

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

December 16, 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.

Email: st.josephs@comcast.net

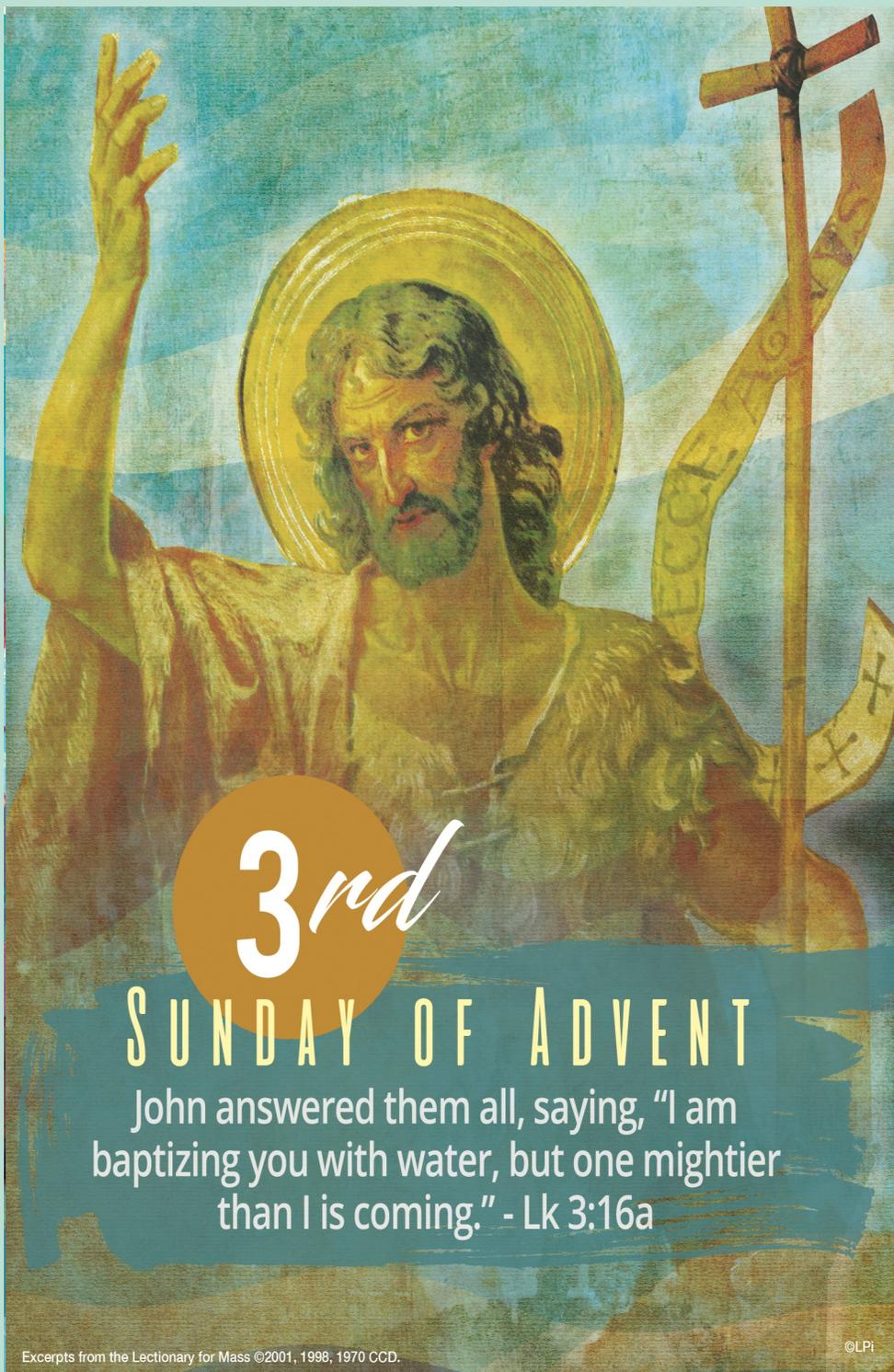
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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

**PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ON December 30TH 2018 –
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

The feast of the Holy Family is traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas. This year our parish is looking forward to celebrating this feast in a special way by consecrating our families to the Holy Family. It is our hope that this consecration may help strengthen our families and revitalize our parish. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this program. The consecration of our families will take place on Sunday, December 30th.



