

# SAINT KATHRYN PARISH

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



The angel said to them, "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 Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11



25 December 2022

God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



On this most holy of days, we rejoice, for our Savior is born for us! *“The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said them, ‘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: 9-12).

May these words enter our hearts deeply on this beautiful feast of Christmas! One of the most often repeated phrases in the

Scriptures is the announcement of the angel to the shepherds: ***Do not be afraid.*** This Christmas, the infant Christ wants us to ponder this announcement. It is the reason God appeared to us as a tiny child. It is the reason God took on our humanity. It is why the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, so that He may reinforce our hearts with the confidence that He is always with us, no matter what. Yet, it is interesting to note that these words have been spoken by the Lord from the beginning of the plan of redemption, which began with the call of Abraham in the Old Testament. Abraham was the father of the people of Israel, from whom the Messiah would be born. When God called Abraham to begin the journey to the Promised Land, He told Him, ***“Do not fear!”*** (Gen. 15:1). From the very beginning, God knew how He was going to redeem man, who had disobeyed Him and fallen. God knew how He was going to reconcile man back to Himself; man who after sinning, said to the Lord, *“I heard you in the garden, but I was afraid...so I hid”* (Gen. 3: 10). God, who dwells in invisible light, would Himself become visible. Man hid but God revealed Himself: ***“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord!”***

As we all look out at the world today, in the great mass of confusion, violence and the violation of innocent human life, appalling immorality, and the denial of truth and all that is good...as we hear men call good what is evil, and reject as evil what is good...as we witness leaders and legislators, scientists and shepherds seek to repudiate God and “reset and reshape” the world in man’s image and likeness, the message of Christmas endures. God continues to say to us, ***“Do not be afraid.”*** God continues to remain Messiah and Lord, *“and of his kingdom there will be no end”* (Luke 1:33).

So, on this Christmas day, let us gaze upon the One who is our Peace. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, our Savior who has been born for us. This is the good news that is for all people! I wish every one of you and your families the joy of the Savior during these holy days. May each of you know the nearness of Him who continues to love us and may we recall often His words to us, to not be afraid, for He is our *“Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-forever, Prince of Peace!”* (Is. 9:5). May the comfort of the Christ child fill you and may the powerful intercession of Mary, His Mother, surround you. A blessed and Merry Christmas to all!

In Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Michael*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 VIGIL (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

No 8:30AM Mass

4:00PM—+Pauline Lemoine, *by her husband, Bernie*

6:00PM—+Rita Cote, *by her daughter and family*  
and

+Gail Taralli (3rd Anniversary), *by Kim Taralli*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 (THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Midnight—+Emmanuella Lemmo, *by her daughter, Rosa*

No 8:30AM Mass

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

No 6:30PM Mass

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 (SAINT STEPHEN)

8:30AM—+Peter Hardwick, *by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 (THE HOLY INNOCENTS)

8:30AM—For the Repose of the Soul of +John Keena, *by his wife, Anna Keena*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 (SAINT THOMAS BECKETT)

8:30AM—+Noel Morey, *by the Morey Family*

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 (THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH)

8:30AM—+Laura Manning, *by the Phillips Family*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 (SAINT SYLVESTER I)

8:30AM—+Douglas M. Duchesne, *by the Battis Family*

### VIGIL (THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)

4:00PM—+Joan Malone, *by the Saint Kathryn Sacristans*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 (THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)

8:30AM—+Karen Wilder, *by Rosa Bucchio*  
and

+Linda Lavalley-Derby, *by Judy Paladino*

10:30AM—For the People of the Parish

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

+Mary and +Chester Sojka



## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

*Parish Office and Store Closed*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Adoration/Transept Chapel (9:00A-6:30P)

Staff Meeting/Parish Office (9:45-10:30A)

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

Vespers and Benediction/Transept Chapel (6:30P)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Rosary/Transept Chapel (8:00A)

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER GRADES 6-12

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Youth  
Ministry Core Team!***

**December 25th, January 1st**  
**No Youth Group due to the Holy Days!**

**January 8th, 2023**  
**5PM - 6:30 PM**

Youth Group returns to normal! Building Competition, Fun Old Fashioned game of telephone and we will begin our Catechism in a Year Journey using our YouCats! We will begin with the question of what came first: Scripture or Tradition? Why are both important? What does Magisterium actually mean? Does the word pontiff mean anything?



