



# CHURCH OF ST. KATHRYN

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31



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## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 24, 2023

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### The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



### Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



### The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### VIGIL (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

4:00 pm — +Thomas, +Joan Malone by his wife, +Joan & +Seraphine Cecile Adams by +John and Cecile Adams

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

8:30 am — For the People of the Parish

10:30 am — No 10:30 am Mass

### VIGIL (MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS)

4 pm — Alcida deClaire by Vilma Zuliani

6 pm — For the People of the Parish

10:30 pm — Vilma Zuliani by Alcida deClaire

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 (CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY)

10:30 am — Intentions of Mother Olga and the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth by Suzanne Burda and Rich Magri

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

8:30 am — Christmas Blessings for Sister Faustina Kolbe Burda by her mother, Suzanne

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 am — Intentions of Luke Phillips by his grandparents

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

8:30 am — Birthday Blessings for Meghan Schofield by the Schofield family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

8:30 am — +Nelson Baillargeon (Birthday Remembrance) by Joan and Al

### VIGIL (THE HOLY FAMILY)

4:00 pm — +Robert Taylor by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 (THE HOLY FAMILY)

8:30 am — +Janet Flores by Deacon Ray and Gayle Marcotte

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — +Beatrice E. Dufresne by Robert and Denise Chandonnet

#### DECEMBER INTENTIONS:

**Sanctuary Lamps (December 24 - 30)** for +Doris Gill by Paul and Claudette Roy

**Sanctuary Lamps (December 31 - January 6)** for +Chester & +Mary Sojka

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

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th

Parish Office & Book Store closed in observance of Christmas  
Rosary, Church (8 am)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Parish Office & Book Store closed in observance of Christmas

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th

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 28th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

Cursillo / Ultreya Meeting, Room 1 (7 - 8:30 pm)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Rosary, Church (8 am)

## 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

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND CONFESSIONS

### Saturday, December 23rd

**8:30 am** Regular Weekday Mass

**9:15 - 10 am** Confessions

**3 - 3:45 pm** Confessions

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Fulfills Sunday Obligation*

### Saturday, December 23rd

**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 OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

*Fulfills Christmas Obligation*

### 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)*

**Please have all Christmas Flower Offering envelopes in by Sunday, December 31.**

**Thank you!**

**Contact Parish office by Thursday at 2 pm if you would like an announcement made after the weekend Masses**

## **YOUTH GROUP**

**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!**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

Due to the way Christmas falls in the calendar this year, please remember that in the schedule to the left, there are two different schedules of Masses in order to assist us in fulfilling both our Sunday Mass Obligation as well as our Christmas Mass Obligation. The Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning fulfill our Sunday Obligation. The Masses on Sunday night and Monday morning fulfill our Christmas Obligation. Thus, even though they are close together, the Church asks us to attend one Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one Mass on Christmas to fulfill both obligations. Please note that due to the heavy schedule of Masses this year, there is only one Mass on Sunday morning for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. **THERE IS NO 10:30AM MASS on Sunday morning.**

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

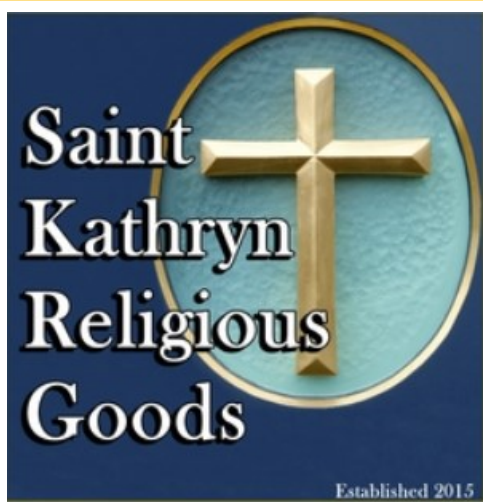
Beginning on January 1, 2024, all offertory envelopes will be mailed to each household for those who have signed up for them and have been actively using them in the past. We will no longer be receiving yearly boxed sets to pick up in Church during the month of December. Instead, the offertory envelopes will be mailed on a bi-monthly schedule. This will make it easier for the parish office to manage the envelopes as well as send out new ones to families who are newly registered. If you have not signed up for envelopes in the past and would like to begin receiving them, please call the parish office or email [kimberly.moushegian@stkathryns.org](mailto:kimberly.moushegian@stkathryns.org). Those who use online giving can also request envelopes to place in the collection basket at Mass. Just mark on the envelope: "I gave online" and the amount submitted through online giving. **If you currently have envelopes, no action is necessary. Your information will be transferred to the new system.**

Boxed sets of children's and young people's envelopes will also be available from the parish office for those families who would like to introduce and share the blessing of sacrificial giving with their children. These envelopes will have small teachings about the Faith and the Saints as well as a place for our young people to write down and share some of the good works they have done during the week. If you would like a boxed set of children's envelopes, please call the parish office or email Kim at the email listed above.