How to Prepare: The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred", and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer off of a card. To receive the full benefit of intercession from the Holy Family, one must cleanse the body, mind and soul. The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.

Here are some of the suggested preparation steps:

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

Since this Feast Day of The Holy Family falls on December 30th, the Consecration will take place at all of the masses. I will ask all families to stand at the end of each Mass for a brief ceremony. Try to attend Mass together as a family that weekend. **DON'T MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY.**

Fr. Vincent

St. Joseph Christmas Masses:

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM in the Church

4:15 PM in the Auditorium

Midnight Mass in the Church

Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day:

11:00AM in the Church

Tuesday, January 1st –Mary, Mother of God Holy Day

9:00 AM in the Church

Mary Queen of Peace Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve

3:30PM Children's Christmas Pageant

4:00 PM Mass

Tuesday, December 25th –Christmas Day

9:30 AM

Monday, Dec. 31st – Mary, Mother of God Vigil

4:00 PM

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN

HOME VISITATION PROGRAM

This program offers families a wonderful opportunity to approach God through Our Lady and thereby transform their lives. Families who participate in the program are privileged to bring a blessed statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes for one or two weeks. We encourage families to make a "Family Consecration" and to live the consecration by the "Pledge of Our of Lady of Fatima". The kit contains many more goodies to help live the message. **Please call the statue custodian with your name and phone number. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, Manchester Diocesan Division, Inc. Statue Custodian: Lily MacKenzie Tel: 603-894-6583**



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 9:30C: Dec 16

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

December 20 The Nativity

December 27 NO YOUTH GROUP

January 3 Christmas Party!



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

Join us in DecemberJesus is the Reason!

Who built the stable where Jesus lay? Multiple Coretta Scott King Award-winner Ashley Bryan has a very good idea in this beautiful and moving new layer to the nativity story. Riding in an open Jeep across the plains of Africa, beloved and nationally acclaimed author and illustrator Ashley Bryan found himself comparing the terrain to Jerusalem, and the bumpy journey to that of Mary's travel on a donkey. And he came up with a question: Who built the manger where Mary and Joseph found shelter?

The answer is conveyed in this beautifully crafted picture book that envisions a young boy, a shepherd and carpenter both who, out of love and kindness, cleared the way for another shepherd and carpenter to be born on Christmas day.

The boy looked in the infant's eyes

And in his heart he knew

The babe would be a carpenter

He'd be a shepherd too.



Told in gentle rhyme and illustrated with Ashley Bryan's enormous talent, this is a picture book that captures the reason for the season in all its wonder and beauty. *Who Built the Stable?* is a celebration of Christmas, of the kindness of children, and of the new hope born with each new baby.

Youth Ministry **Games!**

It's a Giving Christmas Party **Food!**

Monday, Dec 17th **FUN!!!**

Gr K-2: 4-5

The Jesus Kids Gr 3-5: 5-6:30

CIA Gr 6-8: 6-7:30 **Faith!**

What to bring:
New or gently used unwrapped gift for another child your age or birthday cards, wrapping paper or cake/party supplies
(Items not acceptable: stuffed animals, bicycles, clothing or shoes.)

These will be donated to:



What IS the Birthday Treasure Chest?
A friendly and highly confidential place where parents who are in need can go to choose birthday presents for their child at no cost. It is a ministry of Ste Marie Parish in Manchester.



Feel free to bring a friend!!!
An RSVP by Dec 10th
would be very helpful for planning purposes!

Kidschurch needs new tables!

Our tables have become very worn and we would like to replace them.



We are in need of 4 child size tables... some have been seen locally for 18.88 each. **Would you be able to donate to the cost of one?** If you able to help, your donation can be sent to the parish office to Sue Levesque's attention. **Thank YOU!!!**

Chemo Care Packages Do you know someone going through chemo?

Our three elementary/middle school youth groups have put together "Chemo Care Packages" consisting of mints, cough drops, hand sanitizer, lotion, Kleenex and a note. Please take one from the basket at the church entrance and pass it on with our love and prayerful concern! Thank you to all the families that donated the contents for our care packages!!!

December 16, 2018 —Third Sunday of Advent

IF you want to **send Christmas Greetings** to our former Jesuits, here is the pertinent information you will need!

