

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

December 8, 2019

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

Sun: 11:00am

Mon: 9:00am (May—October)

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 & 5:00pm

Rosary prior to daily mass 6:45am

Parish Office

603-893-8661

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

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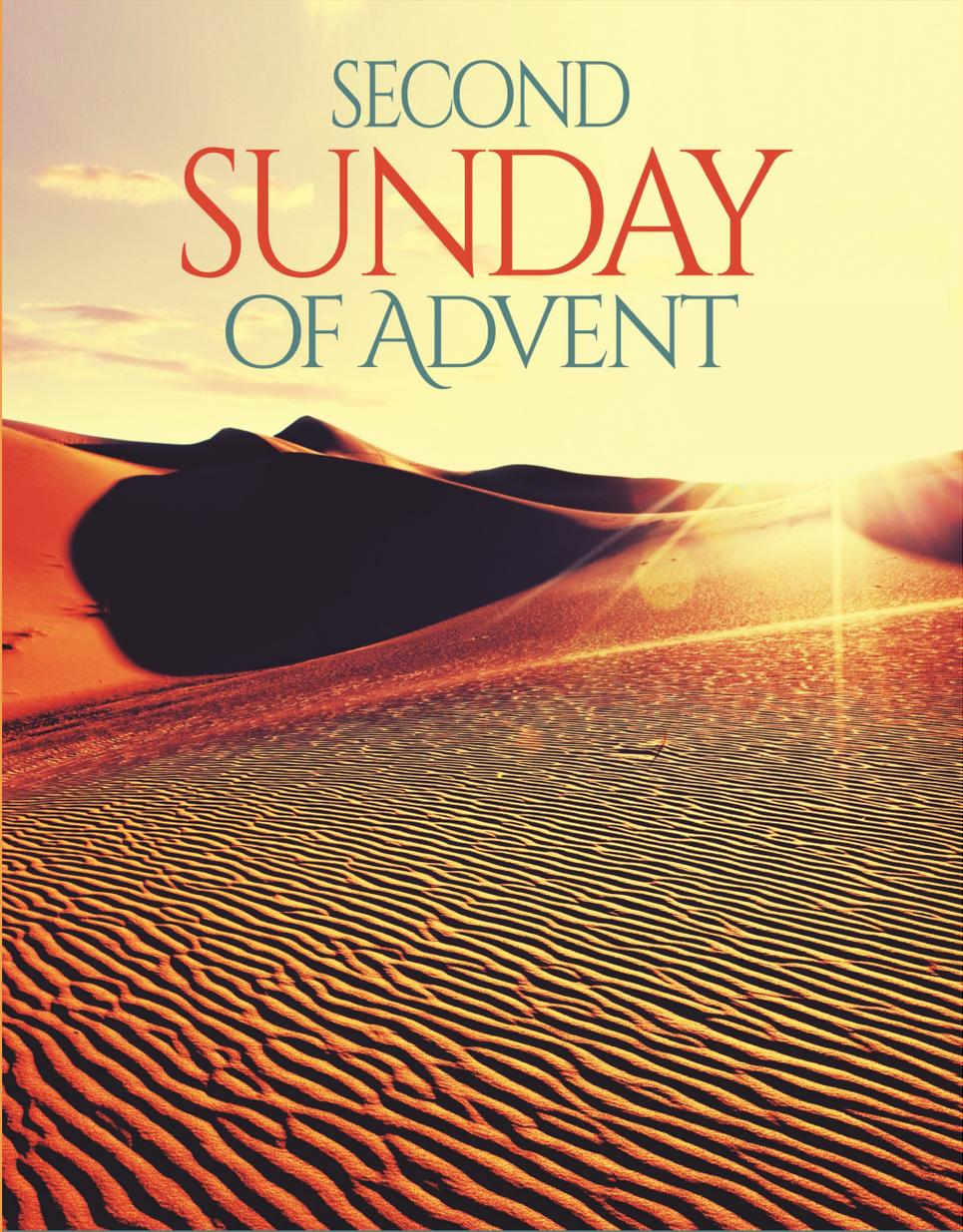
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Twitter: @StsMary_Joseph

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*

- Lk 3:4

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:18) This verse from scripture is not in our readings for this Sunday but it really struck me as essential to our Advent journey; Advent meaning “coming”. Over the past weeks as I drove around Salem, my attention was drawn to all the lights and decorations as well as the flashy store signs telling me what great bargains they have for us. This is “what is seen” but St Paul tells us to fix our eyes on “what is unseen” because what is unseen is of the utmost importance. So our house and property sparkles with lights and tinsel; what is the state of our hearts that is unseen? So our shopping and wrapping is beautifully finished; have we shared the good news of what Jesus has prepared for us in eternal life? Our Church proclaims that the second coming of the Lord may happen any time now; have we confessed our sins faithfully so that our souls will be quickly received by the Lord? Advent calls us to fix our eyes on the unseen: the coming of Jesus on the clouds, His welcoming us into the magnificent place that He has prepared for us; the union with God and all those who have gone before us. The best is yet to come!

