

Saint Kathryn Parish

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Jubilee Week, September 2017

Saint Kathryn Parish Golden Jubilee Prayer

Lord, Jesus,

we your parish of Saint Catherine of Siena,
look forward with joy and anticipation
to the celebration of the Great Jubilee
that marks our humble beginning
fifty years ago.

Hear our prayers

and send forth your Spirit on us
during this time of preparation
so that we might be a community
that is reconciling and forgiving;
faithful to your teachings;
full of faith, hope, and love;
is just and seeks justice;
is alive to the needs of others;
is living out its call to proclaim the Good News
so that all peoples may come to know you
as their Lord and Savior.

May we your Church,

with the help of Mary our Mother and the
intercession of Saint Catherine of Siena
become a true sacrament to the world.

We ask this in your name, O Jesus,

who is our Lord and Savior,
yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Next weekend, some twenty-plus members of our parish will leave for a ten-day trip to Switzerland, Bavaria, and Austria to enjoy some beautiful scenery, Old World charm, gorgeous music (after all, we'll be in Salzburg – the city of Mozart!), and delicious food and perhaps some beer. We'll definitely share photographs with you via the parish Facebook page (Saint Kathryn's Church) and let you know how we're doing.

Next Sunday is also the first week for religious education classes. We'll welcome all of our elementary school students to the 10:30 Mass next Sunday as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday and officially recognize all of our catechists. It will be wonderful to have all of our children back, fully engaged in all of their activities and opportunities for growing in their faith. I'm particularly grateful to all of our parents who take their children's religious training seriously and encourage them (maybe even with a battle or two along the way) to attend. While we certainly teach the Catholic faith in all of its beauty and encourage the children to know what it means to be Catholic, they also have many opportunities to reflect on the beauty of the Mass, on Sacred Scripture, and to grow in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. With many opportunities to learn how to pray and activities to support their development in the faith, we pray that they will learn to love the faith as much as we do.

Deacon Ray and Gayle and the RCIA team will also get sessions underway for those who are contemplating membership in the Catholic Church. As you know, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a great gift to the Church as those in the process will find themselves learning more about our faith, discovering the beauty of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church, our rituals, and prayer. They are also introduced to the sacraments as well as the social teachings, spiritual and corporal works of mercy. If you know anyone (or perhaps you yourself) interested in becoming Catholic, this is the time to enter into the process. To be clear, RCIA is intended for those who have either never been baptized in any Christian tradition, who have been baptized in another community but would like to be received into the Catholic Church, or for those who were baptized in the Catholic Church as infants but never learned about the faith or received any of the other sacraments.

In just a few weeks, we'll start with Lectio again for our adult faith formation series. As mentioned earlier, this fall we'll study the Acts of the Apostles and the call to evangelization, and in the spring, we'll study the Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary. How appropriate during this centenary year of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima!

This is the moment I hop on my soapbox again about adult faith formation.

In these days when so many scoff at faith or simply tolerate it as a part of our landscape, I can't begin to tell you how important it is for us to be informed about Catholicism. For too many, faith has become a cultural experience rather than one that engages and changes our lives. Saint Jerome once said that ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ, and the Venerable Fulton Sheen often spoke about the greatest enemy of the Catholic Church is a Catholic who does not know his/her faith. Truly – it is *very* important that each of us grow in faith. There isn't a one of us who "has it all down," even though they may think they do. I know I continue to learn with each session – not only from the video presentations, but the research that I do to prepare for the classes as well as the discussions in each session. We do videotape our morning sessions each week and post them to the parish website, which should be a big help to our homebound folks and younger families who may not be able to make the class sessions. But if you can attend "live," it's all the better. *You* may have questions or observations that will help us to grow in our understanding of the Scriptures. *Your* experience may be precisely the one that someone else will benefit from!

So here we go.... We're ready to start this year with many programs in place and with many opportunities to learn more about Saint Kathryn's, the Church, Sacred Scripture, and all things Catholic. Plan to be a part of it! That way, when our Jubilee Year begins next year, we'll be on fire with the love of the Lord.

Until next week...God bless!

