

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

## November 25, 2018

### Our Mission Statement:

*Discover God's Love so we might Love God; Love others;  
and Grow as a community of Disciples.*

#### Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road  
Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch and  
Toddler Time

Sun: 11:00am

#### RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 3:00pm—3:50pm

or by appointment

#### St. Joseph Church

40 Main Street  
Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:15am

Sun 7:30am & 6:30pm

#### Parish Office

603-893-8661

200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

Fax: 603-890-0292

Mon-Thu 9:30am-2:30pm

Fri 9:30am-12:30pm by appt.

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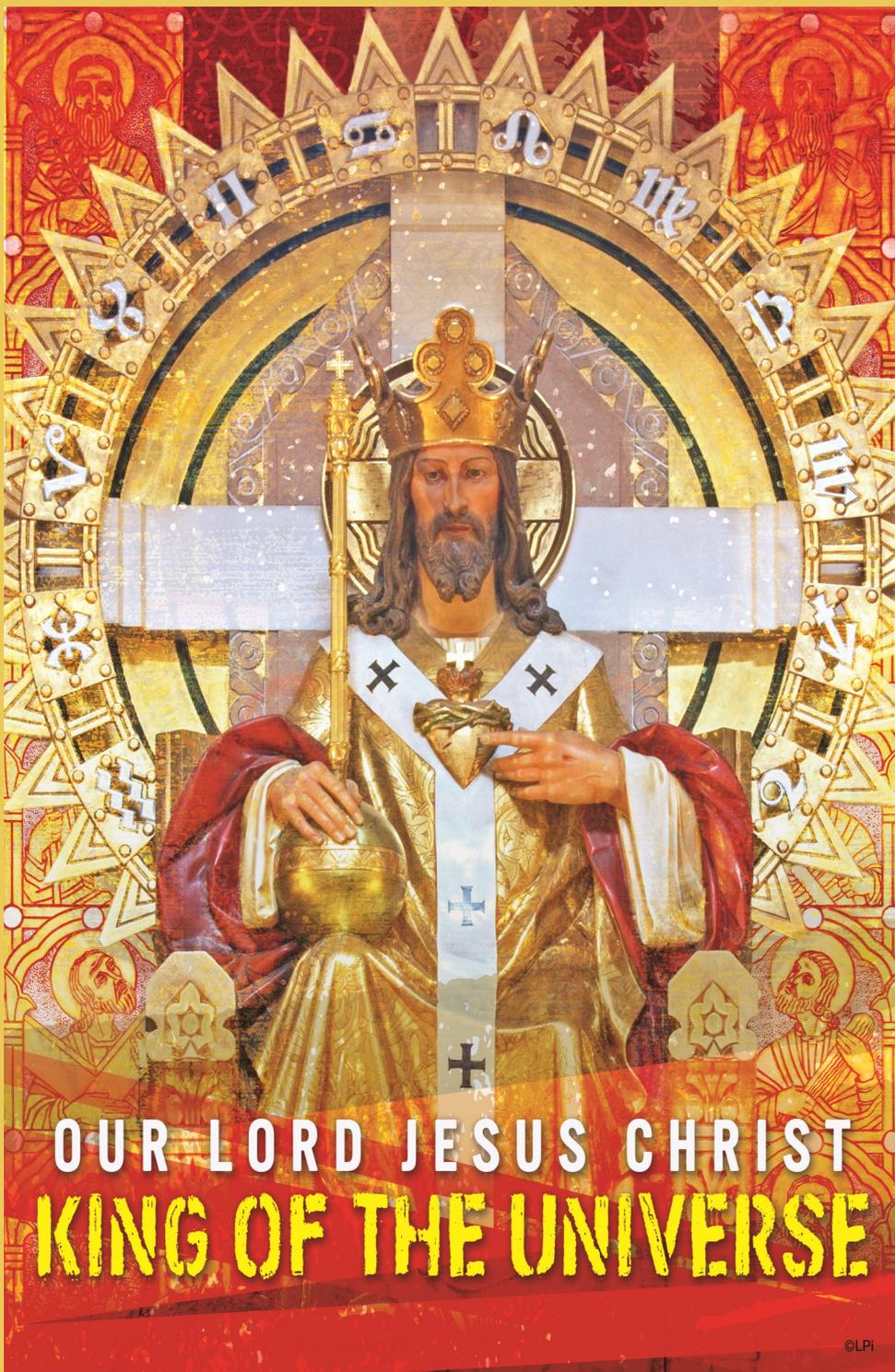
Website:

[www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org)

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Twitter: @StsMary\_Joseph

Instagram: Stsmarijoseph



“The End”. These are two words that almost always stir up in us emotional feelings: anticipation, excitement, apprehension, longing, goosebumps, fear. It could be the end of the semester, the end of a career, the end of a joyride, or the end of life itself. It’s not so traumatic if you’ve planned for that event. If you haven’t, it can seem like a Mack Truck bearing down on you at full speed.