Deacon David

We would like to thank the Salem, NH Farmers Market for their **generous donation** of gift certificates **totaling \$1520** to our Family Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets.



GIVING TREE Gift Cards are due back this weekend, December 8th at the parish office on Lawrence Road or in the collection/offertory in an envelope clearly marked “Giving Tree” with the ID number on the envelope. Call Justine with questions at 893-8661 ext. 103. Thank you for your support and generosity through the years!

Got App? Have our parish at your fingertips anytime, anywhere by downloading **our free parish App powered by MyChurch**. From the app you can sign up for notifications, view daily readings and read the weekly bulletin. Also, check in on the Mass Schedule or the parish event calendar and view the 24/7 livestream. You can easily contact staff members and even sign up for e-Giving. Simply go to either the Google Play or Apple App stores and search for MyChurch with this icon. Download the free app, then search SMJPARISH and follow the onscreen directions to register for notifications and set up a profile.



Catholic Charities NH November 2019 Update

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose...” - Ecclesiastes 3:1

This verse not only embodies the current change in seasons, but it also reminds me of how our work here at Catholic Charities continues to evolve, especially over the past few months. This includes:

Supporting at-risk veterans: We finalized our acquisition of Manchester-based Liberty House, which serves both homeless and struggling veterans, many of whom face unimaginable challenges and invisible wounds such as trauma, PTSD and addiction. Between our two organizations, it’s a natural marriage of missions in supporting and protecting an extremely vulnerable (and highly underserved) population.

Creating pathways out of poverty through education opportunities: We [announced](#) nine recipients for our unique scholarship program for licensed nursing assistants (LNAs) seeking their licensed practical nurse (LPN) degrees. Some come from a life of financial hardship; others put their education and dreams on hold to raise a family. This is their path forward to build a better life full of opportunity.

We are currently developing a new program, *On Track*, which is designed to help vulnerable community college students graduate or move onto a four-year program. Our approach will be to employ Navigators, who will provide intensive case management and wrap-around services, focusing – in part – on education completion as a pathway out of poverty. We hope to launch the program in the spring.

Without your support, we would not have been able to offer these unique programs, or serve 96,054 individuals and families, this year alone, facing unimaginable life crises.

Youth Happenings: All group events are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall
Unless stated otherwise.

Youth Ministry Information

Faith Formation Upcoming Schedules:

- Option 9:30A: Dec 8 Mass-Noon
- Option 4:00: Dec 14 Mass-6:30
- Option 9:30B: Dec 15 Mass-Noon



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



Beginning of Advent Prayers:

First Sunday of Advent: Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts we pray. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent: Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred. Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded. Bring peace into our hearts we pray. Amen

Read more at: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/advent_prayers.html

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Youth Ministry Mondays



Dinner Theme: December Dogs

Meeting Theme: Last is best?

Date	Menu
Dec 9	The Chihuahua (w/ taco meat, cheese in a taco)
Dec 16	Golden retriever (with mac & cheese topping)

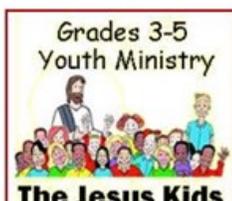
It's a Giving Christmas Party



4:30-6

in youth center behind St Julie Hall at the St Joe campus, 40 Main St

Gr K-2 begin with activities and end with dinner
Gr 3-5 begin with dinner and end with activities!



5:30-7

Hey kids!!! Join us after Mass to make your Graham Cracker Nativity on Sunday, December 22nd after the 9:30 and 11:00am Masses at Mary Queen of Peace.



sponsored by our CIA and LOL Youth Ministries.

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish

CIA Youth Ministry

with Middle Schoolers

Month's Theme: Last is BEST?

Dates and Meeting Topics

Dec 8 Living on 'empty'

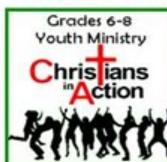
Dec 15 at MQP

Go to Mass in morning

Party 5-7:30 at MQP then Dinner and Bring Yankee Swap gift \$10-\$15

- Prizes awarded to:
- * Most Festive Socks
 - * Best Ugly Sweater
 - * Most Festive Overall!

Dec 22 Graham Cracker Nativities after the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses (no youth group at night on the 22nd)



Prepare Him Room

Youth Group Activities

- Dec. 8 Grinch, Scrooge or Santa
- Dec.15 Take the back seat, please!
- Dec. 22 Gingerbread Nativity after all morning Masses at MQP. No evening Youth Group

Bereavement Support during the Holidays

How do we get through the holidays when we have a loved one who has died?