Father Joe



Saturday, September 9 Vigil (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM – +Clement and Rita Brissette, by Paul and Claudette Roy

Sunday, September 10 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM – Intentions of Thomas Schubert, by his family

10:30AM – For the People of the Parish

6:30PM – +Nayeli McCaskey, by Ricardo

Monday, September 11 (Weekday)

8:30AM – +Gisele Desrosiers (10th Anniversary), by her daughter, Jocelyne

Tuesday, September 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

7:00PM – +Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 13 (Saint John Chrysostom)

8:30AM – +Brendon Doherty, by the LeClair family

Thursday, September 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

7:00PM – Our Seminarians, by friends

Friday, September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)

8:30AM – +Richard A. White, by Barbara Battis

Saturday, September 16 (Saint Cornelius, and Saint Cyprian)

8:30AM – +Raymond Rancourt (8th Anniversary), by his family

Vigil (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4:00PM – +Aline Richard, by her children

Sunday, September 17 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30AM – +Harold and Pauline Hubert (Anniversary Mass), by Roger and Paula Hubert

10:30AM – +Peter O’Keeffe (1st Anniversary), by the McCarthy family

6:30PM – For the People of the Parish

DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

Congratulations to Deacon Joseph Dion and Deacon Randy O’Neill on their ordinations to the permanent diaconate this weekend. May God bless you always in His service.

Jubilee Week

Sunday, September 10th

Jubilee Kick-Off Parish Picnic/Church Grounds (1:00-3:00P)

Tuesday, September 12th

Deanery Meeting/Parish Hall (12:00-4:00P)
Crafters/Craft Room (1:00-8:30P)

Wednesday, September 13th

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:15A and 1:00-7:00P)
Evening Prayer and Benediction/Chapel (7:00P)
Choir Rehearsal/Church (7:30-9:00P)
Schola Rehearsal/Church (9:00-9:30P)

Friday, September 15th

Chasse-LeLievre Rehearsal/Church (6:00P)

Saturday, September 16th

Chasse-LeLievre Wedding/Church (1:00P)
Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception for Deacon Joseph Dion/Church (4:00P)

Sunday, September 17th

Religious Ed Opening Day (Groups 1 and 2)/Parish Hall (10:00A)
Religious Ed Opening Mass (Groups 1 and 2)/Church (10:30A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our men and women in formation for religious life:

Elena Ainley
Sister Faustina Kolbe Burda, DMN
Sister Roxane Day Sister Diane Dube, p.m.
Sister Athanasius Munroe, OP
Brother John Mark Solitario, OP
Brother Marius Strom, TOR

Our Parishioners in the Armed Services:

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

Our Deacon-Candidates:

Jared Auclair

Our Newly Ordained Deacons

Deacon Joseph Dion Deacon Randy O’Neill

VOCATION ROSARY

This week, *John LeBlanc* will be praying the traveling rosary. 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.

To take part in this prayer campaign, please contact Deacon Ray at 603.882.7793, ext. 204.

PARISH PICNIC

It's this weekend! Our annual parish picnic will take place this Sunday, September 10th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The parish picnic is co-sponsored by the parish and Council 5162 of the Knights of Columbus. A word of thanks to Jeanette Cassidy and Charlene Maniotis who coordinated this event as the first of our monthly "Jubilee Week" celebrations!

FORMED

Have you learned anything new about your faith this summer? Why not challenge yourself to learn just one thing new? Register with FORMED for lectures, films, podcasts, and interesting reading. Sign up today at <https://formed.org>. Our code is 748649.

VIANNEY RETURNS!

Leonardo Defilippis and Saint Luke Productions will return to Saint Kathryn's for a performance of *Vianney* at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2017. This acclaimed production of the life of Saint John Vianney is one that you will not want to miss!

Tickets will be available in September from the office and after Masses. Some tickets will also be available at the door.

Mark your calendars now! This memorable performance is one that you will not want to miss.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION



Religious Education

Religious education classes will begin next Sunday, September 17th. Is your child registered yet? The fee is \$50.00/child or \$100.00/family.

