

Saint Kathryn Parish

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AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART.
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THE HOLY FAMILY



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christmas often gets burdened with so many layers of expectations and responsibilities. These things distract us from what we really want to celebrate in our Faith: the gift of a new kind of freedom; a sudden, new spiritual insight that should ultimately lead us back to God through Jesus, true God and true man. The Divine nature of Jesus is never separated from the human nature that we recognize in his birth. The Virgin Mary was the first human being to accept him as the Son of God and brought him to birth for all humanity to see and experience the closeness and the goodness of God. The Divine Presence is then never separated from human daily life.

A Christmas blessing - a wonderful thanksgiving to God - invokes Almighty God's hand to continue to guide creation each year through that nearness of God as a light, a hope, a promise on which we rely to find the way to come home at last to God in the company of the blest.

A word of cheerful greeting of "Merry Christmas" invokes mankind's most noble course toward sincere friendship, pardon and peace. It speaks of and symbolizes a deeply held and personal gratitude for the gift which comes from the source of the greatest and Eternal Good. This greeting represents a spiritual joy that the soul, accepting grace, longs for us to enjoy.

Recent circumstances throughout the world brought us to recognize the need for human helping hands and, through prayer, the hand of the Lord, to touch many hearts. Jesus desired this through people's selfless service that brought help and comfort to many in times of need.

The Christmas blessing and the word of cheerful greeting, together through our Blessed Lord, can gradually consecrate a whole year and, maybe a whole world one day, and begin to direct hearts toward a renewed relationship with God in peace. Let this be the Christmas during which we can draw closer to him whose birth we celebrate.

"One of them (a scholar of the law) tested him by asking, 'Teacher which Commandments in the Law is the greatest?' He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'" (Mt. 22: 35,40)

As we celebrate Jesus' holy birth, let us honor His life among us daily.
Through His gracious gift of mercy, let us live with mind and heart renewed.

Blessed Christmas and Holy Peace to all.

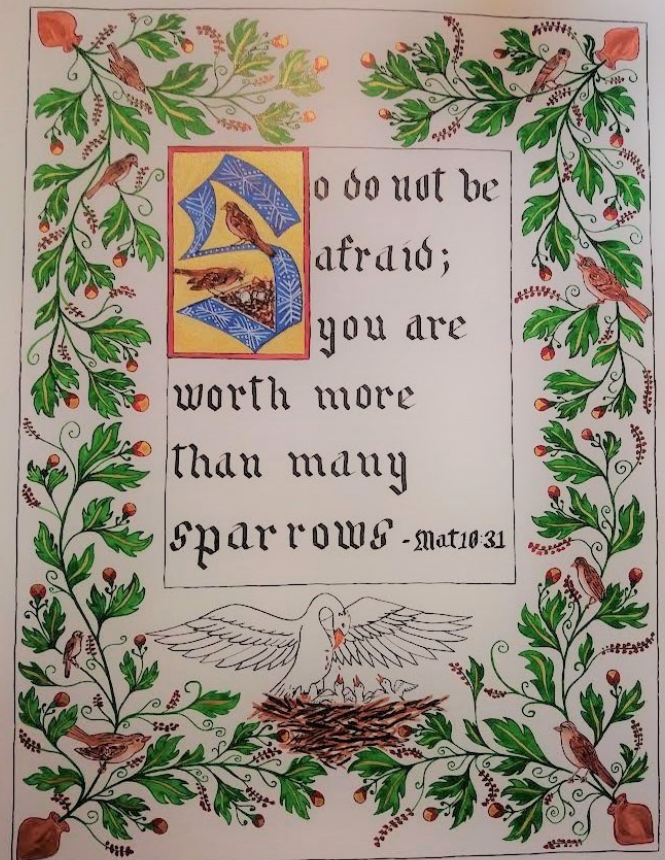
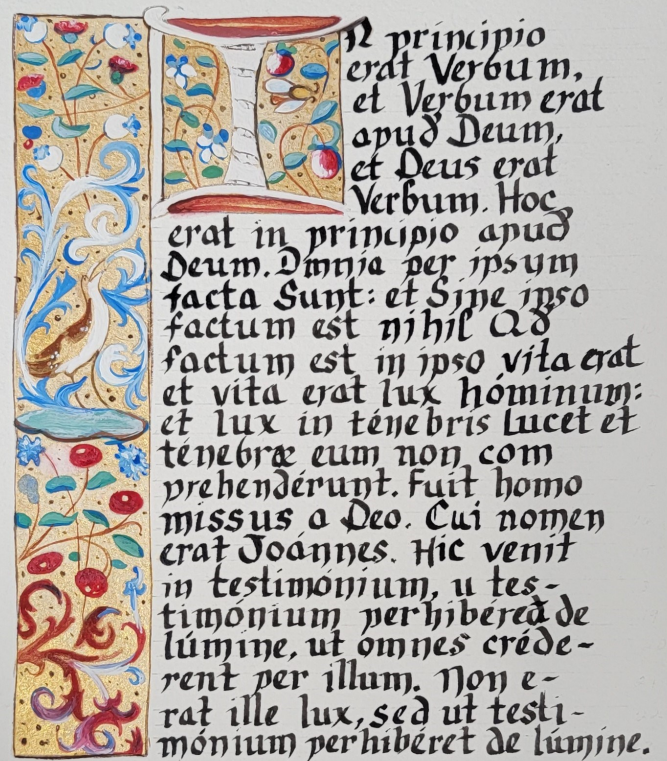
Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