Tom Frink, SJ email:
tfrink@jesuits.org
Jesuit Community of YAP
PO Box 1009, YAP, FM
96943
USA Northeast Province of
the Society of Jesus
39 East 83rd Street
NY, New York 10028

Al Hicks, SJ email:
ahicks@jesuits.org
McQuaid Jesuit
Community
162 Barclay Square Drive
Rochester, NY 14618

William Mulligan, SJ email:
wmulligan@jesuits.org
Campion Residence and Re-
newal Center/
Campion Health Center
319 Concord Road
Weston, MA 02493-1398

John Michalowski, SJ
email:
jmichalowski@jesuits.org
St. Peter's Church
507 S Tryon St.
Charlotte, NC 28202-1839

Thomas Fitzpatrick, SJ
email:
tfitzpatrick@jesuits.org
Fairfield University Center
for Ignatian Spirituality
1073 No. Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA

Advent is the season we begin to welcome catechumens and candidates into parish life. A catechumen is one who has not been Baptized, a candidate is one who has been baptized and is looking for full communion with the Catholic Church. In the past, our diocese has combined the Rites. Bishop Libasci has made a change this year, clearly defining *the Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens* and *Those seeking the Full Communion of the Catholic Church*. The Rite of Election is held the 1st Sunday of Advent. This is important because the Church makes its "election" to admit catechumens. If we understand the primary purpose of the Rite of Election we can see that this rite is not appropriate for baptized candidates. All baptized Christians, Catholic or not, have – through the grace of baptism – been made ready for discipleship. All baptized Catholics have been "elected" and cannot be chosen again. This year in our parish we are welcoming two candidates into full communion of the church. Although they will not participate in the Rites of the RCIA, they are preparing weekly with a team. The candidates will receive Confirmation at the Cathedral in Manchester and will receive Eucharist near Christmas time. Please continue to pray for our candidates as they meet and prepare for full communion into the Church.

Grateful Thanks to the Knights of Columbus!

Through the generosity of the Knights, we have "new chairs" in St. Julie Hall! Pictured here are how they arrived, and how they look set-up!



You are invited... St. Joseph Regional Catholic School invites your family to join them for a special Advent Service: **12/19/18 @ 1:00 pm:** Advent Mass, St. Joseph Church
Visit us online for more information...
www.stjosepheagles.org. All are Welcome!

Christmas Vacation St. Andrew Dinner

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow him. We would like to invite college students who are home for vacation and other men in our diocese who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life to an evening of prayer, conversation with the Vocations Team, and dinner. This dinner will be held at St. Patrick Parish in Pelham on Friday January 4 from 6-8pm. Please RSVP to Becky Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or 663-0153 if you would like to attend.

Holiday Bereavement Support:

For those of us who have lost a loved one to death, we dread going through the holidays alone. The trained facilitators at the Bereavement Center will show you what to do with traditions and other changes as well as how to handle invitations and holiday parties. The facilitators will help you find comfort, strength and hope.
The Bereavement Support Group meets every Thursday in St. Julie Hall at 7:00 PM for one hour. The group is free of charge.

"Advent is a time to recognize the emptiness needs to be filled in our lives, a time to smooth the rough edges of pride, and to make room for Jesus who comes."

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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 BUT must have the word "prayer" in the subject line!!!

Parish Staff: 893-8661

- Fr. Vincent Onunkwo.....Administrator
onunkwo2001@yahoo.com x106
- Jay Cormier.....Deacon
jaycormier@comcast.net
- David Costello.....Deacon
greeleykid@msn.com
- Justine Dufour.....Pastoral Minister
pm@saintsmaryandjoseph.org x103
- Sue Levesque.....Family Faith Formation
ff@saintsmaryandjoseph.org x107
- Carol Kater.....Finance Director
ckatermqp@comcast.net x102
- Maryanne Murach....Bulletin/Admin x101
bulletin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org
officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org
- Kay Barretto..Volunteer Coordinator x109
mincoord@saintsmaryandjoseph.org

Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."
SCTV #17: The Case for Jesus by Brant Pitre
Airing 12/17- 12/19 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Holiday Open House sponsored by Canobie Lake at Salem Boys & Girls Club.
All Salem families, members of the NH Foster Care Program and Salem Boys & Girls Club family members are cordially invited to attend this FREE event on Sunday, December 16 from 10:00am—3:00pm. The pool will be open if you want to swim but there are plenty of other activities planned!

