



SAINT KATHRYN PARISH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

NEED MARRIAGE HELP?

WE HAVE WEEKENDS COMING UP

Feb 2-4, 2024

**Alton Bay on Lake
Winnepesaukee, NH**



**More Than Just a Retreat, We are
a 3-Phase Marriage Help Program**

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline For Married Couples

HelpOurMarriage.org
508-271-7155



Prayer for the Family

Dear Lord, We lift our families to you in prayer — every generation!

Bind our wounds, forgive our debts, show your mercy!

Lead us to deeper communion with each other and You.

Help us, too, to be a holy family.

Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 (CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY)

9 am — For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

8:30 am — +John McGranahan (10 year Anniversary) by Jean and +Marybeth Florczak (3rd Anniversary) by her loving husband, Adam

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

8:30 am — +Marybeth Florczak by her loving husband, Adam

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

8:30 am — +Marybeth Florczak by Judy Masson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

8:30 am — +Marguerite LaGaccia by her daughter

VIGIL (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

4:00 pm — +Dylan Dufresne by Deacon Ray and Gayle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

8:30 am — +Robert J. Costello, Jr. (25th Anniversary) by his family

10:30 am — For the People of the Parish

6:30 pm — Repose of the soul of +Rene Dionne by Dolores McCrystal

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

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Rosary, Church (8 am)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st

Parish Office & Book Store closed in observance of New Year's Day

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd

Parish Office & Book Store closed in observance of New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

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

Youth Group Core Team Meeting, Emmaus Chapel and Parish Office (4 - 5:30 pm)

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

Vespers & Benediction, Church (6:30 - 7 pm)

Benediction & Reposition (7 - 7:30 pm)

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, Hall B (7 - 10 pm)

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

First Friday Adoration, Church or Transept Chapel (9 am - 8 am/ Saturday)

Homeschool First Friday Co-op, Hall & Room 4 (9 am - noon)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

First Friday Adoration, Church or Transept Chapel (midnight - 8 am)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

Rosary, Church (8 am)

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

Christmas Decorating Takedown, Church (11:30 am - 1:30 pm)

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

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.

Calling all Crocheters and Knitters!!

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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

As one of the ways we are celebrating the Eucharistic Revival during this year of the parish phase is to begin overnight Adoration. Every First Friday of the month, Eucharistic Adoration will be held continuously from First Friday morning 9AM through First Saturday morning 8AM. Adoration on First Fridays will resume being held in the Transept Chapel.

A new keypad lock has been installed near the exterior door of the transept chapel entrance. Thus, on First Fridays, the Church and Transept Chapel will be locked beginning at 6:45PM and will remain locked overnight until 7:00AM Saturday morning. Every adorer for the overnight hours will have a special code to gain access to the chapel for their committed Holy Hour. Those who have not committed to a regular holy hour on First Friday evenings but would like to continue to drop by for some time before the Blessed Sacrament need to contact the evening Coordinator of First Friday Adoration, Mike Laboe at mike_laboe@comcast.net or by calling him at (315) 560-9322.

We would like to encourage everyone to sign up for a committed hour, or as an "on call" substitute so we can continue to grow our time of Adoration.

In the words of St. Alphonsus Liguori, "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us." May God open the eyes of our hearts to see the great treasure that is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

**Parish Office and Religious Goods Store will be closed
January 1 & 2, 2024**

**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!

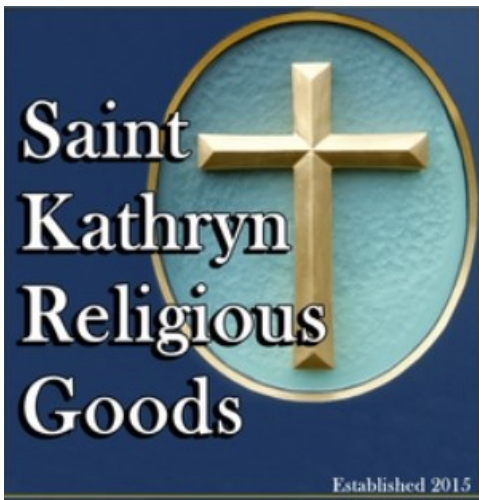
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you have not received your offertory envelopes for January through March 2024 in the mail, please contact the parish office. 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 you submitted through online giving

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

CHILDREN'S and YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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 contact the parish office. Boxed sets of these offertory envelopes can be left in the office foyer for you to pick-up outside of the normal office hours.