Such is the message in today’s readings: Christ, the King, will call us before His throne to account for how we have used the gifts given us in this life. Certainly the people in California didn’t expect to have whole cities wiped out by out of control fires! Certainly those people in the synagogue or the country music lounge didn’t expect to have their lives end in the midst of prayer or celebration!

As we read the scriptures, we see that Jesus is constantly calling us into a deeper relationship with His Father, our Abba. Jesus wants us to be praying to Him “without ceasing”. Then when we are called to appear before the throne of Christ, the King, we will be intimately familiar with His plan for Eternity. Then we will realize that there is NO END to the life He has prepared for us!!!

*Deacon David*



Dear Salem Christmas Fund **(Giving Tree)** Supporter;

We wanted to let all our “Wish Tree” sponsors know that the Board of Directors of the Salem Christmas Fund Inc. has decided to make a change to one portion of our annual campaign. Unfortunately, in recent years, no matter what limit we set for gifts, we found that the actual cost for the items requested far exceeded it. The result was that “tags” were either not taken or as was the case many times, items at a lower cost were substituted. Part of the problem is that children, even younger ones were looking for expensive electronic items. It became difficult to manage even for our seasoned volunteers. We tried to find the correct items from our other donation sources, but many times we couldn’t, and it became an administrative challenge for our all-volunteer organization.

**This year, we decided to handle requests differently.** On the application form, families will be asked to select gift cards for each child to Target, Walmart, K-Mart, the Mall at Rockingham Park or Amazon. While we have not told applicants what the dollar amount of the cards will be, we are asking those taking name tags from the trees to try and keep the gift card value between \$25 - \$50 dependent upon what they can afford. **The Christmas Fund has come up with a total amount, based upon age per child and will be supplementing your Wish Tree cards to make up the difference.** This will help each family have enough to purchase a large gift (or several smaller ones if they wish) for each child.

We recognize that some may not wish to participate in this fashion and we respect that and appreciate all you have done for us in the past. Please be assured that the Christmas Fund does its very best to screen individuals to make sure only those who qualify will be able to be recipients of cards.

Over the years, we have made changes to the program and all seem to have worked out well. While we still do about 50 Food Baskets a year thanks to the Rotary Club, all other families receive vouchers to Market Basket from our Fund based on size. We review each register slip billed through the program via our internal tracking system and thankfully, we rarely find an item purchased that was not eligible.

When Target no longer accepted vouchers. we changed to Kohls gift cards which we were able to purchase at a discounted rate. As a result, we believe more clothing was being purchased which is the intent of those cards. By the way, we will continue with the Coats for Kids program thanks to the K of C.

In addition to the gift cards for toys, our plan is for children to receive other items such as free certificates for membership in the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem and movie tickets to AMC Theatres. We are working on several other relationships that will benefit those in need.

We thank those groups who have already embraced the change and are willing to give it a try. Hopefully yours will also.

Thank you,

Alan J. Phair, Chairman Salem Christmas Fund Inc

**GIVING TREE TAGS:** Pick them up December 1 & 2 at each facility. Return them by December 8 & 9 at the parish office on Lawrence Road **OR** place in the collection/offertory in an envelope clearly marked **“Giving Tree”**. Call Justine with questions at 893-8661 ext. 103. Thank you for your support and generosity through the years!

**Youth Happenings:** All activities are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall

**Faith Formation NEWS**

**Faith Formation November& December schedule:**  
(don't forget to bring your Bibles and drinks/snacks to share!)

- Option 9:30A: Dec 2**
- Option 4:00: Dec 8**
- Option 9:30B: Dec 9**
- Option 9:30C: Dec 16**

**First Reconciliation Retreat**

**Children preparing for First Reconciliation and their parents** will be gathering from **10 to Noon** for this special retreat **on Saturday, Dec 1st**. In the meantime, parents continue the home preparation with their children using their First Reconciliation book.



