



CHURCH OF ST. KATHRYN

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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HELP THE PERFECT LITTLE ANGEL MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR MOMS WHO CHOSE TO LET THEM LIVE!!!



SCAN ME



The Perfect Little Angel by Liz T. Beaton is a story of affirmation, inspired by scripture, reinforcing the notion that *God's Creation is not Arbitrary*; that YOUR child was planned, intricately created, and CHOSEN FOR A PURPOSE! Travel to heaven, where a baby is meticulously crafted. Discover the gifts of 7 angels. And if your eyes tingle, you know...

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born
I dedicated you...” Jeremiah 1:5

***The Perfect Little Angel* packs a wallop of self-esteem that no children's literature can deliver!**

BUY 1 FOR YOUR FAMILY. BUY SOME TO DONATE TO LETTHEMLIVE.ORG FOR A MOM WHO CHOSE LIFE, AND SHE'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER! IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3.

1. Order *The Perfect Little Angel* at lizTbeaton.com or use the QR code above.
2. Remember to put YOUR CHURCH ADDRESS in the comment notes of your order and **YOUR CHURCH AND LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTER earn \$cash\$!**
3. Buy one for your family and buy some to donate! *Leave clear instructions in the order comment notes as to how many books to mail to YOUR CHURCH for YOU and how many to mail to Let Them Live for Adopt-A-Mom baskets!*

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY DECEMBER 17TH AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CHURCH BEFORE CHRISTMAS. BOOKS TO DONATE TO LETTHEMLIVE.ORG WILL BE DELIVERED TO LETTHEMLIVE IN ORMOND BEACH, FL BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

“For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.” Ephesians 2:10

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MISSION!

Calling all Crocheters and Knitters!!

We only have one prayer shall left. If you would like to help us continue on this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Ray.

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, nonjudgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call or email: 603.663.0192 or projectrachel@rcbm.org for Project Rachel in New Hampshire. Spanish speakers may visit EsperanzaPosAborto.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL (THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 pm — +Doris Gill by Paul and Claudette

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 (THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30 am — +August, +Deborah Jungbluth by their son

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30PM — Rondeau and Bernier Families by Annette Rondeau

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

8:30 am — +Helen Nickles by the Joy Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

8:30 am — +Ludmila Slivova by her daughter, Dana

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

8:30 am — +Joseph Clifford by Lanzillo Family and +Mary Paula Stefano (1st anniversary) by Jennifer Becker

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

8:30 am — Birthday Blessings for Christine Tatara by her sister, Suzanne

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

8:30 am — +August, +Deborah Jungbluth by her son

VIGIL (THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

4:00 pm — +John Adams by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 (THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:30 am — +August, +Deborah Jungbluth by her son

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — +Judy Dubowik by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte

DECEMBER INTENTIONS:

Sanctuary Lamps for +Doris Gill by Paul and Claudette Roy

Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine for +Doris Gill by Paul and Claudette Roy

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

The weekend of **Bambino Sunday, December 10**, please remember to bring the baby Jesus from your creche to any of the weekend Masses to be blessed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Religious Education group 1, Hall & Rooms 1 - 6 (10:30 am - noon)

Souhegan Deanery Advent Penance Service, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Nashua (2 - 4 pm)

Holy Hour and Vespers, Church (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Boy Scouts, Room 3 (7 - 8:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Adoration, Church (9 am - 6:30 pm)

Staff Prayer, Parish Office (9:45 - 10:30 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church (5:30 - 6:15 pm)

Cub Scouts, Room 2 (6 - 7:30 pm)

Choir Rehearsal, Church (7:15—9:15 pm)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

RCIC, Room 2 (4:15 - 5:30 pm)

Confirmation Youth and Young Adult, Room 2 (6 - 7:30 pm)

Daughters of Eve, Room 1 (7 - 8:30 pm)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Homeschool Robotics, Hall & Room 4 (6 - 8 pm)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Men of St. Joseph, Room 1 (6:45 - 8 am)

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Church (9:15 - 10 am & 3 - 3:45 pm)

Homeschool Group Christmas Concert, Hall (1 - 3:30 pm)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Coffee & Donuts, Hall (9:30 - 10:30 am)

Religious Education Group 2, Hall & Rooms 1-6 (10 am - noon)

Christmas Church Decorating, Church (11:30 am - 12:30 pm)

Holy Hour and Vespers, Church (4:30 - 5:30 pm)

Youth Group, Hall (5 - 7:30 pm)

Need an announcement proclaimed after the weekend Masses?

Please contact Kim in the parish office by 2 pm on Thursday.