Don't forget that the sacraments will be celebrated this year as in the past. First Penance and First Communion will take place in the second grade and Confirmation will be celebrated in the tenth grade. *There will not be any changes to the order of the sacraments this year!*

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Offertory:	\$ 7,929.70
Online Giving:	\$ 3,390.34
Total:	\$11,320.04

National Conference for Catholic Bishops	\$ 979.00
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If you are making your weekly contributions electronically, thank you! You are helping us to meet our weekly budget. If you use the envelope system or put in cash or a check, we would be very grateful if you could continue to get your offering to us. We tend to run a little "tight" during the summer because of vacations and travel.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a *Special Anniversary Mass*. This celebration will be held on October 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond anniversary, please contact the parish office **by September 22, 2017**. We will need your *last names, first names and mailing address*. Please also indicate your special anniversary year.

By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. *There is no need for the couple to RSVP to the diocese or the Cathedral.*

HURRICANE HARVEY HELP

Bishop Libasci has invited all parishes in the diocese to take up a voluntary special relief collection for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

If you would like to contribute to this collection, baskets will be available in the back of the church following the Masses this weekend. If you would like to donate by check, please make the donations payable to Saint Kathryn Parish – Hurricane Harvey Relief.

PARISH RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

Have you been into the store lately? There are so many beautiful Catholic items to see and gifts that will be deeply appreciated for years to come. We have a genuine storehouse. Stop in to see!

BAZAAR, 2017

Did you pick up your envelope with raffle tickets, ideas for Penny Sale items, and Father Joe's letter yet?

They can be found on the windowsills in the vestibule. Beat him to the punch! Sell those raffle tickets and get the proceeds back to the office as soon as possible and end the weekly reminder to sell those tickets!

The Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale will take place on November 11-12. Make sure to tell your friends and family!

PMA ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST

Don't miss Presentation of Mary Academy's 22nd Annual Fall Fun Fest on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.! All festivities and parking will be at PMA at 182 Lowell Road in Hudson, NH (Rain Date: Sunday, September 24th).

Enjoy a large selection of inflatables, zip line, bungee jump station, touch-a-truck, mechanical bull rides, obstacle course, petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin painting, tie-dye station, Sisters Fish Pond, and so much more! Try your luck at our Super Raffle, theme baskets raffles, and penny sale. Treat yourself to traditional barbecue favorites like pulled pork, a baked potato bar, and Nan King teriyaki chicken. Then, cool off with some Kona Ice or satisfy your sweet tooth with our homemade apple crisp or bake sale!

Funds raised at the event are used for student enrichment activities throughout the year. For more information, please contact parentgroup@pmaschool.org or visit www.pmaschool.org. We're also on Facebook at PMA Fall Fun Fest.

CHOIR TO RESUME

Choir rehearsals began last Wednesday with lots of music-making and laughter.

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the church, and new members in all sections are welcome. The program for this year is both challenging and beautiful, so if you've wanted to experience choir, now is the time! It's a commitment, but so worthwhile!

What musical programs are in store this year? Of course, we'll continue our tradition of Lessons and Carols after Christmas and Tenebrae during Holy Week. We also expect to add a concert for our Saint Kathryn's parishioners, friends, and benefactors next June. It is anticipated that the Saint Kathryn Schola will perform a chamber concert during the year.

ESCAPE ROOM

Youth! Join us on Sunday, September 24 when we visit the Escape Room in Nashua!

So if you have been away from the Saint Kathryn's Youth Group this summer, oh wow, have you missed out!

We went to Steubenville East for an amazing experience; been on a wonderful hike followed by an outstanding cookout; and attended a thrilling baseball game with hotdogs, soda and ice cream.

I know what you are saying "oh I am soooooo bummed I missed out on all that!!" Well don't worry because we have an awesome activity coming up on Sunday, September 24th. Nashua now has an Escape Room *and we are going!!*

The date/time is Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m. (meet there no later than 1:40 or we can commute from Saint Kathryn's). We will be back at Saint Kathryn's by 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

So basically an escape room is where you are locked in a room for an hour and you have to escape by solving a series of puzzles and/or clues.

Those who have been before have found it both fun and challenging.

We got a special 20% off deal, so the cost is only \$20 per person. Please let me know ASAP if you and your family are interested as there are a limited number of spots left. Obviously the youth have priority for the slots, but if room, families are invited as well.

Website: <https://keytoescape.com/>

Contact: Dave Wilder (dwilder@f5.com)

BOY SCOUTS/CUB SCOUTS

Saint Kathryn's Troop 252 of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will host an informational meeting in the parish hall on Tuesday, September 19th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for boys and teens interested in scouting. Hot dogs and ice cream will be available.