The Bereavement Center at St. Julie Hall is running a three night session on **“Bereavement and the Holidays”**.

Thursdays, Dec 5th, 12th and 19th. 7:00 to 8:30 PM Located on the St. Joseph campus at the bottom of the driveway.

For info: Call Linda at 893-6061

Upcoming Comedy Night!

Be prepared to make reservations for our Annual Comedy Night. This year it will be at the Atkinson Country Club on Saturday, February 15. The cost remains at \$55.00 per person, which includes appetizers, main course, dessert and the show. Our headliner comedian is Paul Nardizzi. There will also be raffles and some special surprises. This would make a great Christmas Gift for that “hard to buy for” person on your list! It’s also not too early to secure your Valentine Date! Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

Slice-of-the-Pie November Winners!

Each receives a check for \$125.00, just in time for Christmas shopping!

Mary Keroniski #114

Jeannette Green #97

David J. Bettencourt #30

Congratulations to these lucky people!

A Special Promotion with Palmer Gas & Oil

Palmer Gas has teamed up with the parish for an opportunity to help defray the parish heating costs. For every new customer that signs up for home heating oil or propane for their whole house heat, our parish will receive a credit of \$100.00. Palmer Gas is also offering “new” customers a special price! When you sign up on-line, use promo code: SMJ549MA or contact Michelle Aprahamian at 603-548-0815.

The Catholic schools Office for our diocese has launched a state-wide research project to learn more about the perception and influence of Catholic schools. Please help our schools by completing this survey at tinyurl.com/DioceseOfManchesterSurvey

If you have any questions, you may email research@maquireassoc.com. Thank you!

“Tis the season for **thinking about**

Christmas caroling. Our parish is headed out into the community again this year on **Saturday,**

December 14 after the 4:00pm

mass. We are looking for you to share the names of any home bound

parishioners who may be in need of some Christmas cheer. Please email Ken Tarara at smjpcaroling@gmail.com”

Please provide the names and addresses by December 8 so we can plan our caroling routes! Also, if you would like to join in the singing, arrive at the Mary Queen of Peace campus by 5:00pm on Saturday, December 14. This is a fun and rewarding Christmas tradition to start with your family! You will get as much out of the experience as the people you are visiting! We provide the song books so you just have to dress warm and wear a smile!



Christmas Pageant!!!

This Christmas Eve:

Come dressed as an Angel, Shepherd or Star!!!

This Christmas Eve, before the 4pm Mass at MQP begins, we will have a spontaneous Christmas pageant!

Children are invited to come to church dressed as an angel, shepherd or star.

The pageant will begin at 3:30.... No rehearsal!

Families need to be seated by 3:20.

Questions? Contact Sue Levesque at the office.



“We are united with those Christians throughout the world who, in our own day, suffer martyrdom for the faith. They are the martyrs of the twenty-first century and their witness summons us to set out with courage on the path of the Beatitudes.” [Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex](#)

Parish Information:

New Parishioners We welcome you to our Parish! Please register on our website: saintsmaryandjoseph.org 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 x101 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 prayers by first name only to preserve 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!!!

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Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."
SCTV #17: Keith Nestor, Former Protestant Pastor 5 Part Series
Airing 12/9– 12/11 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Our **book selection for December** is *Hidden Christmas, the Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ*, by Timothy Keller. We will meet on Friday, December 20th from 10:30 - noon in the Emmaus Room at MQP to discuss the book. If you have any questions contact: normazimmermann@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Laundry Basket Drive getting underway, now through JANUARY 20, 2020. New baby items or gift cards can be placed in the laundry baskets located at the church entrances. Watch for more details!

Saturday Morning Bible Study : Advent—Preparing the Way
Come and join us! This is a time of so much hustle and bustle during this season, give yourself a moment of reflection...
A group of faith filled people meet on **Saturday morning at 8 AM** in St. Julie Hall on the St. Joseph Campus for a time of deep exploration of the scriptures. We would like to **invite anyone who wishes to participate** on an ADVENT trip through the Nativity. We are beginning with the parents of Mary and Joseph, Joachim and Anna through the first 2 chapters of Luke and the first chapter of Matthew. Coffee and food are always provided, come and join us for Advent or for a week if that meets your schedule. Prepare for a real Christmas! Have a blessed Advent!

Choir Leader/Cantor: Our parish is seeking a part-time Choir Leader/Cantor to lead music at the 11:00am Sunday Mass at Mary Queen of Peace. The candidate should be familiar with the Roman Catholic liturgy and be able to work with the choir and organist. Salary commensurate with skill and experience. For more information please contact Father Vincent via email at onunkwo2001@yahoo.com or call the parish office at 603-893-8661.