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## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2025

Please visit this website to learn more:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org> and also visit our website, [stkathryns.org](http://stkathryns.org), for a PDF compilation of teachings on the Eucharist.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH

NO 8:30AM Mass  
NO 9:15AM Confessions  
NO 3:00PM Confessions  
4:00PM Vigil Mass for Christmas  
6:00PM Vigil Mass for Christmas

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH

12:00AM Christmas Mass During the Night  
10:30AM Christmas Mass During the Day  
NO 6:30PM Sunday evening Mass

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

8:30AM Mass  
9:15AM Confessions  
3:00PM Confessions  
4:00PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

8:30AM Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
10:30AM Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
NO 6:30PM Sunday evening Mass



*You are invited to a  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT at  
MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH  
with  
MARIE-LINE MORIN, soprano  
Pianist, CHRIS LACEY*

When: January 1, 2023, at 2 pm  
Where: Mary Queen of Peace Church, Salem, NH, (200 Lawrence Rd.)  
Why: Bring 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 in a new way. With a variety of songs like *O Holy Night*, *Mary Did You Know* (Lowry), *Hallelujah* (Cohen), Marie-Line offers a reflection that leads us to recognize the splendor of Jesus' birth while moving us into a prayerful experience.

Free offerings 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](https://www.facebook.com/morin.marieline)

## SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

Christmas is here and the New Year is right behind. It's been a rewarding year here at the store. We feel we have been of service to all who have entered our store. We have been blessed to continue to see friends and customers who have been a part of the store ministry since it began. For that we thank you all. We have also been blessed to have many, many new customers grace our store this past year, and for all of you we also feel blessed. Our ministry seems to keep growing and getting a bit stronger as each week goes by.

We have ordered multiple copies of an Ignatius *New Testament Study Bible* in the past weeks. It is a softcover Bible with what we feel are some of the best explanation notes for all of the readings we have seen in quite some time. The book is edited and written by Scott Hahn. Winter would seem to be a perfect time to begin some daily reading. One of the local priests made the comment that if you're feeling anxious about the direction the world seems to be headed these days you need not look to current books or novels or YouTube priests for solace and comfort, you only need the Bible. Seems true in every case!

Our biggest change for the next few months is that because winter weather is here and traffic to all stores drops significantly until spring we have made the decision to close the store on Mondays for at least January and February. Some of our volunteers are away during parts of the winter and that coupled with lower traffic counts makes this almost a no-brainer. So everything else remains intact for our schedule. We will be open Tuesday through Thursday and Saturdays from 9AM to 12PM. We pretty much expect to keep this schedule for March also but will keep everyone up to date via the bulletin in any case.

## SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING RETREAT

What better way to prepare for Lent than by attending a presentation on getting closer to God. Mark your calendars for this retreat to be held in our Parish Hall on February 19th from 2pm-4pm.

Franks and beans will be served free of charge. To register call Mike Todisco at 603-883-7679 by Sunday Feb 12th. Ideas will be presented on making your Lenten season easier and more productive.



## 2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to staffing and shipping issues with our envelope printing company, offertory envelopes for 2023 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.

## GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the Formed program *Lectio: Mark* with Tim Gray, a powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers St. Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. We will offer two weekly one-hour session options. Please pre-register by calling the parish office.

Monday Morning Session: 9:30-10:30 AM January 9 – April 17, 2023

Wednesday Evening Session: 7:00 – 8:00 PM January 11 – April 19, 2023

We will not meet on Holy Week, which is the week of April 3rd. Monday sessions meet in Hall B, and Wednesday sessions will usually meet in Hall B with a few weeks taking place in Room 1 instead. We look forward to delving into the Gospel together!

## BIBLE TIMELINE

Please join Deacon Ray as we continue a study on *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*. Presenter Jeff Gavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end. Please call the parish office to sign up. The classes will be offered two times every Tuesday from January 3rd through February 14th, 2023.

January 3rd: Royal Kingdom 1 and 2  
January 10th: Divided Kingdom 1 and 2  
January 17th: Exile/Return  
January 24th: Maccabean Revolt/Messianic Fulfillment 1  
January 31st: Messianic Fulfillment 2 and 3  
February 7th: Church 1 and 2  
February 14th: Church 3/makeup

The morning session will take place from 9:00-11:30 a.m., and the evening session will run from 6:00-8:30 p.m. There is no cost for the course. Refreshments will be served and a goodwill offering can be made the day of class. Please contact Deacon Ray with any questions at [deacon.ray@stkathryns.org](mailto:deacon.ray@stkathryns.org) or 603.882.7793, ext. 15.

## FORMED.ORG

Merry Christmas! We have renewed our parish subscription to [formed.org](https://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](https://formed.org) and use our parish code, 748649, to enter. Enjoy!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus from the Reverend Robert Faucher Council 5162 would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11).

Merry Christmas,

Grand Knight John Frechette

## GREETERS NEEDED

Which weekend Mass do you usually attend? Every several weeks, would you be willing to stand at the entrance and greet fellow parishioners as they arrive for Mass? Then please contact the parish office at 603.882.7793 and let us know you would like to join the Hospitality Ministry. Our greatest need right now is for the 4:00 p.m. Mass, but we also need more volunteers for the three Masses on Sundays. Volunteers for this ministry also assist with the offertory collection. If you'd like to be that friendly face at the front door, please give us a call!

## SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH is a college prep School of Excellence; we are happy to offer campus visits and tours throughout the academic year, and we are accepting applications for Fall 2023 for grades 9-12. For more information about the admission process or to schedule a visit, please contact us at [admission@stalux.org](mailto:admission@stalux.org). Go Saints!

