moms' Rosary Group/RM 1 (9:30-11:00A)

Saturday, January 28th

Engaged Couples Seminar/Parish Hall (8:00A-5:00P)

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Due to technical difficulties related to the power outage of 1/15/17, the offertory for that weekend's Masses will be published in next week's bulletin.

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish.
Our weekly budget is \$11,900.00.*



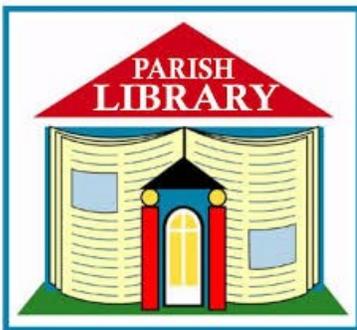
MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

February, as you know, is the month of Saint Valentine's Day. There are so many opportunities to celebrate human love, including the renewal of marriage vows and the promise of commitment for engaged couples. That's why we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a *Celebration of Marriage* in honor of **World Marriage Day on Saturday February 11, 2017**. The evening will begin with Holy Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by renewal of vows for our married couples and witness to the promises for our engaged couples. We will then share in a wonderful meal, dessert, and brief reflections on marriage in our parish hall. We hope that all married and engaged couples will plan to attend this fun-filled evening as we celebrate marriage, share in prayer, reflection and fellowship together as a community! Registration is required because our space is limited. Forms can be found in the narthex of the church. Get yours today!

For any of those "romantic" kind of guys out there—wouldn't this be one of those special moments that you might "pop the question" to your intended? How cool would that be! Just don't let her know what the dinner is for.....

FORMED

Sign up today at <https://formed.org>. Our code is 748649. (Go to "Register: Sign up free using your parish code." Then enter the access code.) Share this information with your family and friends. There are talks and lectures, Catholic movies, aids to prayer, the entire Symbolon, Lectio and Catholicism series. This is our parish gift to you, so please share it with family and friends and grow in the faith!



There is a wonderful selection of books in our parish library. Have you taken advantage of these solid theological and spiritual works?

There is a smattering of everything in our library, from catechetics to biographies to theology to

liturgy and Mariology. There's no time limit for how long you can borrow a book, but we ask that you remember to return it when you finish with it. There are also some videos and Bible studies available, so make full use of our fine library!

STOP AND PRAY

For our Parishioners in the Armed Services:

Frank Cunniff Clare Handy Zack Hurley
David Jarry Joshua Keller Zach Keller
Thomas Laste

For our beloved dead:

Roger Frenette Richard Crandall William Cote

For the sick and our homebound:

Lena Lajoie Karen Wilder Jeremy Swanson

Pray for our Deacon-Candidates:

Joseph Dion Randy O'Neill

WOOPS!

Somehow or another, many of us are getting stuck in the year 2016. For some of us, it wasn't such a bad year; for others, they couldn't wait for the year to end! But, we're now in 2017, and the bank is giving us a hard time when they receive checks with a particular date and the year 2016. They sent back seven (7!) this week!

When writing a check to the parish, to the electric company, to the water works, don't forget 2017! Thank you!

VOCATION BIRTHSTONE ROSARIES

This week, *Sean O'Neil* will be praying the traveling rosary for our parish seminarians and permanent deacon candidates and *Pat Grenier* for vocations to the religious life. Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood and diaconate and for our religious in formation.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School: Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. 6 Bartlett Avenue, Nashua, NH.

Presentation of Mary Academy: 182 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH Registration open NOW for 2017-2018 age 3 through Grade 8. Contact Admissions Director, June Nolet at 603.889.6054, opt. 2 www.pmaschool.org.

Infant Jesus School: 3 Crown Street, Nashua, NH has begun registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the school office at 603.889.2649 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Saint Christopher School: 20 Cushing Avenue, Nashua, NH. Contact school through their website, stchrisschoolnh.org/

STEUBENVILLE EAST

Ministry Fair A New Year's Revolution

The date is set! July 14-16, 2017 is the time for Steubenville East—an experience that you won't want to miss. Plan to join thousands of other young people (those who have graduated from eighth grade through those who have graduated from high school) for a life-changing three days.

Steubenville East will take place at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell and will feature great speakers and musicians, including Chris Mueller, Jon Niven, Father Jose Robles-Sanchez, Leah Darrow, Joel Stepanek, and Kelly Colangelo.

For those from our parish who have attended in the past, you know that this is a weekend that has been fun, informative, and uplifting. If you're a teen (or would like to be an adult chaperone) and want a spiritual boost, this is an opportunity for you. Interested in learning more? Please contact Father Joe at frjoe@stkathryns.org.



In the last year, we've delved into two experiences of Lectio with Lectio: Eucharist and Lectio: Peter. This winter, we'll add

yet another dimension to our experience of Lectio with Lectio: Prayer.

We'll be exposed in a new way to an ancient tradition in our Church known as "Lectio Divina," which is Latin for "Holy Reading." In this, we'll have an opportunity to read the Sacred Scriptures and discover what treasures they possess. In this six-week series, we'll cover the following topics:

- February 23 Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue
- March 2 Guigo's Ladder: A Way of Ascent
- March 9 Lectio and Meditatio: Climbing the First Rungs
- March 16 Oratio: Conversation with God
- March 23 Contemplatio: The Gaze of Love
- March 30 Resolutio: Putting Love into Action

Sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and again from 7:45-9:15 p.m. in Hall B. Pre-registration is helpful but not required.

