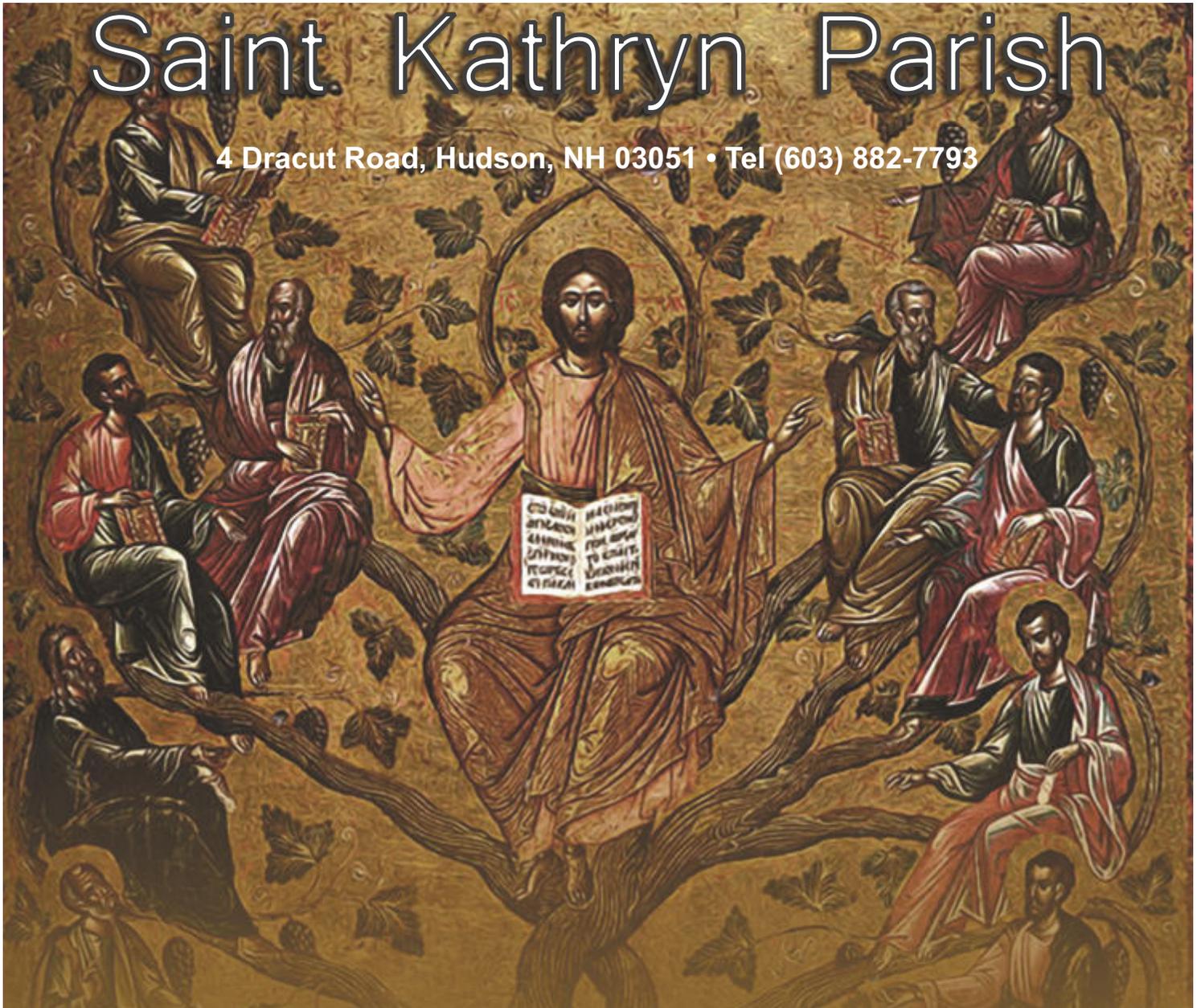


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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

2 May 2021

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, let us reflect on St. Lazarus of Bethany, who is the third saint whose feast day will be shared with Martha and Mary on July 29th. In the Gospel of John we read, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (Jn. 11: 5). A little later, we read, "He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him" (Jn. 11:11). It is clear from the Gospel writer, that along with his apostles, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were among the Lord's closest friends. Lazarus stands before us then as an example of friendship and of the importance of friendship in our lives. However, St. Lazarus also illuminates for us the third Theological virtue of hope. Just as Martha shows forth the virtue of faith and Mary presents the virtue of charity, so Lazarus points to hope as another virtue with which the Christian soul is strengthened by God's grace. Together, faith, hope, and charity form the Theological virtues, which as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "relate directly to God. They dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive, and object... and are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life" (CCC 1812-1813). Another way of considering the theological virtues is that they are the hallmark of friendship. They produce friendship between God and the soul. Those who live as friends of God radiate these virtues. Like all good gifts, however, they must be used and put into practice.



Lazarus' name is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Eleazar which means, "God has helped" or "whom God has helped."

