

## THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Joyeux Noël! ¡Felix Navidad! Wesolych świąt bożego Narodzenia!  
Nollaig shona! Veselé Vánoce! Fröhliche Weihnachten! Buon Natale! Felix dies  
Nativitatis! Whether we say it in French, Spanish, Polish, Gaelic, Czech, German,  
Italian or Latin, the wish is the same: Merry Christmas! To all of our parishioners,  
friends and visitors, we wish you the joy of this day and all of the blessings of this  
holy season!



This is a day of great joy for us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ—His coming among us; His appearance among us in human flesh; His vulnerability as an Infant and His power as God. This is a day of great joy for salvation has come to the world!

I'm sure that for all of us, our Christmas celebrations will be filled with joy—with gatherings of family and friends, with good food, laughter and much love. Think too, about our joining together in prayer on this day. As a community of faith, we are happy to announce the coming of the Christ Child among us, who gave up the glory of His Father's kingdom to become one of us that we might be free to live, to love, to bask in the wonder of Christmas mystery.

Of course, we're mindful of all those for whom this Christmas may be a challenge—for those whose families may be divided, for those who have lost loved ones during the past year, for those who may find themselves in want. We can be proud that our parish community reaches out to so many, not only on Christmas, but daily. We're blessed to know that we are, each day, bringing the message of "peace on earth, good will to all" to those we meet. The joy of this Christmas Day is not a joy that disappears when the tree comes down and the presents have all been distributed. No, the true joy of Christmas is the knowledge that we are able to welcome all people to this holy place in the name of Jesus Christ, the newborn King.

This Christmas can really become something special. Today is the day when we can bow our heads and be mindful in our prayer and concern for those who are alone or struggling. It is a day when we celebrate the God-made-man and the Christ who lives in our hearts and loves us in our celebration. It can, and should be, all of these things, for on this day, Christ was born. It is He who changed the tree of condemnation into the tree of life; He who took away our sins and offered us salvation; He who destroys darkness and brings us light; He who gave us the greatest gift ever—the gift of Himself. For these things, we are glad and we give thanks to Him who accomplished it all. It is through Him, we are changed and celebrate the gift of salvation that He has given to us.

This is a day of great joy for all of us. Today, we remember the Christ, born in history; who comes to us today in mystery; and who will come for us again in majesty. For this we cry, "O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

Merry Christmas to you all!

*Father Joe*

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 26 (St. Stephen)**

9:00AM - Intentions of Deacon Ray Marcotte

**Tuesday, December 27 (St. John)**

7:00PM - Sr. Rachel Morissette (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents)**

9:00AM - Lillifred Reidy, by her Estate

**Thursday, December 29 (St. Thomas Becket)**

7:00PM - Dolores & Paul Simoneau, by Earl & Family

**Friday, December 30 (The Holy Family of Jesus)**

9:00AM - Virginia Creteau, by Nancy Charron

**Saturday, Dec. 31 (7<sup>th</sup> Day in Octave of Christmas)**

9:00AM - James & Josephine McCormack, by Brian and Michele McCormack

**Vigil: Solemnity of Mary**

4:00PM - Pauline Lemoine, by her husband Bernie Lemoine

**Sunday, Jan. 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

10:00AM - Evelyn Kirste, by the Columb Family

**Sanctuary Lamps in Church**

In Memory of Mary & Chester Sojka

**OUR REFLECTION OF GOD'S GENEROSITY**

Last Weekend Offertory: \$13,524.72

*Thank You*

**Vocation Birth Stone Rosary**

This week *Bob & Sheila Oliver* will be praying with the traveling rosary for our five parish seminarians. Next week *Karen Dill* will receive it.

Thank you to all who are part of this ongoing spiritual support for our men in formation for the priesthood.



**HS Religious Education Sign-Ups**

Sign-up for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades Religious Education classes will take place during the weekend of

**January 7-8** in the Transept Chapel after all the Masses. Classes will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars for this sign-up weekend!

