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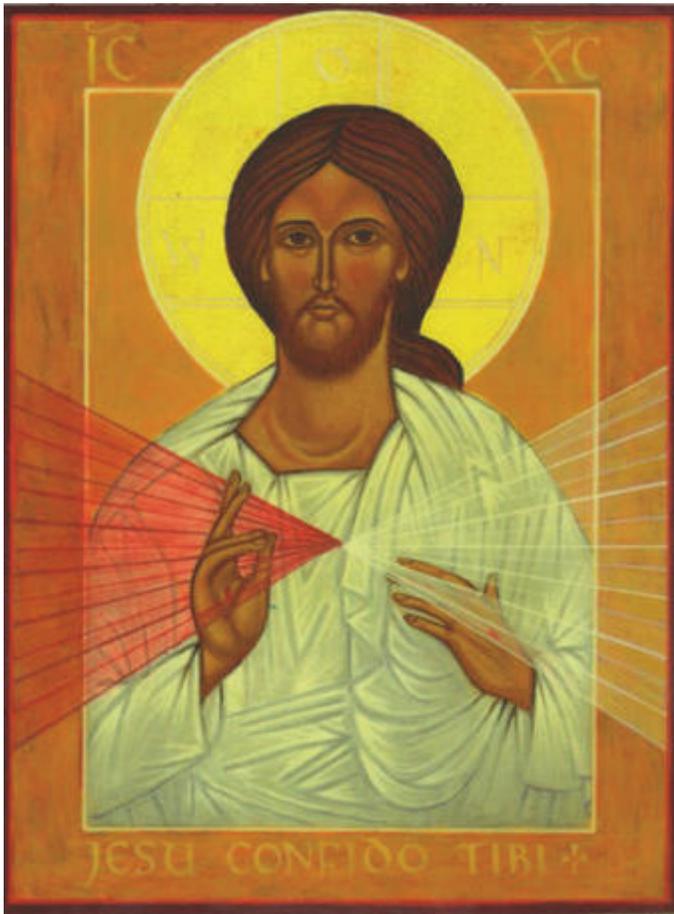


DIVINE MERCY

11 April 2021

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



JESU CONFIDO TIBI. *Jesus, I trust in You!* Today, we celebrate the beautiful feast of the Divine Mercy. We conclude the Octave of Easter with the Feast of Jesus' Mercy. The greatest attribute of God is His Mercy. As Jesus told St. Faustina, "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy (367). These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy (299).

One of the greatest reflections of the Mercy of Jesus are the saints, since it is the Mercy of Jesus that secured their holiness and perfected His Divine Life within them. Therefore, the saints radiate God's merciful love as an icon radiates the reality of heaven. To contemplate the saints is to contemplate the merciful love of Jesus towards mankind.

To this end, the Holy Father has inscribed into the liturgical calendar of the Church, the feast days of six saints. The first three are grouped together: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, whose feast will be celebrated on July 29th. The last three are Doctors of the Church, meaning that their teaching is especially important in the learning and transmission of the faith, as their works lend themselves to a deeper understanding of the faith of Christ. The feast of St. Gregory of Narek will be inscribed on February 27th, the feast of St. John of Avila will be inscribed on May 10th, and the feast of St. Hildegard of Bingen will be inscribed on September 17th of each year. As the decree of their promulgation states, "The combination of holiness with knowledge in the experience

of the mystery of Jesus Christ is inextricably linked to the mystery of the Church. This link between holiness and understanding things divine and also human shines out in a very special way in those who have been given the title "Doctor of the Church". Indeed, the wisdom that characterizes these men and women is not solely theirs, since by becoming disciples of divine Wisdom they have themselves become teachers of wisdom for the entire ecclesial community. It is in this light that the holy "Doctors" are inscribed in the General Roman Calendar." The saints, their writings, and their very lives are the fruit of the Blood and Water which poured forth from the side of Jesus. They are concrete expressions of His Mercy for us!

During this holy season of Easter, I would like to take some time to reflect with you on the lives of these saints, who already having been canonized for some time, we will be celebrating in the days that are to follow. Delving into the life of any saint is to grow closer to the Lord Himself. Their lives are a living catechesis on Jesus. Not too long ago, someone shared with me a great book on the lives of the saints, entitled, **Voices of the Saints: A Year of Readings** by Bert Ghezzi. I remember as I sat down to peruse the book, the first two saints to which I opened up the book and the quotes from their writings touched my heart deeply and spoke profoundly to something I was experiencing in my own life. In some mysterious way, their words are what I needed to hear right at that moment. Through them, it reminded me of what Jesus said to His apostles, "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see, I have" (Lk. 29:34). Indeed, to encounter the saints is to encounter the Risen Christ Himself. A Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday to everyone!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SAINT KATHRYN SCHOLARSHIP Our parish Tithing Council is accepting applications for fall 2021 scholarships through April 19, 2021. Several scholarships are awarded each year to students who will be attending college or trade school in the fall, have maintained a C or better average in high school, and are active, registered, confirmed parishioners of Saint Kathryn's. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, or supplies. Applications may be found in the back of the church and also on our website.