Have you been making the same New Year's resolution year after year? Have you been saying that you'll get more involved in one aspect of parish life or another, but just never get around to it? Well here's a chance to see what opportunities are available here at Saint Kathryn's!

Join us on Sunday, February 5th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Hall B for our Ministry Fair and be amazed at the number of volunteer opportunities that are available here at Saint Kathryn's. Come on! Shake that old complacency and check us out!

Joining a ministry not only enriches your own life with fun and friendship, but also enhances the lives of those reached by your charitable works. Remember, Lent is also right around the corner; might God be calling you to serve in a new way? A member of each ministry –from Intercessors to Youth Group to the food pantry to choir– will be available to give you information, answer your questions and even sign you up if you are interested. For a quick glance of some of the ministries that will be represented, go to <https://www.stkathryns.org/a-z-list-of-all-ministries>
Ministry coordinators: If you have not yet been contacted by Charlene Maniotis regarding a space at the fair, please email her at charlene.maniotis@stkathryns.org or call her at 603.882.7793. Get connected and grow Saint Kathryn's groups!

Be prepared especially that day for our first "Cakers and Shakers" Event! The Boy Scouts are hosting their annual pancake breakfast on the same day, so plan to grab a bite to eat and visit the ministry tables. Be fed on the "Bread of Life" at Holy Mass, then enjoy a hearty breakfast, and then, when your belly and spirit are full, check out (and sign up for) one of our ministries. Let's just consider this an "all-in-one" day!

THE CHALICE AT MASS

As announced last weekend, the chalice will be suspended from all Masses until Holy Thursday during cold and flu season. A chalice will be available for those who can only receive from the chalice at Father Joe's station. The Eucharist is always complete whether under one form or two.

CAMP BERNADETTE AND CAMP FATIMA

Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available to youth aged 6 to 15 to attend Camps Fatima and Bernadette. This is possible in accordance with the terms of a bequest received by the diocese. The youth must be Catholic and residing in New Hampshire. The number of scholarships awarded this year will be limited to thirty (30). Priority will be to those who have never attended Fatima or Bernadette.

The two-week periods available in 2017 are:

Camp Fatima (Gilmanton Iron Works)- Boys:

- 1st Session – June 25th through July 8th
- Starter week – June 25th through June 30th
- 2nd Session – July 9th through July 22nd
- 3rd Session – July 23rd through August 5th
- 4th Session – August 6th through August 11th

Camp Bernadette (Wolfeboro) - Girls:

- 4th Session – August 6th through August 19th

The full scholarships granted to those in need are based on the recommendation of the pastor of their parish. **The deadline for submission of recommendations is March 15, 2017.**

The 2017 Camp Application form is available in the parish office and should be filled out by each child's parent or guardian and returned to Father Joe. **The application and scholarships, once received and approved, are based upon availability of spaces and level of need.** Father Joe will be notified in March of youth in the parish who have been awarded a camp scholarship and the youth will also receive a letter. Once notified they have received the scholarship, recipients will be asked to choose any available session and complete an online registration form.

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE NEWS



As we have mentioned in the past few weeks we are in the process of re-stocking the store after all the holiday merchandise has been inventoried and put away for the season. There are still a few items

that are on display till the end of the month with sale pricing on all of them. The Catholic calendars are discounted and we are leaving out many of the Fontanini nativity sets and offering a one time sale on them of 20% off the retail prices until the end of the month. After that we will keep a couple on display and the rest will be stored until the fall. This discount on Fontanini is an exceptional value for a very collectible product, so don't miss the chance! This is a great opportunity to get a beautiful gift purchased well ahead of time!

We have also mentioned our mission to offer as wide a variety of Catholic reading material as our space allows. By the time all of our book orders arrive, we will have an inventory in the store to choose from that will have in excess of 125 different titles for children, teens and adults. This is a bit of a test for the store in that we are hoping the parish and our out-of-town customers will understand the value of a solid grounding in our Faith. We will be tracking our book sales to see if this is an area we should continue to expand our selections in. Please make an effort to stop in and see the variety we have and please feel free to suggest any reading material you would like us to consider carrying. As always, our customers are welcome to look through all the catalogs from all of our vendors and special order anything they carry.

WINTER CANCELLATIONS

We're back at that time of year when anything can happen with regard to the weather. While Masses will always be celebrated as scheduled, we want to encourage you to use prudence when coming out in inclement weather. As much as we try to make sure that the parking lots are cleared, we do need some time to do the job. Unless we are caught completely off guard on a Sunday, you can pretty much plan that the lots and sidewalks will be clear, but weekdays may pose another issue.

When there is bad weather, please tune into WMUR for any cancellations of religious education classes, adult faith formation classes, and meetings. Also, if school is cancelled the parish offices will be closed for the day. If adoration is scheduled for a day when schools are closed, adoration will also be cancelled. Again, Masses are always celebrated as scheduled.

You should also check our Facebook page (Saint Kathryn's Church) and our website (www.stkathryns.org) for updates.

Thank you for your understanding. We want everyone to be safe during these winter months. (Remember – Sunday Mass is still required. Don't take that one too lightly!)

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

PARISH RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE (WINTER HOURS)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.
Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30-6:50 p.m.; Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m. Also by appointment.

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!

The main door of the Church is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the Emmaus Chapel, in the office building, is open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.

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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January 22, 2017 – Week 9