**Merry Christmas to All!**

*In the name of all of us: Father Joe, Deacon Ray, Lauraine, Michele, Dan G., Dan R., Nancy, Joe, Liz, Larry, Steve, and the members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, we wish you all of the joys and blessings of Christmas. To all of you from all of us—a Merry and Blessed Christmas!*

**Christmas Organ Recital**

Isn't it a shame that the Christmas music we've been listening to since Columbus Day suddenly stops on December 26<sup>th</sup>? Do you want to hear some more and sing some of those carols for yourself? Join us this **Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**, following the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the church. Father Joe will offer an organ recital of Advent and Christmas music. Come, listen, relax, enjoy the beauty of our church, join in singing some of the great carols of Advent and Christmas. It promises to be an enjoyable evening!

## The Week At A Glance ...

**Sunday - December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Merry Christmas!**

**Monday - December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Scout Parent Meeting/RM 4 (7 PM)

**Tuesday - December 27<sup>th</sup>**

Boy Scouts/Hall B (7 - 8:30 PM)

**Wednesday - December 28<sup>th</sup>**

Adoration/Chapel (5:30-8:45 AM, 1-7 PM)

Vespers & Benediction/Chapel (7 PM)

**Thursday - December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Organ Recital/Church (7:45 PM)

**Friday - December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mom's Group/RM 1 (9:30 AM)

**Sunday - January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Happy New Year!**

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### **Be A Star**

And stars you were! Thank you to all who participated in our Be A Star program. All of the stars were taken and gifts and food returned in time for distribution on Saturday, December 17th. More than 80 families were served and will have Christmas as a result of your generosity. Thank you, as well, to our young men and women who helped in so many ways--with packing, distribution and delivery of food and presents. Their enthusiasm and generous service was wonderful to see! Thank you to all who gave so unselfishly in gifts, in service, and out of love for those in need. The star of Bethlehem shone brightly at Saint Kathryn's!

### **Vocation Support Association Donations**

We'd like to thank all those who joined the Vocation Support Association and are committed to prayerful and financial support. If something has changed and you need to change your offering, please let us know for the purpose of budgeting (whether you donate monthly, quarterly, bi-annually or annually). You can always drop us a note, c/o VSA to let us know. Thank you to all who have been so faithful in prayer, financial support, and in sending notes to our seminarians and Sisters in formation.

### **Saint Gianna's Closet**

Donations of gently used children's clothing sizes birth to teen are being accepted during the month of January. Clothing may be dropped off in the hall near the coat rack after all Sunday Masses. Saint Gianna's Closet supplies needy children with free clothing through the established outreach programs at both Blessed Sacrament Church in Manchester and CareNet, a crisis pregnancy center. Please call Liz with questions: 603.437.6678.

### **Mass Schedule for New Year's Day**

The Masses for New Year's (The Solemnity of Mary) will be:

Saturday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

***Please note the change in the Mass schedule for these days.*** Confessions will be heard as usual on Saturday, December 31 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m.

There will be a Holy Hour from 11:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. beginning on New Year's Eve and concluding on New Year's Day with a toast to a New Year of grace in the parish hall immediately following. What a wonderful way to see out 2011 and welcome in 2012 by joining in 30 minutes of prayer before the New Year and spending the first 30 minutes of the New Year in prayer before Our Lord present in the Eucharist. Benediction will take place at the stroke of midnight. For those interested in joining us for the toast, you are welcome to bring an appetizer or snacks to share if you choose.

### **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

This year, consider making a New Year's Resolution to learn more about your Catholic faith. We as Catholics are not used to investing in ourselves in this way like other Christian faiths. Through a special book purchase program from The Dynamic Catholic Institute, we have been able to purchase 500 copies of some great Catholic books to help you in your faith journey. Choose from the following titles: [A Father Who Keeps His Promises](#) by Dr. Scott Hahn; [Rediscovering Catholicism](#) by Matthew Kelly; and [The One Thing](#) also by Matthew Kelly. These titles are available in narthex for a free will offering of only \$3!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL FUND 2011**

*All names submitted for remembrance will be included in the masses of the Christmas Season. The following are those given for our prayers as of December 18<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to all for your generosity! We remember:*

