

SAINT KATHRYN PARISH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

From the Pastor's Desk

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God Alone!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

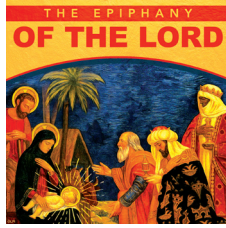
We begin a new year and although the world continues to press on through much suffering, the Christian heart is always renewed by hope in the presence of its Lord and Savior, the infant Jesus. We continue to celebrate the beautiful season of Christmas, the season that proclaims Christ is born for us! As the angel proclaimed to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” (Luke 2: 10-12). The birth of Jesus announces hope to the Christian heart that God is with us in the midst of every time and circumstance. What is most powerful about the angel’s announcement is the reminder that God has been born for us: a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. God has become man to reassure us that He is with us in a very personal and real way. God is not some far removed deity who has no association with our lives. Rather, He has taken upon Himself our humanity, our suffering, our longings and yearnings, our sin, and even death itself, all to relieve the burden of our miseries and to grant us new life, both temporally and eternally. May we take this lesson to heart, especially when life is challenging. God always sends us holy reminders of this truth of our faith as well. Most recently the Holy Father approved the canonization of Blessed Mother Anne-Marie Rivier, the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, with whom our parish has had a long history of friendship and association. Thus, her news of canonization is a moment of great joy for the sisters and for us as a parish family. May the promotion of Blessed Mother Rivier to the altars as a saint unite us ever more closely.

Mother Rivier’s life itself reflects the words of the angel that a Savior has been for you, and thus to not be afraid. The third of four children, she fell from her bed at sixteen months of age, which led to a broken hip and great suffering. She had to use her hands to drag herself around. After seeing her mother pray for an extended period of time, she was able to walk, a miracle she received on the feast of our Lady’s birth, September 8, 1774. She, however, had another fall several years later. However, she made a full recovery in 1777. The effects of her physical traumas resulted in her being denied entry into the Sisters of Notre Dame de Pradelle. This, however, coupled with the closure of religious orders due to the French Revolution, did not stop Anne-Marie Rivier. Rather she placed her confidence and determination in God. It would be this unbreakable spirit of hope that led her to found and receive early approval for the Congregation of the Presentation of Mary. When religion was permitted to be practiced again in France in 1801, her new community experienced great growth. Mother Rivier and her fellow sisters were vested in their religious habit for the first time on November 21, 1807. As Mother Rivier was fond of saying, “We were nothing, we had nothing, we could do nothing. And after that, could you doubt that it was God, who led things to the point where you see them today, who founded, increased and strengthened this community?” She also used to say, “I expect everything from prayer!” Indeed, Marie Rivier’s life was a concrete sign of the angel’s words to the shepherds; she knew within her heart that indeed a Savior had been born for her! Therefore, she could say with all earnestness, “Speaking of God is happiness for me!” As we unite ourselves to the joy of her spiritual daughters, the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, may we see her life as a great witness to the joy and hope of Christmas that God has been born for us!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



VIGIL (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

4:00PM—+Marybeth Florczak, *by Judy Masson*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

8:30AM—+Emma and +Dylan

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—Birthday Blessings for Sheila Schofield, *by John, Gracie, and Francis*

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 (MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

8:30AM—+Marybeth Florczak, *by her husband, Adam*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 (SAINT JOHN NEUMANN)

8:30AM—+Memorial Enrollments

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 (SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE)

6:30PM—Birthday Blessings for Eileen O'Connor, *by John, Gracie, and Francis*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 (FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

8:30AM—+Rita Dionne, *by Dolores McCrystal*
and

+Marybeth Florczak, *by Mary and Betty*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 (SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

8:30A—+James Robitaille, *by Gayle and Deacon Ray*

VIGIL (THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

4:00PM—+Dick Frenette (5th Anniversary), *by Judy Paladino*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 (THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

8:30AM—+Arthur and +Albertine Lemoine and Family, *by their son, Bernie*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