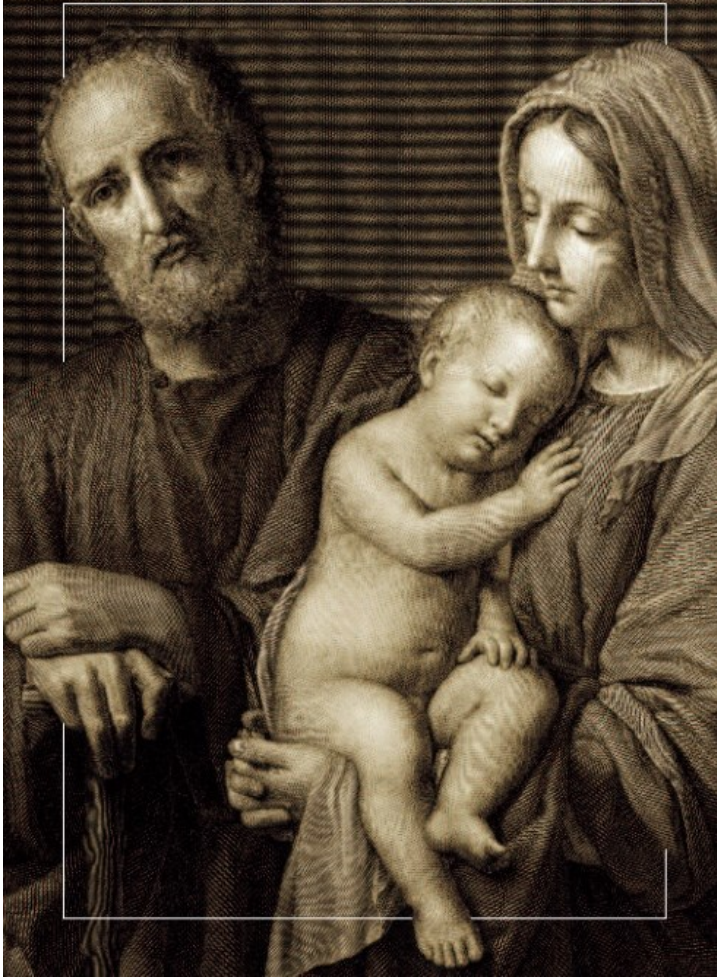
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Thank you again to all the students who took the Illuminated Manuscripts Class. Here are just some of the beautiful works of art done by the students this past fall. For those who missed out last time due to limited space, we look forward to the possibility of offering the classes again in the upcoming year.



Consecration to the Holy Family



O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Building the Domestic Church



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Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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COFFEE AND DONUTS



Friendships are growing at St. Kathryn's! Please join us for coffee and "Klemm's" donuts after the Sunday 8:30 Masses on the dates below. Going to 10:30 Mass? No problem! Yes, we fast for an hour before receiving Holy Communion,

but there's still plenty of time for that if you come early! Grab a delicious donut from Klemm's Bakery and enjoy a cup of coffee and some time with our parish family on these Sundays: January 23, February 20, March 20, April 24, May 22.

