

Saint John XXIII Parish

*O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,*

*O come ye
O come ye to Bethlehem,*

Come and behold Him,

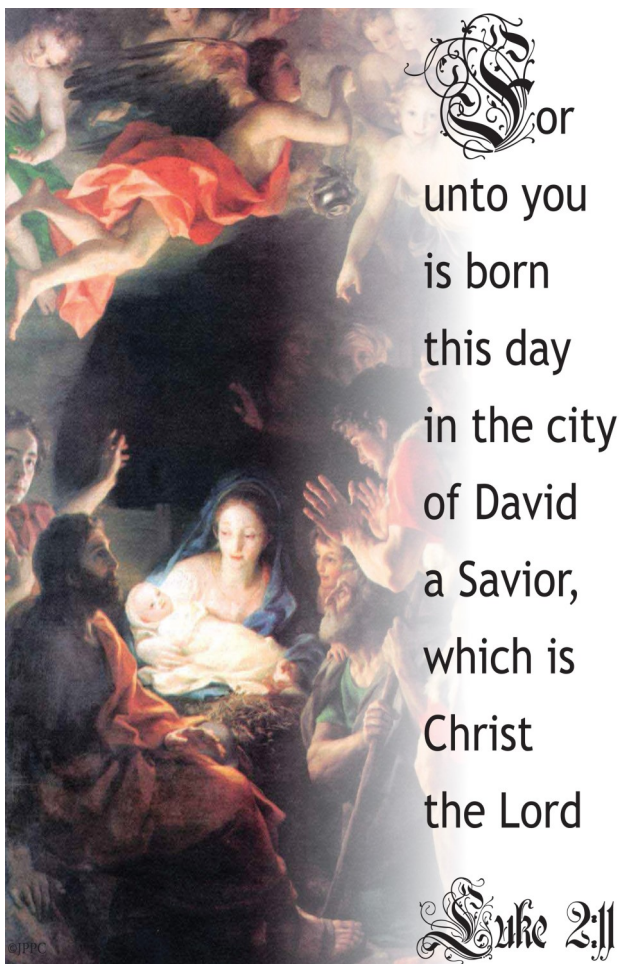
Born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore Him

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O come, Let us adore Him,

Christ, the Lord.



Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 5:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

Friday

SJE 8:30 AM

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 7:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

December 24 Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Mass (English)

Christmas Eve Mass (Portuguese)

December 25 Christmas Day

Intentions of the Parishioners

Domenic Cardinale by his family

December 27

All Souls Intentions

December 28

All Souls Intentions

December 29

All Souls Intentions

December 30

Alfred G. Gaudreau 34th Ann.

by Diane & Jeannine

December 31 New Years Eve

All Souls (English)

Mass in Portuguese

January 1 Solemnity of Mary

Intentions of the Parishioners

Fern Lavoie

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

IJ = Infant Jesus Church SJE = St. John the Evangelist Church

8:00 AM SUNDAY MASS TIME

CHANGING TO 8:30 AM - JANUARY 1ST

Beginning Sunday, January 1, 2023 the Sunday morning 8:00 AM Mass time is changing to **Sunday Morning at 8:30 AM.** The Sunday Morning Mass time will remain at 8:30 AM until further notice.

INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the even of inclement weather: If Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date. The parish office will open once weather conditions improve. However, please call and check before visiting.

Weekly Readings Dec. 19 – Dec. 25

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ December 10 & 11, 2022

Adult Envelopes (46)	\$2,700.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$885.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,405.00
Debt Reduction	\$280.00
Retired Religious	\$190.00
Christmas Flowers	\$115.00

May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

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CHRISTMAS REFLECTION - 2022

Bright sunshine on a beautiful October afternoon fills my window as I set about writing this Christmas Reflection. That's the way it goes when one has deadlines to meet. But I had around me enough of those gift Christmas cards sent by many charitable groups every Autumn to set the right mood.