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## REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

December 10th-11th

Envelopes:	\$4,503.50
Loose Cash:	\$946.00
Online Giving:	\$5,898.00
Received in Mail:	\$668.00
Total:	\$12,015.50

Immaculate Conception:	\$1,152.08
Retirement for Religious:	\$1,034.00

*Due to an early publishing deadline, the offertory for December 17th-18th will be published in the next bulletin along with the Christmas Collection and the offertory of December 24th-25th.*

*Our weekly budget is \$11,500. Thank you for all you give!*

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?



Your contribution makes a difference! Consider online giving as a regular way of supporting the mission and good works of St. Kathryn Parish. Scan this code to learn more about and sign up for online giving.

## REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

St. Kathryn's is a tithing parish, giving of our time, talent, and treasure so as to give glory to God. As a parish family, we tithe on a monthly basis to Ste. Marguerite D'Youville Parish in Groveton, NH; Hudson Community Food Pantry; St. Gianna's Place; and to Catholic School Education in our Diocese.

### TITHING HIGHLIGHTS

#### CRAFTERS' WINTER WEATHER DONATIONS

Thanks to everyone who made and donated crafts for our Bazaar this year, which was a huge success! We did have some handmade winter hats, scarves, and mittens left after the Bazaar. We donated half of them to the families at Family Promise of Southern NH. Others made their way to the homeless population of Salisbury Beach via one of our parishioners, who has a beautiful family tradition of placing gifts of winter gear at her deceased sister's memorial bench ([https://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack\\_valley/beach-promises-kept/article\\_cd9f16fb-63c8-50e4-b238-68597251b33f.html](https://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack_valley/beach-promises-kept/article_cd9f16fb-63c8-50e4-b238-68597251b33f.html)), a bus stop, and the Pettengill House (<https://pettingillhouse.org/home.aspx>) every Thanksgiving. See photos to right. Your generous donations are keeping many neighbors warm this winter!

### PREPARING TO GIVE

#### CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION

As Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, there will be two collections at the Christmas Masses. The first collection will be the regular Sunday offertory and the second collection will be the regular Christmas offertory. These offertory collections are not usually made together, as Christmas normally falls during the weekday, apart from Sunday Mass. However, as with all parishes, we budget our income and expenses on the fact that these two collections are taken up every year, usually on separate days. Knowing that all of us have many financial obligations, please be as generous as your means allow to both our regular Sunday offertory and our regular Christmas offertory, as we celebrate the joyous news of Jesus' birth and all that He has done for us! Thank you very much in advance for your gift to the Lord and to our parish family.

## NEIGHBOR NEEDS

A local father is in need of a **queen or full bed**. Are you able to donate? If so, please contact Jarretta from the Tolles Street Mission at 603.820.0365 to arrange pickup.

A parishioner with mobility trouble is seeking a **ride to and from Mass every Sunday at 10:30**. Another local elderly woman is in need of volunteer help a few hours a week in her home. Can you help? Please call the parish office at 603.882.7793.

A local elderly woman is seeking a **volunteer to help around the house and to visit for an hour or two on Mondays**. If interested, please call the parish office at 603.882.7793.

## PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call or email - Phone: 603-663-0192; email: [ProjectRachel@rcbm.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@rcbm.org) - for Project Rachel in New Hampshire. Spanish speakers may visit [EsperanzaPosAborto.org](http://EsperanzaPosAborto.org).



## 2022 NHCA GOAL: \$70,852.00

As of November 7, 2022:

Amount of Monies Received by Diocese \$37,322.00  
Amount of Monies Received by Parish \$1128.00  
Amount of Outstanding Pledges \$1465.00  
Amount of Recurring Gifts \$130.00  
% of Goal Raised 56.5%  
% of Households Participating in Appeal 15.6%

Total Monies Collected Thus Far \$40,045.00  
Remaining Monies to Attain our Goal \$30,807.00

**Please note, there is still time to make a donation!**  
**The 2022 NHCA Appeal ends March 31, 2023**



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## PARISH STAFF

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**Deacon Raymond V. Marcotte**, Permanent Deacon

**Sister Janice Rooney**, SNDdeN, Director of Religious Education

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**Tina Decoeur**, Religious Education Secretary

**Larry Franchitto**, Music Director

**Rick Balboni**, Religious Goods Store Manager

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## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

**Jon Mallows, Kate Mallows, Brian Crawford, Rosa Bucchio, Kim McCarthy, Wanda Bushey**

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

**Ed Gleason, Ed Caron, Dave Wilson, Adam Florczak, Jennifer Leclair, and Jim Lockwood**

*Finance Council members may be reached through the parish office for any questions regarding parish finances. All parishioners are welcome to inquire for information about policies, practices, and our stewardship of God's gifts.*

### 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

Wednesday: 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](http://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!**