**What's Happening at KidsChurch at MQP during the 9:30 am Liturgy .....**

**We Are "Gobbling Up" God's Word In November!**

1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 God called Moses to come up high. "Climb to the top of Mount Sinai. There are special rules for the people to hear. I'll tell them to you to make them clear." That's exactly what the little ones did! Each child took a turn climbing to the top of the mountain (a step stool behind a mountain scene drawn on a tri-fold board) to hold up the Ten Commandment tablets (complete with gold and purple sparkly Roman numerals.) 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 God gave us rules to help us know how we should live wherever we go. The Ten Commandments that God gave Moses that day, show that God loves us all, and we can Follow God's Way!



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**November 25th: Daniel Is Safe In The Lions' Den**

Dawn Pavlini, Director of Kid's Church  
[Kidschurch@saintsmaryandjoseph.org](mailto:Kidschurch@saintsmaryandjoseph.org)

"Do not follow Jesus only when you feel like it, rather, seek Him every day. Find in Him the God who loves you always, the meaning of your life and the strength to give of yourself."

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex



**A NEW YOUTH GROUP is coming !!!**

Some of our primary grade youth are asking for a youth group for their age group .... [Here it is!!](#)



**Mondays from 4:00-5:00 for youth in grades K-2!**

**Date Service**

- Dec 3 Chemo Care Package**
- Dec 10 Prison retreat posters**
- Dec 17 It's a Giving Christmas Party**

**Grades 3-8 Youth Ministry**

**Dinner Theme: December Dogs**

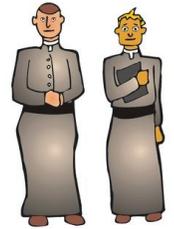
**Meeting Theme: It's NOT about Me?**

Date	Menu	Service
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>The Mutt</b>	<b>Chemo Care Package</b>
<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>The Chihuahua</b> (w/ taco meat, cheese in a taco)	<b>Prison retreat posters</b>
<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>Golden retriever</b> (with mac and cheese)	<b>It's a Giving Christmas Party</b>

Gr 3-5 begin with activities and end with dinner  
Gr 6-8 begin with dinner and end with activities!

**Pray for Vocations!**

Our Diocese is fortunate to have Rev. Mr. David Wong and Rev. Mr. Adrian Frackowiak who will be ordained in June.



We also have Mr. Ryan Amazeen and Mr. Joshua Livingston, both Transitional Deacons. Pray that God will bless their preparation time and use them as examples for others to answer His call to religious service.



**High School Youth: Loving Out Loud**  
**November 29 WARNING: Under God's orders prophets act Strangely (and gross)**

Join the L.O.L. Love Out Loud: teens in action! On Thursdays in December from 7:00pm—9:00pm for Learning & Laughter during the Advent Season!

November 25, 2018 —Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

**Me 2 ? You 2 ?** One CDC report states two out of five men, and three out of five women, were sexually abused/molested. S.I.A. (Survivors of Incest, Anonymous), is a 12-step spiritual program that provides support and healing for those who were sexually molested/abused as children **regardless of who the perpetrator was**. If you were harmed as a child, please consider attending these meetings. We meet Saturday at 6 pm at Mary Queen of Peace Campus, Salem, NH. For info: eMAIL: [SIASouthernNH@aol.com](mailto:SIASouthernNH@aol.com), TEXT: 508-982-9104 CALL: 603-898-1318 OR visit the SIA website at: [www.SIAWSO.org](http://www.SIAWSO.org)



### Join us for Advent Lessons & Carols on Friday, December 7

You and your family are invited to join the Saints Mary and Joseph community for an evening of song, story and prayer as we prepare our hearts and homes to welcome the Child of Bethlehem, the very Light and Word of God.

Our annual service **Advent Lessons and Carols** is a celebration of and for the entire parish, with the congregation and our parish singers and musicians singing and praying together the hymns and carols of this holy season.

Refreshments will be served in the Family Room following the service.

Please plan to take a few moments away from the rush and busyness of this hectic holiday season to join us on Friday evening, December 7, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph. In the quiet light of Advent, refocus your spirit on the true joy of Christmas.

### Slice-of the Pie November Winners!

Alan Phair #138

Lorraine Galle #75

Raymond LaPlume #101

Congratulations! Each receives a check for \$125.00, just in time for Christmas Shopping & Celebrating!!