As I rummaged through my Christmas file to find something different for you, when what to my wondering eyes should appear but a 50-year-old document I forgot I had! It was produced so long ago that the paper has taken on a tinge of tan. It was typewriter produced, using what was then the best technology available. The paper was no less than the official stationery of Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, Delaware County, PA, where yours truly was halfway through my third year of teaching teens.

The piece was entitled "Christmas Liturgy, 1972," which sounds so long ago and far away. I vaguely remember being asked to compose the priest's prayers for a Liturgy prayed by the whole school a few days before the holiday break (it still being officially Advent). Here below I present for your Christmas reflection the Preface for that Mass that I composed way back then, mostly as I wrote it, except for a bit of updated references to the war in Ukraine, and the natural disasters of devastating wildfires, floods and famine in our present world of 2022.

"It is truly right and absolutely just, that we give You thanks and praise, Loving Father, for the joys of Christmas, soon to be represented on this altar.

Those joys depend not on human effort to bring them about. If they did, the effort would be cut short by the sadness of an unjust war waged by a proud and stubborn dictator; devastating destruction of people's homes by fire and flood; of crowded prisons; of sad orphans; the troubled sick and the lonely old. Only God can be dependable to spread real and true joy.

We truly believe that Christmas is 'The Mass of Christ', in which He began the offering of Himself in a wooden manger on a bed of straw, only newly emerged from the womb of Mary our Blessed Virgin Mother. That same offering of His would climax on a Roman cross of wood. A glorious Resurrection would follow, on a day that outranks even Christmas. For this generosity of God, all people can be deeply grateful. They can also rejoice that the Word of Promise grew to be the Man of action and the God of compassion.

The angels were there, along with His holy parents Mary and Joseph. They accompanied the launch of His new outlook; a new world of bursting Hope. And so we join in with their hymn of praise for all to hear, by singing 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might...'

I trust that these mostly half-century old words of mine, now presented here via a gadget called a "Word Processor," will help bring Christmas peace to you and yours

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

MARIE LINE MORIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Marie Line Morin will present a Christmas Concert on January 1, 2023, 2 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH. Come experience the meaning of Christmas at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating is presented from a new angle. Free admission—donations will be welcomed. Benefits go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church. Details are available on [Facebook.com @morin.marieline](https://www.facebook.com/morin.marieline).

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Parish Offering Envelopes for 2023 were mailed directly to your home and should have arrived sometime during the past couple weeks. If have not used offertory envelopes in the past and would like an envelope booklet, please call the parish office 882-2462 ext. 4. If you don't receive your envelope booklet please call the office and one will be made available to you. **Online Giving is also an option** To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed shawls available for those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggles or challenges. To receive a shawl, contact Dotti Reed at 603-275-7345 or the parish office.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

The cold weather reminds us how important having a hat, mittens, a scarf and a warm coat is to keeping warm and healthy. Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is blessed to have generous, crafty donors that knit beautiful, warm hats, mittens and scarves for our clients and their children. The parents are grateful to be able to properly dress their children for the weather, as they send them off to school. Thank you very much for your support.

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Are you struggling with the loss of a spouse or loved one? Do you feel alone during this difficult time? Catholic Charities NH is here to help with an online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again." The six-session program will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. starting January 11, 2023, and run through February 15. Participants will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/beravement or call MaryAnn at 603-357-3093. There is no cost to attend.

HELP NEEDED AT ST. GIANNA'S

St. Gianna's Place is in need of Catholic women to help us at our home for women in unexpected pregnancies. We have many opportunities to serve our residents. Some of these are: teaching weekly classes, cleaning, babysitting, transportation, substitute staff, office help, providing dinner and more. Individuals with questions or looking to get involved please send a note of interest to Admin@StGiannasPlace.org.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY NEW YEARS EVE / DAY MASSES

DECEMBER 31

4:00 PM SJE CHURCH

7:00 PM IJ CHURCH (PORTUGUESE)

JANUARY 1, 2023

8:30 AM SJE CHURCH

10:30 AM IJ CHURCH