

*Holy Trinity Parish
St. Matthew Church, Plymouth, NH
Our Lady of Grace, Bristol, NH*

THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26, 2021

HEART



And his mother
kept all these things
in her heart.

LUKE 2:51

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



COMING UP THIS WEEK



Saturday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For all parish benefactors

Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Patricia Braund by Patricia Decker

9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
†Wallace Cogean by the family
Health of Ed Bisson by the Hill family
Rosary before 9:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Loretta Manning by Kathy Tardif

Monday, December 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Jesse Bartlett by his wife, Jeannine Bartlett
†Marion Guthrie
by the Cornell-Wilkin family

Thursday, December 30

8:00 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
MASS
Adoration at Our Lady of Grace Chapel 8:30 - Noon

Friday, December 31

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Lily Marie & Joan Agnes Kirsch
by the family

Saturday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary

10:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For all parishioners

Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For all parishioners

9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
†Isabel & Charles Martin
by the Colcord family
Rosary before 9:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Jesse Bartlett by his wife, Jeannine Bartlett

Saturday, December 25

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 1:00 PM

Monday, December 27

OFFICE CLOSED

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Tuesday December 28

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, December 29

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Thursday, December 30

Men's Cursillo Group, Marian Center, 10:00 AM
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon
Boy Scout Troup, Pope Francis Hall, 6:00 PM

Friday, December 31

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Saturday, January 1

AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 1:00 PM

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 18TH AND 19TH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT BULLETIN DUE TO EARLY PUBLISHING DATE.

PLYMOUTH PARISH OFFICE HOURS



The office will be closed on Friday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) and re-open, Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9:00 AM. We wish you a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

If there is inclement weather on the morning of daily Mass, or another program, please check WMUR or our Facebook page, Holy Trinity News and Info, for cancellations.

A Quick Way to Make A Contribution to Holy Trinity Parish



Scan the QR code to your left, or on the collection boxes as you leave the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Where Do I put My Contribution in Church?

There are two wooden boxes at the back of church for your contributions, along with baskets for second collections. Thanks!



I trust you had a safe and blessed Christmas. It is one of my favorite times of the year. Here is Bishop Libasci's Christmas message for this year. See below.

Christmas blessings,
Fr. Leo

**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Christmas often gets burdened with so many layers of expectations and responsibilities. These things distract us from what we really want to celebrate in our Faith: the gift of a new kind of freedom; a sudden, new spiritual insight that should ultimately lead us back to God through Jesus, true God and true man. The Divine nature of Jesus is never separated from the human nature that we recognize in his birth. The Virgin Mary was the first human being to accept him as the Son of God and brought him to birth for all humanity to see and experience the closeness and the goodness of God. The Divine Presence is then never separated from human daily life.
A Christmas blessing - a wonderful thanksgiving to God - invokes Almighty God's hand to continue to guide creation each year through that nearness of God as a light, a hope, a promise on which we rely to find the way to come home at last to God in the company of the blest.

A word of cheerful greeting of "Merry Christmas" invokes mankind's most noble course toward sincere friendship, pardon and peace. It speaks of and symbolizes a deeply held and personal gratitude for the gift which comes from the source of the greatest and Eternal Good. This greeting represents a spiritual joy that the soul, accepting grace, longs for us to enjoy.

Recent circumstances throughout the world brought us to recognize the need for human helping hands and, through prayer, the hand of the Lord, to touch many hearts. Jesus desired this through people's selfless service that brought help and comfort to many in times of need.

The Christmas blessing and the word of cheerful greeting, together through our Blessed Lord, can gradually consecrate a whole year and, maybe a whole world one day, and begin to direct hearts toward a renewed relationship with God in peace. Let this be the Christmas during which

we can draw closer to him whose birth we celebrate. "One of them (a scholar of the law) tested him by asking, 'Teacher which Commandments in the Law is the greatest?'

He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.'" (Mt. 22: 35,40)
As we celebrate Jesus' holy birth, let us honor His life among us daily. Through His gracious gift of mercy, let us live with mind and heart renewed.

Blessed Christmas and Holy Peace to all.
Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

Please Wear Your Mask

Masks are strongly suggested at Mass while the numbers of COVID cases are at a severe level. Please help us to keep our parish family as safe and healthy as possible.

GIFT Program

Youth and Adult Programs

Sacramental Preparation (grades 1 and up)

Preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist

Twice a month after the 9:30 Mass in Bristol,
and after the 11:00 Mass in Plymouth

Theology of the Body (grades 6-8)

Series of discussions on sexuality and the body

First Sunday of the month in the CLC Conference Room
from 9:15 - 10:45 AM

Ad Altare Dei (grades 8-10)

Series of discussions on the sacraments

2nd and 3rd Sundays from 9:15 - 10:45 AM
in CLC Conference Room

Women at the Well

(for women 18 and up)

Walking with the women of the Bible

Every third Saturday from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
switching between locations.

Men's Cursillo Group

Furthering your Cursillo faith journey

Every Thursday at the Marian Center at 10:00 AM

Men's Spiritual Group

Every Third Thursday at the Marian Center at 7:00 PM



BRISTOL KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to Matt Karkheck, the recipient of the Bristol Knights Scholarship for the 2021 school year. Matt has been an altar server at Our Lady of Grace since he was eight years old, and has been very involved with many church activities along with his family. Matt is attending the University of Maine and majoring in computer engineering.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2022

Mass at 10:00 AM

at St. Matthew Church

READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother

in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY WANT TO GET ACTIVE AGAIN, NOT SO MUCH FOR ME, BUT FOR MY CHILDREN. IS THIS A BAD REASON TO COME BACK TO CHURCH?

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer.

But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is

we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays at St. Matthew Church

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Thursdays at Our Lady of Grace

8:30 - NOON

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM at the CLC

Or by appointment.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM at St. Matthew Church

Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Matthew Church

9:30 AM at Our Lady of Grace

11:00 AM at St. Matthew Church

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