6:30PM—+Lucille Hebert (13th Anniversary), *by Bob and Denny Maffia*

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Cub Scouts/Parish Hall (6:00-7:00P)

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

Adoration/Church (5:30-8:15A and 9:00A-6:30P)

Staff Prayer/Emmaus Chapel (9:45-10:30A)

Homeschool Lego Robotics Group/RMs 1-4 and Parish Hall (3:00-5:00P)

Vespers and Benediction/Church (6:30P)

K of C Business Meeting/Hall B (7:00-10:00P)

Choir Rehearsal/Church (7:15P)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH

Homeschool Group Epiphany Party/Parish Hall (9:00A-noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (5:30-6:15P)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Adoration/Church (9:00A-midnight)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

Secular Carmelites/RM 2 (8:00A-noon)

Rosary/Church (8:00A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Church (9:15-10:00A and 3:00-3:45P)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Religious Education, Group 1/RMs 1-6 and Parish Hall (10:00A-noon)

Takedown of Church Christmas Decór/Church (after 10:30A Mass)

SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK

Intentions of Liz and Walter Martin

ADORATION TEAM CAPTAIN NEEDED

Are you willing to be the point person for First Friday adorers for the hours of 6:00-9:00 p.m. each month? The team captain ensures adoration coverage when a volunteer has to call out during those specific hours. The captain also communicates any adoration news to the team. Please call the parish office if interested, 603.882.7793.

The Epiphany of the Lord

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BLESSING OF THE HOME FOR THE EPIPHANY

The blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above each door can be done by the head of the family. The feast of the manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States, this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th.

Prayer on entering the home,

Leader: Peace to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh, a symbol of His burial.

During the recitation of the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water.

All: My soul + proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh, a symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father,... And lead us not into temptation **All:** But deliver us from evil.

Leader: And they shall come from Sheba **All:** Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer. **All:** And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you—Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in your light and kings in the splendor of your rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and the initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the doors with the blessed chalk. The initials, C,M,B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means, "Christ, bless this house."

Written above the door: 20 + C + M + B + 21

NEIGHBOR NEEDS

Are you able to donate a gently used electric washer and dryer, a loveseat with chair, or a TV stand to local families in need? If you can help, please call Jarretta at 603.820.0365. Thank you!



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.

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Due to an early publishing deadline, the offertory for 12/25-12/26 will be published in the next bulletin.

In Church 12/18-12/19:	\$ 3,717.00
Online:	\$ 6,439.00
Mail:	\$ 553.00
Total:	\$10,709.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,500.00.

Thank you for giving, whether online (sign up for automatic giving at stkathryns.org/donate), in the offertory basket, or mailed to 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 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, 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 PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars have arrived! They are on the windowsills in the back of the church. Please take one to enjoy throughout the year.



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.

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. If you have any questions about online giving, please call the parish office.

The Epiphany of the Lord

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FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light
has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
(Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)



SECOND READING

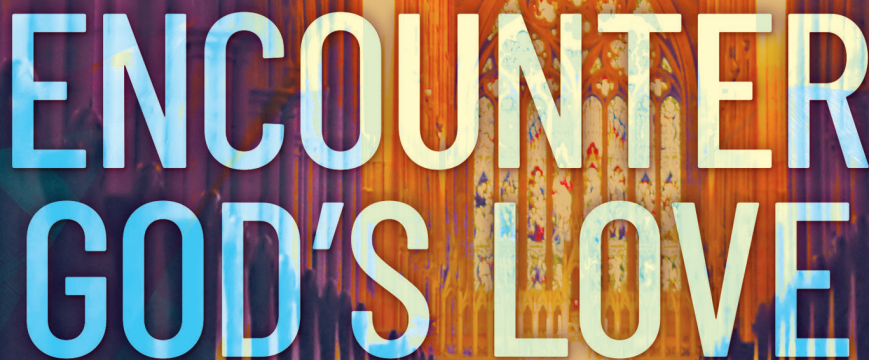
It was not made known to people in
other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by
the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members
of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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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!