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 2024 Schedule!
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 am - noon

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

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

BE A STAR RESULTS ARE IN!!

A big thank-you to all of you who donated gift cards to our annual Be A Star Program. Your incredible generosity has made a huge difference for the many families who registered with the Hudson Food Pantry this Holiday Season. We processed over 300 gift cards for a total of **\$10,730.00**. We are so grateful for your amazing generosity! The program coordinator at the Pantry has extended her overwhelming heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for making this partnership a success and an annual testament to God's love and kindness in our community!

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR REAL OPTIONS

(formally Care Net) Starting Jan. 1, 2024.

Please take a baby bottle and fill it with your spare change or any other donation to this wonderful organization.

Real Options is a free women's health clinic that provides medical services, referrals and support to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. They have two convenient locations in Manchester, NH and Nashua, NH and serve all of Hillsborough County and Southern New Hampshire.

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

The Holy Family

6 | December 31, 2023

STEWARDSHIP

REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

December 16-17, 2023

Envelope	\$2,955.00
Loose Cash	\$1,578.00
Online Giving	\$5,599.00
Received in Mail	\$700.00
Total	\$10,832.00

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 Ste. Marguerite D'Youville Parish in Groveton, NH; Hudson Community Food Pantry; St. Gianna's Place; and to Catholic School Education in our Diocese.

Is God calling you?

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts."
If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603)663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org

Knights of Columbus

At the end of the year, Father Time relinquishes his wisdom to the Baby New Year. Baby New Year is often depicted in a diaper, a top hat, and a sash with the new year's date. The use of a baby to symbolize the New Year began in ancient Greece, around 600 B.C. A baby was paraded through the city in a basket to symbolize the annual rebirth of Dionysus, their goddess of wine and fertility. During the Middle Ages, the Church opposed the image of a baby to symbolize the New Year because of its pagan roots. The popularity of using a baby to symbolize the New Year proved to be strong, and the Church eventually relented, using the newborn baby Jesus as the symbol of rebirth. The baby Jesus invites us to reflect on our lives through the eyes of a newborn, alive with possibilities. Just as Jesus told the old man, Nicodemus, "You must be born again" (John 3:7), let us follow Jesus into the new year as He makes all things new.

In the Jewish tradition, the ritual of circumcision and naming of the male child took place eight days after birth. It was natural that the Church celebrated the feast of the "Circumcision of the Lord" on the octave of Christmas, which by coincidence falls on New Year's Day. In 1969, the Solemnity of Mary was transferred from October 11 to January 1, replacing the Feast of the Circumcision. The Solemnity of Mary is dedicated to Mary's motherhood and her role in the life of Christ. 'Solemnity' is not a statement about Mary's personality, it designates the highest rank of liturgical celebrations. It is a holy day of obligation. January 1 is also World Day of Peace. Pope Francis urges, "At the beginning of a new year, the Church invites us to contemplate Mary's divine maternity as an icon of peace."

Respectfully,
Grand Knight John Frechette

Goal: \$70652

2023 NHCA GOAL: \$70,652

As of December 13, 2023:

\$51,714.50 Received by Diocese

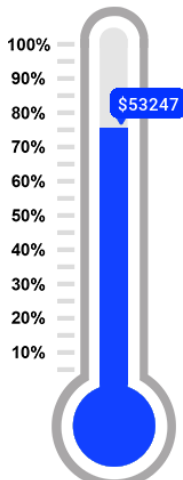
\$1,532.50 in Outstanding Pledges

75.4 % of our Goal Raised

16.3% of Households Participating

\$53,247.00 Total Collected

\$17,404.00 Remaining to Attain our Goal



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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!