COME HELP SAVE BABIES BY BECOING PART OF ST. GIANNA'S FAMILY We currently have two part-time positions available for devout Catholic women. The first is for an administrative assistant on Mondays and Fridays. The second is for overnight staff on Saturday nights, 5pm - 6am, with occasional other nights as needed. We would also gladly welcome volunteers to help with various jobs around our home. If you are interested or have questions, please call 603-521-8440 during office hours. For more information about us please visit our website at www.StGiannasPlace.org.

2022 MASSES The 2022 Mass book is now open for reservations! Please call the parish office at 882-7793 to book a Mass for your intentions for next year.

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS Our 20% off sale on all fine jewelry by Bliss continues through April 17th! Our parish religious goods store is open Monday–Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and also 9:00 a.m.–noon on Saturdays. We have hundreds of beautiful medals and necklaces to choose from, including gold or silver crosses, crucifixes, Holy Spirit doves, Miraculous Medals, and medals of many different saints. Any one of the hundreds of stunning necklaces we carry from Bliss would make a wonderful Mother's Day present. And at 20% off, now is the time to buy!



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY TEACHER FAIR Due to increased enrollment, Saint Christopher Academy will hold a drop-in Spring Teacher Fair on Wednesday, April 14 from from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at their upper campus, located at 6 Bartlett Ave, Nashua, NH! Teachers with certification from grades prekindergarten through grade 8 looking for full-time teaching positions in a joy-filled Catholic school are encouraged to attend. Saint Chris is also looking for daily and long term substitutes, as well as After Care teachers. During the Teacher Fair, candidates will be able to do an informal mini-interview with the principal. Candidates are encouraged to download and complete the Diocesan Teacher Application at <https://www.catholicnh.org/.../Sch.../TeacherApplication.pdf> prior to the Teacher Fair and also bring along supporting credentials such as teaching accreditation, transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US	
March 27-28 Offertory	
In Church:	\$ 3,407.35
Online:	\$ 6,683.82
Mail/Drop Slot:	\$ 756.00
Total:	\$10,847.17
April 3-4 Offertory	
In Church:	\$ 4,139.00
Online:	\$ 6,666.82
Mail/Drop Slot:	\$ 3,892.00
Total:	\$14,697.82
Easter Offering	
In Church:	\$ 5,029.00
Online:	\$ 1,985.00
Mail/Drop Slot:	\$ 1,571.00
Total:	\$ 8,585.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 1,099.00
Feed Our Kids:	\$ 3,226.00
Holy Land:	\$ 795.00
Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00.	

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ADORATION We are in need of more adorers for our noon-1:00 p.m. weekly Wednesday adoration spot. Are you available to volunteer? If so, please call the office at 603.882.7793.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS This year, Council 5162 will be offering the following scholarships. **The Dave Sullivan Memorial Scholarship** is open to Catholic students who will be graduating Alvirne High School this June. Some of the **Columbianite Scholarships** are open to Catholic students who will graduate this year and are members of St. Kathryn's. They could be attending a school outside of Hudson, such as Notre Dame Academy.

The following information must be received **no later than Friday 05/07/21**

- A completed application
- A copy of applicant's current grades
- A copy of his or her SAT scores (if applicable)
- A one page summary of extracurricular and community activities since last year. This can include jobs and volunteer positions.
- A one- page essay as why you wish to attend college and how your future goals relate to your Catholic faith.

Applications are available by emailing me at rddistasio@comcast.net.

Please return completed applications to either Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 42, Hudson N.H. 03051 or to Ron Di Stasio 27 1/4 Highpine Ave. Nashua N.H. 03063 (phone: 595-7837)

Thank you

Sincerely,
Ron Di Stasio

NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/Separation: Why me? What can I do?" for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup or call 603-752-1325.

SAINT KATHRYN'S CRAFTERS BACK IN ACTION! After a pandemic pause, our talented and dedicated group of crafters will once again be meeting in the Craft Room in the Parish Office Building on Tuesdays with drop-in hours from 1:00-8:30 p.m. starting on April 6th! Would you like to donate some time to helping make Bazaar 2021 a huge success by contributing to our amazing craft room? Do you have some level of craftiness? We need you! Our crafting group, like all of our ministries, is a welcoming community. If you can give some time and you have an interest in crafting, this is the place for you! Stop in for an hour or two, make some new friends, and put those God-given crafting skills to work while having a blast!

NEW PARISHIONERS INVITED! GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH Beginning in April, we will resume holding regular gatherings for new parishioners to get to know Saint Kathryn's! The first gathering will take place this weekend on Sunday, April 11th from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Have you just recently joined the parish in the last year or two? Please join us for this informal meet and greet to get to know some longtime members, including staff members and members of the Parish Pastoral Team, as well as to hear about some of our many programs. Are you considering joining the parish, but aren't quite sure yet? This gathering is also for you! We invite you to bring all of your questions and comments. Welcome!

SPRING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS Bishop



Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, April 18 at 2 pm**. All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). Please register at <https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/anniversary> by **April 11**.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)



PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)



GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:45 p.m.

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!

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 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. 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!

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