Have you been wondering about **what the Pastoral Council does?** You can read the minutes of the previous months minutes from the website OR on the church bulletin boards at the front entrances. Reading them is a great way to stay up-to-date on issues that Father Vincent and council members view as important.

Neighboring Parish Activities

Part-time Job Openings in Windham
St. Matthew in Windham has openings for a part-time Bookkeeper and a part-time parish Secretary. Contact Father Kennedy at their office for information.

St. Michael Parish, Night in Bethle- Friday, December Tours leave every 15
Lincoln St., Exeter, hem guided 13, minutes. Free Advent
NH walk on night of 5:30-8:30pm Program
Jesus' birth

Mass Intentions

St. Joseph

Sunday, December 8

7:30a Pro Populo—The People of the Parish

5:00p Marilyn McElroy r/b Maryanne Murach

Monday, December 9

7:15a Russell Gagnon r/b Jackie Provencher

Tuesday, December 10

7:15a Wayne Boyko r/b Marc & Joan Payeur; 36th Anniversary Thanksgiving for Intentions of Deacon David r/b his wife, Melanie

Thursday, December 12

7:15a Intentions of Chris S. r/b Halloran Small Faith Group

Friday, December 13

7:15a Leona B. Skehan r/b Joe & Martha Lessard

Sunday, December 15

7:30a Wayne Boyko r/b Maryanne Murach; Donna Poublon r/b Donna Laliberte

5:00p Eileen Connolly Burke r/b The Cipriano Family

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, December 7

4:00p Elizabeth O'Rourke r/b Family; Raymond Valcourt r/b Family; Eileen Burke r/b The Carter Family

Sunday, December 8

9:30a Filiciana Vicente r/b Gabriel Vicente

11:00a David Masoud r/b Thomas Masoud; Justin "Gus" Childs r/b Jan and The Family

Saturday, December 14

4:00p Pro Populo—People of the Parish

Sunday, December 15

9:30a Paul, Josephine & Rosaria Gurciullo r/b Bill & Betty Shearer; Frances Adeline Old r/b The Walsh Family

11:00a Floyd & Gaetana Dolce r/b Marie Buco; John Budron r/b The Carter Family

Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently, especially **Marilyn J. Fennell & Frank Grzasko, Jr.** May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen

This Tuesday is our day to provide desserts for the soup kitchen in Lawrence, MA. Please **bring your baked goodies** to the **parish office by 10:00am on December 10**. Thanks!



Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for **Soul's in Purgatory** by All Soul's Intentions and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Intentions of**

Olivia by Mary Roy.

Parish Events

Sunday December 8

9:30am KidsChurch/MQP—KidsChurch Room
9:30am Family Faith Formation/MQP-All Rooms
12:30pm Baptism MQP-Church
5:00pm CIA Middle School & Youth Group/SJ-Church

Monday December 9

4:30pm Fun in Son Group/SJ-Youth Center
5:30pm Jesus Kids Group/SJ-Youth Center
6:30pm RCIA/SJ—Family Room

Tuesday December 10

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Room
10:00am Bread & Roses Drop Off/MQP-Office
12:30pm Quilting/SJ-St. Julie Hall
4:00pm First Reconciliation/MQP-Church
7:00pm Walking with Purpose/MQP-All rooms

Wednesday December 11

10:00am Walking with Purpose/MQP-All Rooms
10:00am Choir Rehearsal/SJ -Church
5:30pm Car Show Meeting/MQP-Emmaus Room
7:00pm AA/MQP— Main Hall

Thursday December 12

1:00pm SJRCS Advent Mass/SJ-Church: **All are Welcome**
6:00pm Atonement Band rehearsal/MQP-Church
7:00pm Bereavement Group/SJ-St. Julie Hall
7:00pm Pastoral Council/SJ-Family Room

Friday December 13

7:00pm NarAnon /MQP-Main Hall

Saturday December 14

8:00am Bible Study/SJ-St. Julie Hall
4:00pm Family Faith Formation/MQP-All Rooms
6:00pm SIA/MQP-Emmaus Room

The **Pregnancy Care Center** is looking for volunteers. We need immediate help in Lawrence - everything from answering phones and sorting baby clothes to mentoring women in crisis. A typical shift is 3.5 hours, once a week. If you are interested contact Hilary at 978 373 5700 ext 37. Or visit us online at www.PCCfriends.org

Parish Giving

November 23 & November 24, 2019
(*Our goal is for \$11,000 each week.)

Envelopes \$ 7,078.00

Loose \$ 1,559.00

On-line \$ 693.00

* **TOTAL \$ 9,330.00**

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Black & Indian Missions \$2,062.00

2nd Collections for December

12-01 Development Fund

12-08 Immaculate Conception

12-08 Retirement Religious

Please consider adding Saints Mary & Joseph Parish to your will, or in your annual tax relief.