Local Families in Need of a baby

swing, baby's changing table, crib, and kitchen table with 4 chairs. Please contact Jaretta 603-820-0365 to arrange drop off.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30 am Weekday Mass

9:15 - 10 am Confessions

3 - 3:45 pm Confessions

4 pm Anticipated Sunday Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th

8:30 am Sunday Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent

PLEASE NOTE: ***THERE IS NO 10:30 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY***

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 24th

4 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas

6 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas

10:30 pm Christmas Mass During the Night

(a prelude of Christmas Music will be sung prior to the Christmas Mass During the Night from 10 - 10:30 pm)

Monday, December 25th

10:30 am Christmas Mass During the Day

(a prelude of Christmas Music will be sung prior to the Christmas Mass During the Night from 10 - 10:30 am)

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The men of St. Joseph Ministry will continue meeting the third Saturday of every month. The next meeting is Dec. 16th from 6:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in Room 1. The monthly meeting will include fellowship, a short presentation, refreshments, and praying the rosary.

All men in the parish are welcome!

Away In The Manger Advent Family Tradition (please take one per family)

For this Advent Season, we can prepare our homes and families for the arrival of the Newborn King. Every time someone does a good deed, says an extra prayer, or gives up something they truly love; they put a piece of the "hay" in the family Manger Scene so come Christmas the Baby Jesus has a much softer place to lay his head! Enjoy this Advent Season of Preparation, Prayer, and Penance sprinkled with a small dose of Anticipation and Hope!



YOUTH GROUP

Dec. 10 - NO YOUTH GROUP DUE TO THE RETREAT DAY ON THE 9TH! See you on the 17th!

Dec. 17—DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

(5—6:30 pm) Join us tonight to learn how to make God focused Decisions using the Cardinal Virtue of Prudence and exploring the toolkit of virtue that we are given at Baptism.

December 24th and December 31st - NO YOUTH GROUP! Next Youth Group Night will be January 7th for an Epiphany Party with a Yankee Swap!

SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

\$4,700 raised for St. Gianna's Place

The moms and babies of St. Gianna's Place are **thankful for our annual baby bottle fundraiser.** The funds assist with providing a safe home for them as they heal and begin new lives.

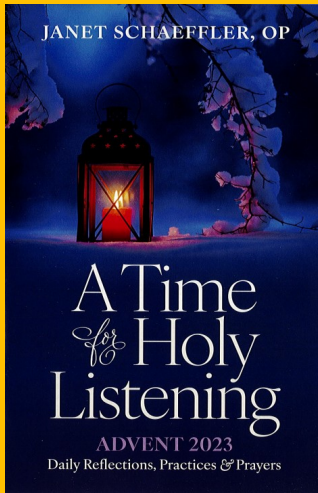
Be A Star program is underway! Thanks to your generosity and kindness we have been able to maintain this long-standing tradition in our parish of giving to local families registered with the Hudson Food Pantry. With your contribution we will be able to provide gift cards for over 100 families to purchase what they may need, including food, clothing, and gifts for Christmas. The Pantry has expressed their immense gratitude for our invaluable contribution which they have come to depend on each year. You can find the yellow stars in the back of the Church. Please choose one, take the yellow star, fill out the white star and leave it in the second basket. You can bring back the gift card and leave it in the wooden box in the back of the Church by **Thursday, December 14th** or drop it off in the office during the week. Thank you and God bless!



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ADVENT 2023 BOOKLETS: A TIME FOR HOLY LISTENING



During this Advent Season as we begin preparing our hearts and homes for Jesus's birth, consider spending some time with a daily reflection, practice & prayer each day. Every family/household is invited to take one copy of the booklet, "A Time For Holy Listening," by Janet Schaeffler, OP, found at the back of the church. It offers wonderfully reflective meditations for each day of this holy Advent season and encourages

us to pause and remember that "our God is a God who is Ever-Present." It is a gift from our St. Kathryn's Spiritual Committee to bless you and your family this Holy Advent Season.

COME HELP US DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, Dec 17 after the 10:30 am Mass

What Sweeter Music: The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College in Concert

On Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 PM, The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College will present a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmas at Saint Patrick Church, 29 Spring St, Nashua, NH. The acclaimed 22-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord's Nativity. Repertoire includes works by Palestrina, Victoria, Gibbons, Britten, Carter, Rutter, Stopford, and others ranging from the 15th century to the present day. It will be capped off by familiar carols for all present to sing. This concert is the last stop of the choir's final tour that is taking place at churches across New England this December. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit magdalen.edu/concert



Saint Kathryn Religious Goods Store has many great Christmas items and gifts for the entire family. Great prices on nativity sets and

advent merchandise including wreaths and candles.