**Thank you to everyone for their continued generosity to the Lord and support of our parish family.**

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

chandise 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!!

**New Winter Schedule!**  
**Starting Jan 1, 2024**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
**9 am - noon**

**May be open some Saturdays, please call ahead to confirm 603-595-4463**

## 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!**

## Christmas Concert Featuring Marie-Line Morin, soprano

**When:** January 7, 2024, at 2 pm

**Where:** Mary Queen of Peace Church, Salem, NH, (200 Lawrence Rd.)

**Why:** Invite Christ into Christmas

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 (Handel), Marie-Line offers a reflection that leads us to recognize the splendor of Jesus' birth.

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

## 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.

**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.

Have a **Highchair** you no longer need? Please donate it to the parish for use in the Hall. Please drop off donations in the office foyer which is open from 7 am - 7 pm.

**COME HELP US TAKE DOWN THE NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!**

Sunday, Jan 7 after the 10:30 am Mass



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## STEWARDSHIP

### REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

December 9-10, 2023

Envelope .....	\$2,874.50
Loose Cash .....	\$1,438.00
Online Giving .....	\$5,817.00
Received in Mail .....	\$565.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,694.50</b>

Immaculate Conception collection ..... \$1,185.00

**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET IS \$11,500.00.**  
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GIVE!**

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

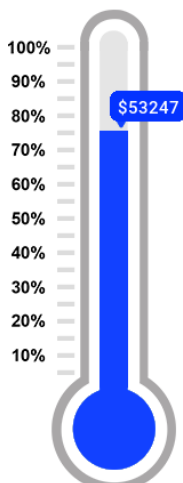
Your contribution makes a difference! Consider online giving as a regular way of supporting the mission and good works of St. Kathryn Parish. Scan this code to learn more about and sign up for online giving.



### 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.

Goal: \$70652



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### 2023 NHCA GOAL: \$70,652

As of December 13, 2023:

\$51,714.50 Received by Diocese

\$1,532.50 in Outstanding Pledges

75.4 % of our Goal Raised

16.3% of Households Participating

**\$53,247.00 Total Collected**

**\$17,404.00 Remaining to Attain our Goal**

### Is God calling you?

"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: [mma-son@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)

## Knights of Columbus

Nobody can say for sure exactly when Jesus was born, but many biblical scholars believe that it probably was not in December. The Romans would not have held their census during winter when travel was especially dangerous. The Gospel of Luke states the shepherds were watching their flock by night. This also would not have taken place during the winter months. In the springtime, sheep give birth to their lambs. Hence, the shepherds would stay out at night with them in case a night birth occurred. But even this is speculation and conjecture as scriptural clues suggest dates all over the calendar. Using biblical clues to calculate the conception of John the Baptist would place the birth of Jesus in the fall.

It was the Emperor Constantine who established Christmas on December 25 th in the year 336. It is believed that the early Church established Christian holidays to counter pagan holidays and festivals. December 25 th in the Julian calendar was the winter solstice and the source of many pagan holidays, including the Roman holidays Sol Invictus and Saturnalia, festivals dedicated to the rebirth and renewed power of the sun.

*While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.*  
Luke 2: 6-7

Did you know? If Santa's sleigh were loaded with one Beanie Baby for every kid on Earth, it would weigh 333,333 tons. A sleigh weighing that much would require 214,206 reindeer plus Rudolph, to pull it. To deliver his gifts in one night, Santa would have to make 822.6 visits per second, in a sleigh traveling 3,000 times the speed of sound. At that speed, Santa and his reindeer would burst into flame instantaneously.

Respectfully,  
Grand Knight John Frechette

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### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Rosa Buccchio, Wanda Bushey, Brian Crawford, Carol Holleran, Bernadette Lanzillo, Jon Mallows, Kate Mallows, Kim McCarthy, Valerie Somers

### 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](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 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!