Anthony F, M/M W.B.Adams M/M J. Miranda Sr, M/M Omar Martin; M/M Pat Rogers, M. Walsh; Lt John Rogers, Angela & Carmen Pacheco, Panagiota Miamis	Salvatrice & Vincenzo Cicero; Antonio Costa; Cuccurullo Family Francis Cluff Jimmy Collins, George Holly Robert J. Costello Jr Antoni Cote; Cote, Camire & Pellerin Families Edward & Elizabeth Cotter, Sr. Joseph , Lena, James Jacoppi M/M Ovide Couillard, M/M Armand Dufresne, Normand & Paul Dufresne Dominique & Loretta Coulon, Dominique Tanguay, Lemay Family, Cecile Waterhouse Couture & Paladino Families Elizabeth Cronin, Justin St.Onge Crowley & Masson Families Laurette Daley Francisco & Laura DaSilva Larry Day Lise Demers Nicholas Denisevich Dickhaut Family Heinz P. Dinter Dionne & Theroux Families Raoul Duquette James Espie, Jr., M/M Howard Hurley Sr., Howard Hurley, Jr.	August & Pauline Gosselin, Henry & Angela Bragiel Jay Guarino Bud Haigis, Father Kwiatkowski, Deceased members of McNamara, Byrnes, Haigis Families, Marcia Riese, Chip Harris, Sue Utter, Mary Harthan Hanson & Therrien Families Hart & Hutchins Families Loved ones of the Houde Family Hudon, Fortier, Mousseau and Boucher Families John Hunt, Jeannet & Terry Cortes, Eilbar & Mary Wade, Bill & Helen Wade Ann & Bob Sird Antonio Ieni George Ivalis, David Dion James J. Jacoppi, Helen & Mitchell Gurecki, Mary & Leon Kotowski, Josephine & Anthony Goreski Hermine & Nancy Janiak, Debbie Panek Gordon, Phyllis, Jeffrey, Florence & Arthur Jarvis, Bethann Lockerby, Gail Stout, Virginia Thompson, Hilda Labombard, Barney Alexander, Louis & Natalie Aceves, Ronald, Delia, Jerry, Bruno, Marian Perez, Santiago & Sylvia Lopez, Florence & Ambrose Pequine, Ralph & Lupe Avila Paul G. & Grace A. Jones, Ann M. & Maurice Pelchat, Sr., Ann M. Pelchat Walter & Phyllis Kuznarski Thomas Lafferty, Gerald & Pamelia Monette Omer & Madeline Lafontaine, John Tetreault Edmond Lamothe	Donna & Leo Paul Lamothe, M/M George Belanger, Eva Lamothe Ferdinand Langlois, Paul & Alma Demers Alfred & Genevieve Langlois, Albert & Lena Forget Arthur Leary, Wanda & Urs Nager, Sr. Lelievre & Kelly Families Ralph Lennon Wilfred & Pauline Lepine, Guy & Anna Savio, Ron Gaulin Carlton, Sr. & Elizabeth Lingard, Barbara Ottino, O'Sullivan Family Bob Louf, Deceased Seamans Family Members Tina Luminoso Andrew, Veronica, Stephen, Christopher Majewski, Alice & Peter Wasik, Denis, Normand Sigman, Kathryn Szafran Kenneth J., Anthony Marchilena, Albert L., Erma J, Mary Agnes Hartman Marcotte & Taylor Families Donna Marie Markham Theodore & Gabrielle Marshall, Alexander Watson, Eva Watson-Hatch Kenneth McKenna Sr; M/M Stephen McKenna McCormack & Lorrain Fam. Phyllis McCarthy Margaret & John F. Mearle, Josef & Mary Wozniak, Pat & Michael Wozniak Wilfred Menendez Mary Menke Catherine Merlino Everett Miller, Pat Dalrymple Mary & George Millerick, Alice & Stanley Fabianski M/M Noel Morey
Frank A. Altobelli Sr Francis Wilber Anderson Anziano & Mederios Families Magdalino Aragon, Barbara Bigelow Etta L. Bachelder Leo Barbin, Ray Lourencelle, Tony Rinaldo Henry & Dora Auger Clyde Balevre Gloria Barros M/M John Biedon, M/M Edwin Johnstone, John & Gerry Murphy Bob Blin & Ray Abrams Joseph Breton Brewer Family Cantara, Rogers, Betts & Kirk Families, Linda & David Briscoe, Genevieve, Lawrence Betts, Charles Saxo., Francis Kirk, Phil & Maria Stern, Jean Paul Charron, Stephen E. Marshall, Bedell & Evans Families, Bob Raiche, David & Donald Parrot Clement, Rita Brissette, Adelard Roy, Doris Gill, Marie Roy, Raymond Mousseau, Janet Liudahl, Paul & George Mousseau James, Mary, Kathy Bryan, Helman & Donna Alexandre Linda, Louise, Joseph Bousquet, Blanche & Felix Turcotte Larry Burke, Hannah & John Harrington Larry Burke Loretta Charest	Pasquale & Anna Ferrari, Lawrence, Elizabeth & William McCarthy, William & Nancy Lewis, Richard Babine, Aldo & Marie DiCecca, Maria Percoco Elinor M. Foley, Manuel "Vovo" Mendes Shellie Galipeault Margaret Gannon, Wendell Hardwick Walter & Mary Genetti Gibson & Pirkle Families Anthony Giuliani Mary Glennon		

