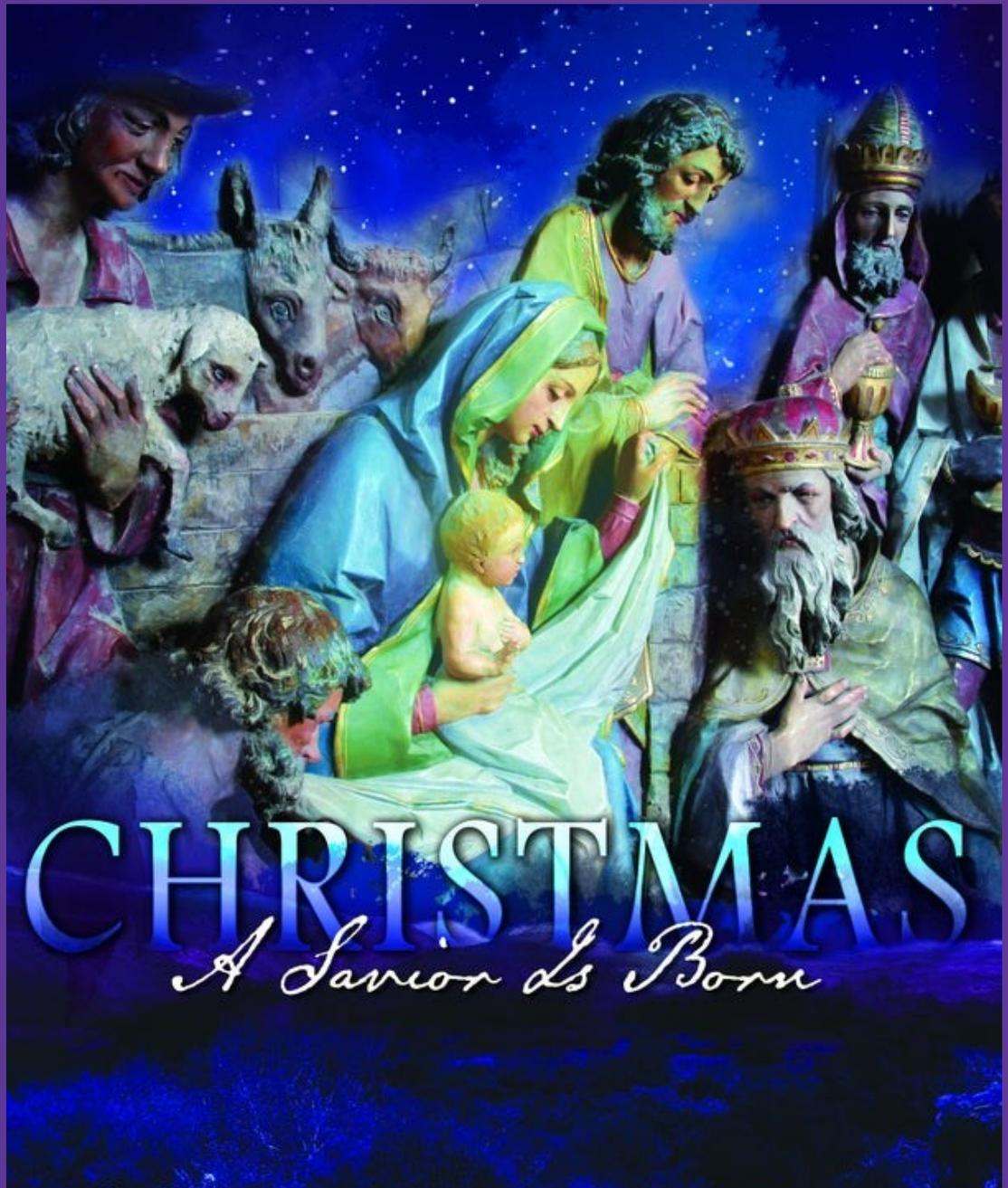


OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. JOSEPH

20 RIVER RD PITTSFIELD NH 03263 / 844 FIRST NH TRNPK (RT4) NORTHWOOD NH 03261

DECEMBER 25, 2022



Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Our Lady of Lourdes Tues. - 10AM &
Wed.-Fri. - 8AM

Saturdays: Our Lady of Lourdes - 4PM

Sundays: Our Lady of Lourdes 8AM & St. Joseph 10AM

Baptism

Families must be registered parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes or at St. Joseph. Please call the rectory for arrangements.