In raising Lazarus from the tomb, God helped his friend. In turn Lazarus proclaims hope. As Christians, our hope is founded on this truth: that God's assistance is always near at hand. God is always ready to help His children, "and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5). To live as His true children, to live as friends of God, we must always place our hope in God and trust Him, even when the way seems difficult. This is the very heart of the Resurrection and the Easter season. Our blessed Mother gives us the greatest example of hope when she remained by the side of her Son's cross and waited in darkness until the moment of His Resurrection. Her heart never wavered from His Word and His promise: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Lk. 9:22). It is to this hope that all of us are called. God gives us this virtue at our Baptism, yet we must choose it every day, as we seek to live as His disciples. As St. John of the Cross once wrote, "Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him."

In choosing to live in hope, we then become witnesses to His resurrection, we become signposts in the world that God is alive, and His grace is ever present to us and is at work around us. Whenever we choose hope over the darkness of disheartenment or discouragement, then we become a living testimony that the impossible is possible, the unseen is visible, and life is stronger than death!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

CRAFT CLASS: JEWELRY MAKING On Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, please join us for a fun and crafty evening! Marge Ignelzi, coordinator of Saint Kathryn's Crafters, will lead participants in the making of four necklaces. Cost is \$20 per person, materials included. Ages 12 to 112 welcome! (Those between 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult.) We are able to accommodate 24 participants, so please call the office today to save your spot! 603.882.7793.



Save the date! Saint Kathryn's Vacation Bible School will take place on August 9th, 11th, and 13th this summer! Registration forms will soon be available. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Tina in the office at 603.882.7793. *We need you!*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS Council 5162 is offering **The Dave Sullivan Memorial Scholarship**, open to Catholic students who will be graduating Alvirne High School this June. And some **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. *Ron Di Stasio*

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TEXTING SCAMS Every now and then, we put a warning in the bulletin about phony emails from people pretending to be Father Michael or another staff member. Well, the scammers have found a new way to try and hook you into sending them money: texting! If you ever receive a text from someone claiming to be Father Michael or another staff member and there is a request to send the individual gift cards, money, bank account information, etc., please delete the message and let the staff member in question know. Father Michael and staff will never ask for personal financial "favours" via text or email! If you receive an email, a good way to verify that it is false is to look at the "from" email address. If it is not the address listed in the back of the weekly bulletin, it is a scammer. Beware!

For the month of May, candles burn in prayer for...

BLACK MADONNA SHRINE

In Loving Memory of +Phillip McKinnon
by Linda McKinnon

BLESSED MOTHER SHRINE

+Deceased Mothers of the Buccio and Lemmo
Families
by Rosa

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

In Loving Memory of +Phillip McKinnon
by Linda McKinnon

SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK

Healing for Sr. Marilyn Pelletier
by the Wencis Family

To have a shrine or sanctuary lamps burn for your intention, please call the parish office at 603.882.7793. The donation for a shrine is \$12.50-\$25, and it is \$15 for the sanctuary lamps. Altar flower memorials are also available for \$100.

PARISH LIBRARY We all know about the fabulous religious goods store we have in our midst, Saint Kathryn Religious Goods; but, did you know the parish also has a library? We have thousands of Catholic books ready and waiting for you to borrow and delve into your faith! The library is open to all and located in the office building behind the church. There is no limit on the number of books you can borrow or the amount of time you can have a book out. The office building and library is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. There is also a drop-slot available just inside the foyer of the office building for after-hours library book returns until 7:00 p.m. each night.

KEEP KIDS SAFE—BACKGROUND CHECKS Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all adults who regularly work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete background checks. Recently, we began renewing these background checks every 4 years. This is just one of the efforts undertaken by our diocese to protect children! For more information about child safety in the Diocese of Manchester, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety.

BAZAAR SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR NEEDED

Are you eager to help us make this year's the biggest and most successful bazaar in Saint Kathryn history? If you are a "people person" with excellent communication skills who would enjoy being our ambassador to local businesses, then please contact Charlene at 603.882.7793 to discuss the possibility of joining our bazaar volunteer team as our sponsorship coordinator. This would entail going to local businesses and inviting them to sponsor our bazaar and receive from us a promotional package on bazaar weekend that would include being part of the centerfold of our bulletins, being advertised on placemats in the dining area, having their logos displayed on posters in the hall and on the property, etc. They donate to us to give our bazaar a boost, and we promote them abundantly—a win-win!



NEW PARISHIONERS INVITED! GET TO KNOW YOUR PARISH

Beginning in April, we resumed holding regular gatherings for new parishioners to get to know Saint Kathryn's! Our next gathering will take place on Sunday, May 23rd 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!

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In Church 4/24-4/25:	\$ 2,954.50
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Total:	\$ 9,493.32

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00.

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BRANCHING OUT ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's

glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IS GOSSIP A MORTAL SIN?

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

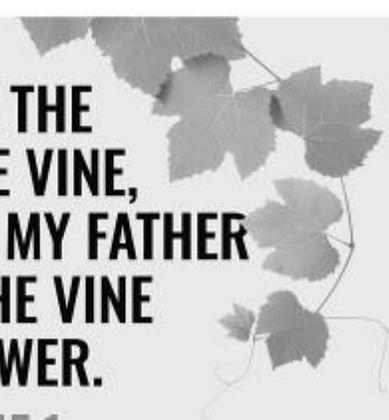
In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the

truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**I AM THE
TRUE VINE,
AND MY FATHER
IS THE VINE
GROWER.**

John 15:1

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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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