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Patty Murphy, David Noel, Tammy Wagner	Amy Elizabeth Ramirez Ramsey & Sheridan Families	John Sr, William & Mildred Smaldone; Salvatore, Anthony & Theresa Vetranò	Leo J. Turgeon, Stuart & Angeline Ferris, Memere & Pepere Emard, Memere & Pepere Turgeon, Herbert E.
Helen & Rockwood Nickles; Gloria & James Joy; Donna James	Simone & Omer Rancourt, Phil & Eva Thibeault, Sam Carey, Jean & Bernice	Jacob & Mary Sojka William Souza, Lucille Hebert	Darling III, Stephen Raiche, Eleana Matczyk, Robert & Marie Jeanne Letourneau, Laurier Emard, Jean Paul
Andrew & Karolina Palanski Deceased members of Pharo & Devlin Families	Thellen, Alex & Joan Hume, Bob & Rachel Francouer, William Melvin`	John & Providence Spinosa Joseph St. Pierre & Children, M/M Donat Filion	Charron, Dennis Sigman, Major General Arthur J. Pouillon, USMC (Ret.)
James Powers, Sr., Jack Lalane, Conrad Eaton, Mary & Joseph Beranger, Jack Fitzpatrick, Josephine Kusa, Stanley, Avis & Ty Glover, Joseph Pielecki, Chojnowski Family, Zakszewski Family, Gertrude & Andrew Turner, Leo Halley, Stanley & Mary Myslowski	Roger & Helen Robert Fermin & Luis Rodriguez, Ros E. Paulino, Altagracia Guzman, Charment Espinal Robert, Mary, William, Abram, Mary, Albert, Lawrence, Yvette Roy, Leon, Gertrude, Bob Gauthier, John, Mary & Martha Griffin, Gary Rowe, Meme Gauthier	Arlene Steeves, Margaret Leonard Phyllis & Raymond Stelmash, William & Joseph Sances John & Mona Strom, Leo A. Leduc Stockman & Wisk Families Joanne Sykes, Emma Slowik, Kristin Cummings, Warren Smith	Stephen S. Trubacz Mark, David & Octavia Turmel, Julian & Anna Cherkes Robert E. Vernette Ed & Dot Werger; Chet & Hattie Andruszkiewicz Molly & James Willey; Mary Kemp; Mary Payton; James Bellrose
Phillips Family & Friends James Alexander Potts Helen Powers, Josephine Amici, Ann Belino, Norma Lynch, Loretta Lavalle, Jean Cantwell, Jean Francia	Pat Schena Schubert & McGuire Families William W. Shook, Peg & Jordan Narkewich Harold A. Silva	George Szaro Taralli Family & Friends Tekin Family Members Theberge & Gendron Families	Ryan & Wojcik Families Col. Robert A. Wright John, Ida & Louis Zuliani

### **PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE with Matthew Kelly!**

St. Kathryn parish will be hosting Passion and Purpose Live with Matthew Kelly on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You will become inspired to Rediscover Catholicism, live with Passion and Purpose, and bring Spiritual Vitality to the Church! To register for this event, go to <http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/passion-purpose-events>. The cost is \$39 per person. All registrants receive gifts that retail for over \$20. Tickets will be available for sale at the parish sometime soon after the first of the year.

### **Siena Singles**

Attention Siena Singles! Our new book club is forming as we look forward to reading and studying The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. The Siena Singles will meet on Saturday mornings beginning on Jan 21 in RM 1 following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Pre-registration is required. Contact Karen for more info or want to join (603.560.3416 or [dmkdill@aol.com](mailto:dmkdill@aol.com)).