Marriage

Couples must contact the rectory at least six months before intended date to fulfill preparation requirements.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

We pray that you enjoy celebrating with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass.

You may register with us by dropping in or calling our rectory during the week at 435-6242.

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home".

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Christmas Eve December 24

(please notice church locations and times)

4PM Aline & George Mackenzie at **St. Josephs**

6:00PM Joseph & Michael McGovern by Joan

McGovern at **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Sunday Christmas Day December 25

8AM Ellen & John Winters by John Winters Jr. **OL**

10AM For Our Parishioners **SJ**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon. Dec.26 No Mass

Tues. Dec.27 10AM Apolionijah & Alfonsas
Valatkaitis **OL**

Wed. Dec.28 8AM Joseph & Margaret Ruh **OL**

Thurs. Dec.29 8AM Intentions of Chris Bletzer
& John Jacoby **OL**

Fri. Dec.30 8AM Intentions of John Bletzer &
Family **OL**

Weekend Masses

Saturday December 31

4PM Eric Barbasso by Ellen Barbasso **OL**

5:30PM No Mass **SJ**

Sunday January 1

8AM For Our Parishioners **OL**

10AM Cliff Young by The Knights of Columbus **SJ**

Weekly Offering for:

Immaculate Conception - \$478

December 11 — \$3,005

Retired Religious — \$1,669

We are, as always, very grateful for all who share, in a generous way, their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Lay Ministries	Dec. 24/25	Dec. 31/Jan.1
Christmas Eve 4 PM at SJ	Rob Rodler	Dianne Bird
Christmas Eve 6 PM at OLOL	Ben Brown	No Mass
8 AM	Anne Boisvert	Karen Cote
10:00 AM	Jennifer Klingensmith	Teresa Bascom

PARISH STAFF

Rev. John B. MacKenzie Pastor

Jeannie Garcia Religious Ed. Coord.

Ellen Barbasso Secretary

OFFICE HOURS MON.—FRI. 8AM-12PM

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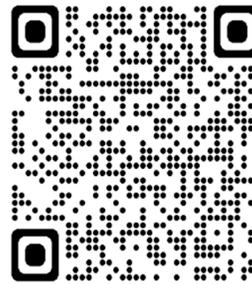
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"A Light will shine On this day: the Lord is born for us"

HIS WORD TODAY

The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home.

Merry Christmas!

My Dear Parishioners,

What is Christmas all about?
What is at the heart of the Christmas story?

Is it not simply "LOVE"?
Isn't the heart of the Christmas story all about LOVE?

But whose LOVE?
God's LOVE.
God's LOVE for who?
God's LOVE for the whole world and for every man, woman and child who lives in it...including YOU!!!

Christmas is God's LOVE coming to us in the form of a little baby;
born in the middle of a cold night,
born in a little manger in a little town of Judah called Bethlehem.
This little baby that is born in that little manger is, as the Christmas hymn says:
"Son of God, LOVE'S pure light."

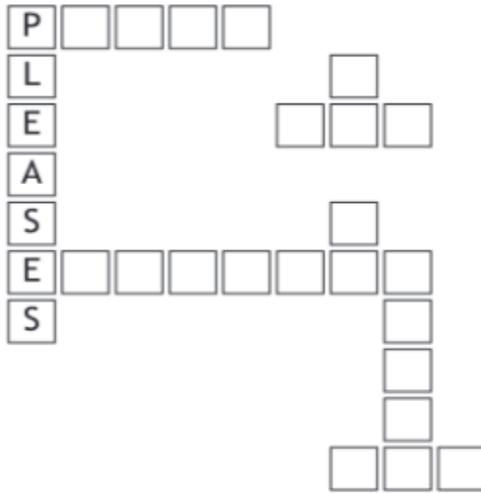
May the PURE LOVE of this little baby,
of the Christ Child
shine upon you,
shine within you,
and shine all around you,
as you celebrate with all the LOVE in your heart
His most HOLY, HUMBLE and JOYFUL nativity

Merry Christmas,
Fr. John

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.



MISSION

You can praise God like the angels did.
Go Christmas caroling together as a family.
Sing all of your favorite songs together.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Long ago, God promised to send a Savior into the world. So when Jesus was finally born in Bethlehem, the angels praised God. The angels shared God's great news with the shepherds, so they could find Jesus and praise God, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into the world. I want to praise you like the angels did.

DRAW

Draw a picture of the angels sharing the news with some very surprised shepherds.

Merry CHRISTMAS

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

2 COR 9:15

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DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN

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