### Interfaith Choir Christmas Concert

Several of our parishioners are singing in "Winter Is....", a festive musical celebration. Performances are: Dec. 8 @ 7:00pm at Hampstead Congregational Church on Main Street AND Dec. 9 at 4:00pm at Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church on Zion Hill Road in Salem. All are Welcome!!

### Volunteer Ministry Opportunities



### Sips, Nibbles and Fellowship After 4

#### PM Mass

We would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to mix and mingle after the Saturday 4 PM mass at our MQP campus. Can you help build this time for fellowship? Please contact Dave and Lorraine Thompson at [lorlisat@aol.com](mailto:lorlisat@aol.com), [pgpeagle@aol.com](mailto:pgpeagle@aol.com) or 898-1217 if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate and continued blessings.



*Join us in showing our Christmas spirit! The parish is in need of a volunteer to string lights outside on the bushes in the front of MQP and setting up the crèche. Please let us know if you can help.*

For more information, or to offer your help within our parish, please contact our Ministry Coordinator Kay Barretto at 603-893-8661 X 103 or [kbarretto@comcast.net](mailto:kbarretto@comcast.net). You can also learn more about our music ministries on our parish website at [saintsmaryandjoseph.org/ministries](http://saintsmaryandjoseph.org/ministries).

Fill out an orange Volunteer Interest Form found in the back of the church at each parish campus and return it to the office. We will be in touch!

### Caroling to our home-bound Saturday, 12/15

O come, all ye faithful -- we're heading out to visit our home-bound parishioners and sing Christmas carols for them. All who wish to participate should gather at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 15th in the Family Room under St. Joseph



church. Before caroling, we'll meet for hot chocolate and goodies. Dress for the weather, as we'll be outside at times. It would be good to have some larger vehicles so we can consolidate carolers in as few cars as possible. Flashlights can be handy; also GPS for navigation. Come, and spread Christmas joy!

### **You are invited...**

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School invites your family to enjoy some Christmas cheer with us:

**12/12/18 @ 10 am & 6:30 pm:**

Our beloved Christmas Show performed by our students.

**12/19/18 @ 1:00 pm:** Advent Mass, St. Joseph Church

Visit us online for more information...[www.stjosepheagles.org](http://www.stjosepheagles.org).

All are Welcome!

**Parish Information:**

**New Parishioners** If you have just moved to the Salem area, we welcome you to our Parish. Please register on our website or at the Parish Office.

**Baptisms** Please call Justine Dufour at the parish office at 893-8661 x103.

**Communion or Sick Calls** A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will be happy to arrange a visit at your home or hospital. Please call Justine Dufour at 893-8661.

**Marriages** Couples please call the parish office at 893-8661 x105 for an appointment at least six months prior to the date of your marriage.

**Food Pantry** 893-8661 x131  
Pantry Hours Every Friday 11:30am to 12:30pm at St. Joseph Campus. Salem residents can visit the Pantry every four weeks. Please call by Thursday Noon for Friday pick-up.

**Prayer Line**  
We are 35-40 families that pray for those who have died and those struggling with health issues or any kind of discord in their families. Requests for prayer are sent to pray-ers by first name only for family privacy. Call Melanie at 603-893-6763 or Lee at 603-898-1927. Email requests can be sent to [greeleykid@msn.com](mailto:greeleykid@msn.com) BUT must have the word "prayer" in the subject line!!!

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**Upcoming Parish Activities**

**NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."**  
**SCTV #17: E. Michael Jones on Ethos & Logos**  
Airing 11/26– 11/28 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

The book club **book for December** is the New York Times bestseller *The Road to Character*, by David Brooks. We will meet on Friday, December 21, from 10:30 - noon, at MQP in the Emmaus Room to discuss the book. contact person: [normazimmermann@gmail.com](mailto:normazimmermann@gmail.com)

**Love to Sing?? Interested in making a short-term commitment?**  
Choir preparations for the **4pm Christmas Eve Mass at MQP** will begin on Tuesday, **Nov 13 at 6:30pm** at MQP church. Anyone who would like to join the choir for this liturgy is invited to participate.

**NEW CD's** have been added to the racks in each Church. These inspirational talks will make wonderful stocking stuffers for Christmas. There is also a book by Scott Hahn, "**SIGNS of LIFE,**" which gives a wonderful understanding of the Church's traditional customs and practices that we often take for granted. As you prepare your Christmas shopping list please consider one of these spiritual offerings.