### **Want to Learn More About Your Faith?**

The LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA kiosk in the narthex contains some great CDs to help you better understand Catholic teachings and grow your Catholic faith. Be sure to check out CDs from Jeff Cavins (“15 Things To Do in the Midst of Suffering”), Matthew Kelly (“Building Better Families”), Kimberly Hahn (“Dating and Courtship”), and Blessed Mother Teresa (“Mary, Handmaid of the Lord”). There are also CDs from Patrick Madrid, Dr. Scott Hahn, and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. There are also “A Walk Through the New Mass Translation” CDs by Dr. Edward Sri, along with an accompanying booklet. Enjoy! The Lighthouse Catholic Media display is sponsored by Hudson Monument and Presentation of Mary Academy. For more information about sponsoring this display of which a portion of the sale allows Saint Kathryn’s to purchase certain materials for free, contact Dan Goddu at [dan.goddu@stkathryns.org](mailto:dan.goddu@stkathryns.org).

**Children's Ministry**

Opening program for First Communion preparation is Jan. 8th from 1:30 - 4PM in the hall. children are reminded to bring their books. **Parents stay for this program!**

**Reminder** - Monday night religious ed classes, Grades 3-6 will be held on Jan. 2nd from 5 - 6:15!

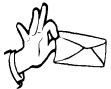
**Attention 1st grade students:** Grp 2 meet Jan. 8th  
Grp 1 meet Jan. 22nd

**Newly Returned Catholic?**

Have you been away from the active practice of your Catholic faith for a while? If so, you might want to think about participating in a seven part series called *Coming Home to Catholicism* that is offered at Saint Kathryn's. You can come to any or all sessions. You'll gain new insights and a deeper understanding and appreciation of your Catholic faith. Many say, "if I had realized all this, it would not have been so easy to drift away." Come and see for yourself! Bring a friend who may be an inactive Catholic now, or a "Christmas and Easter Catholic" who may be open to taking a deeper look or with questions that they may have about the faith. Maybe someone was hurt, turned off or felt turned away is looking for a way back. This has been a great source of healing for many in our parish. The process is directed by a team of folks who, each at one time or another, walked away for a variety of reasons and have found their way "home." Show this to someone you know! Place to come yourself! The next program begins on Thursday, Jan 19, and continues on Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9, 16, 23 & March 1. All sessions begin at 7 PM.

**Weekly Offering Envelopes**

The boxes for 2012 are now available in the office. If you currently have a box, but didn't pick it up, please call Lauraine at the office with your name and envelope number and she will see to it that your box is brought over to the church for pick-up in the vestry. *Remember that all envelope users need to complete the Initial Offering envelope that starts the box to link your name/number for the coming year.* Anyone who currently does not have envelopes and would like a box for 2012 should see Father Joe or Deacon Ray after weekend Masses.



**ST KATHRYN PARISH FINANCE RPT - Nov. 2011**

Acct Balance	10/31/11	\$10,171.97
<b>INCOME:</b>	Nov. 2011	\$68,986.01
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Salaries/Taxes	\$28,879.56
	Rel Ed	\$ 2,326.96
	Office Expenses	\$ 537.94
	Rectory Expenses	\$ 1,378.59
	Music Ministry	\$ 411.87
	Utilities	\$ 3,525.58
	Grounds Maint/Equip.	\$ 89.50
	Hall Maint	\$ 265.06
	Church Maint/Goods	\$ 3,694.98
	Diocese Assessments	\$ 9,974.39
	Parish Insurances	\$ 5,688.75
	Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,175.22
	Capital Imp. Deposits	\$ 1,500.00
	Trans. To Charity	\$ 6,950.34
	Sacrificial Giving	\$ 6,815.00
<b>TITHING BALANCE</b>	- 11/30/11	\$ 5,634.61
<b>CHECKBOOK BAL</b>	- 11/30/11	\$10,759.24

**Presentation of Mary Academy**

There will be an open house at Presentation of Mary Academy on **Sunday, January 8, 2012** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the school at 182 Lowell Road in Hudson. PMA is a private Catholic school, owned and operated by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary since 1926. Known for its challenging academic environment and rooted in the tradition of the Catholic faith, PMA provides a nurturing co-educational environment for students in grades Pre-K through Junior High School. For more information, please contact June Nolet in the admissions office at 603.889.6054 x203 or visit the school's webpage at [www.pmaschool.org](http://www.pmaschool.org).



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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