FREE CORD OF WOOD

A parishioner is donating one cord of wood to any parishioner who can use it! Most of the wood is cut, but it will need to be split. There are also some trees that must be cut to length and then split. Be the first to call the parish office about the wood, and we will give your contact information to the donor so you can arrange a pickup time. Merry toasty Christmas!

NEIGHBOR NEEDS An elderly person moving into a small apartment is in need of a complete twin bed with mattress. Another family is looking for a gently used electric washer and dryer. If you can help, please call Jarretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you!

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Due to an early publishing deadline, the offertory for 12/18-12/19 will be published in the next bulletin.

In Church 12/11-12/12:	\$ 2,762.05
Online:	\$ 6,173.00
Mail:	\$ 460.00
Total:	\$ 9,395.05

Immaculate Conception:	\$ 601.00
Retirement for Religious:	\$ 1,175.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,500.00.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2022 Due to staffing and shipping issues with our envelope printing company (and seemingly every company!), offertory envelopes for 2022 did not arrive for November distribution. When the envelopes do arrive, they will be on tables in the back of church as usual. In the meantime, if the envelopes are not here in time for the new year, please simply use any envelope you have handy and write your envelope number and/or name on it for the collection basket. And there's always the option to sign up for online giving! Thank you.

2022 CALENDARS Speaking of orders arriving late, many have asked us about the annual parish calendars. Yes, they are on the way and will appear on the windowsills in the back of the church as soon as we receive them. The publishing company tells us they will be here soon.



*You are invited to a
CHRISTMAS CONCERT at
SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH with
MARIE-LINE MORIN, soprano
and BRIAN QUIST, pianist*

When: January 2, at 2 pm
Where: St. Matthew Church, Windham, NH, (2 Searles St.)
Why: Invite Christ into Christmas
(in support of a Listening Ministry in the Church).

Come experience the meaning of *Christmas* at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating, is presented from a new angle. With a variety of songs like *Hallelujah* (Cohen), *Mary Did You Know* (Lowry), *What Child is This* or *O Holy Night*, Marie-Line offers a reflection that leads us to recognize the splendor of Jesus' birth while moving us into a prayerful experience.

Free admission - donations will be welcomed.

Benefits will go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church. Details are available on Facebook.com @morin.marieline.

FORMED.ORG Merry Christmas! We have renewed our parish subscription to formed.org. Why not take advantage of this great resource? Formed has a wealth of Bible studies, movies, and even children's activities. Read weekly meditations and listen to audio while you're traveling. You'll hear top speakers like Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Dr. Scott Hahn, and also many stories and videos written for children. Simply visit formed.org and use our parish code, 748649, to enter. Enjoy!

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Saturday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. A vigil Mass will take place on Friday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m. On Saturday morning, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

FUNERAL SERVERS NEEDED The loss of a loved one can be a devastating time for any family, and, among other things, a funeral Mass is an important opportunity for us to help bring God's comfort and healing to the grieving. The Spiritual Works of Mercy instruct us to "comfort the sorrowful" and "pray for the living and the dead," and the Corporal Works of Mercy tell us to "bury the dead." Are you willing to be part of our team of volunteer funeral altar servers? Funerals typically take place a few times a month on a weekday at 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. If you are on the volunteer funeral server list, you will be in the rotation to receive a phone call for availability when funeral arrangements are being made through the office. This is a volunteer opportunity, and if you have another commitment at the time of a particular funeral, you can always decline. Please see Deacon Ray if you are interested.

UPDATED ONLINE GIVING SYSTEM Parishsoft continues to work on the upgrade to our online giving system. Due to staffing issues that many companies are experiencing, there have been delays with the migration of online giving history from the old system to the new one. The record of any donations made since the system transition began in November are accessible to you through your online giving account. Donations made prior to the upgrade will also be available online soon as the upgrade progresses. If you had a recurring offertory gift set up in the previous system, you have probably noticed that it is still working smoothly with the new system and there is no need to reenter it. If you did not have any recurring donations set up in the old system, Parishsoft informed us after the printing of the last bulletin that, indeed, those accounts will also be migrated to the new system, most likely by the time you read this announcement. You do not need to create a new account after all. If you were unable to log into online giving in the last few weeks, you should have no trouble logging in now.

Some special collections are now available as an option for online giving, including Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The rest of the special collections will soon be available as an online option as well. Please keep an eye on the bulletin to find out when the transition to the new system is complete and learn about some convenient new features.

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

603.595.4463

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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HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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