**Gift Card Fundraiser**

If you haven't started your holiday shopping yet, you can order gift cards through the fundraiser organized by the **Honduran mission team**. The order will be placed November 30th and should be available for pick up by December 10th. Please add your phone number on the form so a call can be made when the cards are ready for pick up. Order forms can be found at the office, in the vestibule at MQP and by the ramp door at St Joseph. Thank you for your continued support!

**Volunteers Needed for an Hour**

November 25 marks the end of the church year. Next week-end begins Advent! We need to swap the Breaking Bread Hymnals with the 2019 version. Can you help? We will change out at St. Joseph after the 7:15am mass on Friday, Nov. 30. We will change out the MQP hymnals Nov. 30 at 9:30am

**Neighboring Parish Activities**

St. Charles Borromeo, Meredith, NH Holy Land Pilgrimage, \$3799 from Boston/Logan November 3—12, 2019 Msgr. Gerald Belanger, 603-279-4403

## Mass Intentions

### St. Joseph

#### Sunday, November 25

7:30a Ed & Mary Murach,  
Theresa Dion

6:30p All Soul's Intentions

#### Monday, November 26

7:15a Judith Beaulieu

#### Tuesday, November 27

7:15a Suzanne Barton  
Rhea Richards

#### Thursday, November 29

9:00a Yvette Lavoie

#### Friday, November 30

7:15a Deceased members of the  
Dobbie Family

#### Sunday, December 2

7:30a Wilfred Pelletier Jr.  
6:30p Mr & Mrs Salvatore  
DiMauro

### Mary Queen of Peace

#### Saturday, November 24

4:00p Antonio S. Bettencourt,  
Tony Percuoco, Joe Sciuto

#### Sunday, November 25

9:30a Judith Beaulieu, Alvin Huebner  
& Taplin Family

11:00a All Soul's Intentions

#### Saturday, December 1

4:00p Jose Elias, Raymond Valcourt

#### Sunday, December 2

9:30a Paul Murphy  
11:00a Horace Coco

#### Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently especially **Nicole G. Dumont**. May her family be comforted by loving memories of her and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.



Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for **Joe Sciuto** by His wife, Francine and at Mary Queen of Peace for **All Soul's Intentions**.

## Parish Events

### Sunday November 25

9:30am KidsChurch/MQP-Classroom

### Monday November 26

5:00pm Jesus Kids Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center  
6:00pm CIA Youth/SJ-Youth Center  
6:30pm RCIA : contact Justine x103  
7:00pm Lessons & Carols Rehearsals/SJ-Church

### Tuesday November 27

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Room  
12:30pm Quilting Group/SJ-St. Julie Hall  
6:30pm Choir (11am Mass) Rehearsal/MQP-Church  
7:30pm Al-Anon/SJ—St. Julie Hall

### Wednesday November 28

8:00am Men's Cursillo /SJ-Family Room  
9:00am Community Play Group/MQP-Emmaus Room  
10:00am Choir (7:30am mass) Rehearsal/SJ-Church  
7:00pm AA/MQP— Main Hall

### Thursday November 29

7:00pm Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center  
7:00pm Bereavement/SJ-St Julie Hall  
7:15pm Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center

### Friday November 30

6:30pm NarAnon/MQP-Main Hall

### Saturday December 1

8:00am Bible Study/SJ-Family Room  
10:00am First Reconciliation Retreat/MQP—Emmaus Room  
3:00pm First Saturday Devotion/MQP-Church  
6:00pm SIA/MQP-Emmaus Room

#### Parish Giving

November 10 and November 11, 2018  
(\*Our goal is for \$11,000 each week)

Envelopes	\$ 7,386.00
Loose	\$ 1,707.00
<b>* Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,093.00</b>

#### 2nd Collection for December

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception  
Dec. 25 Christmas

#### Thank you for your generosity!

Your regular financial support of our parish community is essential to our continued viability and vitality.

Have you considered making a Memorial Gift for a family member or friend? The Mary Queen of Peace facility needs a new **Advent Wreath stand** which costs about \$2,500.00. We would attach a plaque on your memorial gift and provide you a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you for your consideration!



**Did you know ?** If you are 70 ½ or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution" (RMD) from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as our parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for the details.

#### First Saturday Devotion

December 1, 2018 at 3:00PM with confession, Mass at 4:00PM

#### First Friday Adoration

December 7, 2018 Divine Mercy 3:00PM, Benediction 4:00PM

#### Mary Queen of Peace Church

**St. Joseph Church Noon—4:00PM**