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.

Evening of Prayer with Seminarians on Thursday, Dec. 27 in Manchester

The evening begins with prayer at 5:30pm followed by a Roast Pork Dinner in St. Joseph Cathedral Hall. Join the Bishop, seminarians and the Knights of Columbus for a Christmas event. Tickets \$20.00 pp or \$50.00 per Family. Contact Ed McCann 603-424-7185 for reservations by Dec. 20. All are welcome!

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available at the church entrances. You can make donations in memory of loved ones, and a special mass will be offered for the repose of their souls! Thank you for your consideration.

If you are interested in becoming a COMPANION in a HOME-SHARING experience for two special needs adults, see the bulletin boards at either facility for details.

Neighboring Parish Activities

Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua	Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference	Friday, March 22—Saturday, March 23	Register at iccnashuanh.org/unbound
Merrimack College, Andover, MA	Christian Spirituality Courses Information Session	Saturday, January 19 at Noon: 1st Step in degree or certificate program	Call Jennifer at 978-837-5219 or greewood@merrimack.edu

Mass Intentions

St. Joseph

Sunday, December 16

7:30a Claire Lawlor
6:30p Rhea Richards

Monday, December 17

7:15a Robert Duhamel

Tuesday, December 18

7:15a Gail Bonanno

Wednesday, December 19

1:00p SJRCS Advent Mass

Thursday, December 20

7:15a All Soul's Intentions

Friday, December 21

7:15a Priests Intentions

Sunday, December 23

7:30a Gail Bonanno
6:30p Terence Pavlini

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, December 15

4:00p Frank De Lucia,
Norman Lambert

Sunday, December 16

9:30a Carol Garabedian & Tom
Cataro, Michael Sarne Jr.
11:00a Floyd & Gaetana Dolce,
David Masoud

Saturday, December 22

4:00p Catherine Sullivan, Arthur
Marchand, Brother James Coffey,
Norman & Clare Minkle,
Raymond & Janice Laliberte

Sunday, December 23

9:30a Oliverio Ramirez
11:00a Intentions of Gabriel MacKenzie



Wedding Banns II
Victoria O'Brien &
Carlos Santana

Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently especially **Jean Landry**.
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 **Alphen/Tris/Haskell Families** by Lee

Alphen and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Catherine Sullivan & Brother James Coffey** by the Lavin Family.

Parish Events

Sunday December 16

9:30am KidsChurch/MQP-Classroom
9:30am Family Faith Formation/
MQP-Hall, Classrooms

Monday December 17

4:00pm Grades K-2 Group/SJ-Youth Center
5:00pm Jesus Kids Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center
6:00pm CIA Youth/SJ-Youth Center
6:30pm RCIA : contact Justine x103

Tuesday December 18

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 December 19

9:00am Community Play Group/MQP-Emmaus Room
10:00am Choir (7:30am mass) Rehearsal/SJ-Church
1:00pm SJRCS Advent Mass/SJ-Church All Welcome
1:00pm Prayer Shawl/MQP-Emmaus Room
7:00pm AA/MQP— Main Hall

Thursday December 20

10:00am L L L Group/SJ-Family Room
6:00pm Atonement Band rehearsal/MQP-Church
7:00pm Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center
7:00pm Bereavement/SJ-St Julie Hall

Friday December 21

10:30am Book Club/MQP-Emmaus Room
6:30pm NarAnon/MQP-Main Hall

Saturday December 22

8:00am Bible Study/SJ-Family Room
6:00pm SIA/MQP-Emmaus Room



Parish Giving

December 1 and December 2, 2018

(*Our goal is for \$11,000 each week)

Envelopes	\$ 7,632.00
Loose	\$ 1,842.00
Total	\$ 9,474.00

Retirement Religious \$ 3,213.00

2nd Collection for December



BULLETIN CORRECTION!

We have been advised that the recycling company has gone out of business! We will **NO LONGER BE TAKING PAPER RECYCLING** at either location! We appreciate your willingness to protect the environment by recycling, and apologize for any inconvenience this news will cause. Please bring your paper recycling to the dump!

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.