Free Vatican Christmas Cookbook Promotion (\$34.95 value) is starting Dec. 1, 2023. Receive a free Vatican Christmas Cookbook with any purchase while supplies last.

Please come visit the store soon!!

Advent Holy Hour and Vespers

Please join us on the Sundays of Advent from 4:30PM to 5:30PM for a Holy Hour and Sung Vespers in the main Church. Mark the beginning of each Advent Week with this special time of prayer to help prepare for the Birth of our Savior.

CURSILLO / ULTREYA

Cursillo is a wonderful weekend that invites women and men to encounter/experience the love of Jesus Christ on a more personal level. Everyone in the parish is welcome to come and learn more about Cursillo or come and share their Cursillo experience. Meetings are the last Friday of every month in Room 1, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There is always a Guest Speaker, refreshments, and fellowship! Next meeting is **Friday, Dec. 29th!** Contact Wanda and Randy Bushey for more information (603-889-0327).

Hope to see you there!

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STEWARDSHIP

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

Due to early Christmas publication deadlines, the offertory numbers for Dec 2-3, 2024 were not available at time of printing. They will be announced in the next bulletin.

**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET IS \$11,500.00.
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 St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish in Groveton, NH; Hudson Community Food Pantry; St. Gianna's Place; and to Catholic School Education in our Diocese.

The Music Ministry now seeking dedicated members!

All those who have the gift of singing and/or playing a musical instrument or know someone who is are encouraged to join the music ministry for the season of Advent. The choir provides music for the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses on Sundays (some members choose to worship at both Masses, though only one is required). The choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7:15 - 9 pm inside the church. Please contact Ryan Mascilak for more information.

In Christ,
Ryan Mascilak
Director of Music

Knights of Columbus

After preparing for the birth of Christ during the four weeks of Advent, the Church certainly wouldn't end its celebration on Christmas day. The Christmas season, also known as Christmastide, lasts 40 days. The 12 Days of Christmas starts on Christmas Day and runs through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. It marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi.

'The 12 Days of Christmas' is also one of the longest and least loved Christmas carols in which the singer brags about all the cool gifts they received from their "true love" during the twelve days of Christmas. The song was first printed as a poem in the 1780 book *Mirth Without Mischief*. It was written in a poetic form called 'cumulative verse,' where each verse contributes to a longer narrative, such as "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly." The exact origins of the poem are unknown, and it is believed to predate 1780. It most likely began as a memory-forfeit game for 12th night celebrations. The carol originated in 1909 when English composer Frederic Austin set the melody and added his own flourish, such as the drawn-out cadence of "five go-old rings."

Stories posted on Catholic websites speculate that the origin of the song was a coded lesson used to teach Catholic children the catechism during 1700s England when Catholicism was outlawed. Two turtle doves were to represent the Old and New Testament, three French hens were to represent Faith, Hope, and Charity, etc. This rumor has since been debunked as false by the website Snopes.

For over forty years, the PNC Christmas Price Index has calculated the price of giving the gifts using the current US Consumer Price Index. This year, to give all the gifts as a whole, it would cost \$46,729.86, a 2.7% increase from last year. To calculate the total cost of the song's repetitive gifts, a total of 364 gifts would cost \$201,972.66.

Respectfully,
Grand Knight John Frechette

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

Thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity, we have surpassed last year's grand total for our Parish Christmas Bazaar. This year, our parish was blessed to raise \$54,466.00 and after all expenses paid, we netted \$44,857.00. Compared to last year's numbers in 2022 (Gross: \$52,900.00 Net: \$43,953.00), we increased from last year's NET total by \$904.00. Despite the increased cost of food and materials, our expenses remained relatively the same. Thank you again to all who worked so hard to make our annual Bazaar a great success!

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

James Lockwood, chair, Ed Caron, Adam Florczak, Jennifer Leclair, David Wilson

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 9:30 am-12:00 pm and 12:30 pm-3:00pm
Closed Friday/Weekends

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

603-595-4463
Store and parking in back of the parish office building.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
9:00 am—Noon
Friday and Sunday Closed

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am; 10:30 am (also livestreamed on our website); 6:30 pm
Weekdays and Saturdays at 8:30 am (no Mass on Tuesdays)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday: 5:30-6:15 pm
Saturday: 9:15-10:00 am and 3:00-3:45 pm

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.

ADORATION

Wednesdays: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
First Friday: Begins Friday morning 9 am overnight through Saturday morning 8 am

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 am - 7:00 pm (closed Saturday after the 4:00 pm 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!