Cub Scouts is for boys ages 5 through 10 and Boy Scouts is for boys 11 to 17. There is a new venturing program for boys and girls ages 14 to 21.

Take a break from video games and TV and discover how amazing it is to be physically active, get out into the fresh air, and enjoy the company and guidance of other boys and the troop leaders in learning life skills and leadership qualities.

Parents – what a perfect opportunity to reinforce all of the values that you're trying to instill in your sons! Come on down and be impressed!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Our fall adult faith formation series will be based on the Acts of the Apostles, with Dr. Mary Healy as the instructor. Using the Lectio: Evangelization series from Augustine Institute, we will delve into the evangelization efforts found in the early Church. Mark your calendars today to participate in this series.

September 28	Why Study Acts?
October 5	Clothed with Power
October 12	Proclaiming the Kerygma
October 19	Signs and Wonders
October 26	How Jesus Makes an Evangelist
November 2*	Sacraments and the Spirit
November 16	Leadership in the Church
November 30	Charisms in the Spirit
December 7*	Joy in Persecution
December 14	The Belly of the Beast

Sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again from 7:30-9:00 p.m. with identical presentations. (Please note that on November 2 and December 7, sessions will run from 8:00-9:30 p.m.)

Don't miss this wonderful series and the opportunity to become more comfortable with *your* role as an evangelizer!

Remember that faith formation is ongoing! We can never say that we have learned everything there is to know about our faith—even the greatest scholars and doctors of the Church would not presume to say that! Why not commit yourself to one or both of these series as we continue to grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord, of the Catholic faith, and of our Church?

DISCUSSION

Saint Kathryn's Veterans Organization will sponsor an Alzheimer's/Dementia Panel and Forum Discussion on Saturday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Experts in the field of Alzheimer's/Dementia Disease will be present to lead a conversation on the disease, resources available, research, and care of the person afflicted and care for the caregiver.

Please join us for this informative presentation!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Sign ups for coffee and donuts this year will take place this weekend and next after the Masses. Perhaps your family, a few friends, or a parish group to which you belong would be willing to host a weekend. It's easy; it's helpful; it's fun! Plan on it now!

MASSES IN SEPTEMBER

During the time of September 17-26, the following priests will celebrate Holy Mass in Father Joe's absence:

September 17	6:30 p.m.	Father Felix Udoh
September 18	8:30 a.m.	Father Michael Kerper
September 19	7:00 p.m.	Father Richard Kelley
September 20	8:30 a.m.	Father Michael Kerper
September 21	7:00 p.m.	Father Chris Martel
September 22	8:30 a.m.	Father Gerard Dion
September 23	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
September 23	4:00 p.m.	Father Felix Udoh
September 24	8:30 a.m.	Father Felix Udoh
September 24	10:30 a.m.	Father Felix Udoh
September 24	6:30 p.m.	Father Felix Udoh
September 25	8:30 a.m.	Father Chris Martel
September 26	7:00 p.m.	Father Gerard Dion

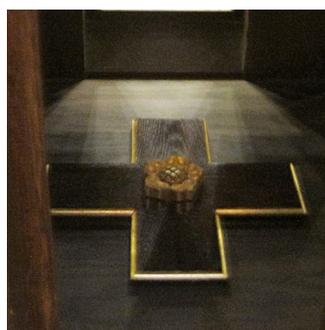
Confessions will be suspended except for Saturday afternoon during this time.

Please join with them for Holy Mass during these days and thank them for extending themselves so that Masses need not be cancelled.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Court Bishop Molloy #1441, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will hold their first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 12 at Saint Christopher Church, 62 Manchester Street, Nashua. Beginning with Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m., a short meeting and refreshments will follow. Catholic women age 18 and above are cordially invited to attend and learn more about the CDA. For more information, please contact Anne Caruth at 603.888.6459.

FAITH FACTS



Did you know that buried in the base of our altar are found the relics of a saint and blessed? Beneath the cross and rosette are bone fragments of Blessed Anne-Marie Rivier and Saint Catherine of Siena.

In the early days of the Church during the persecutions, Masses were celebrated in the catacombs on the tombs of the martyrs. Relics are placed in the altar today to remind us that the Eucharist was celebrated on the tombs of the martyrs in the first four centuries of the Church.

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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

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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