

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

December 22 & 25, 2019

**FATHER VINCENT AND THE PARISH STAFF WISH ALL OF OUR
PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS
AS WE WELCOME OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!**

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

200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

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

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

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

Can you imagine, leaving heaven to come to this imperfect world? It's cold here! It's brutal at times! There is pain and heartache! Why leave heaven? Because – it's who He is. It's in His very name! GOD WITH US – Emmanuel. It wasn't enough to reign from on high; He wanted to be one of us. And so Mary is chosen, Joseph hears from an angel. And God enters the world as a baby.

How do we bring Jesus into the world today? End a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss gossip. Trust another. Write a love letter. Share a treasure. Give a soft answer. Make a promise. Keep a promise. Make the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize. Understand. Examine your demands on others. Think of someone else first. Be kind. Be gentle. Be grateful. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Gladden the heart of a child. Smell an infant's head (heaven on earth to me!) Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty of nature. Speak love. Speak it again. Speak it yet, once more.

And then truly we will know – God is with us!

Justine Dufour

e-GIVING



Would you consider e-Giving? It is safe, convenient and easy. You can register for a one time or recurring gift and direct funds for first, second or special collections. It's easy to register and make changes. Simply download the MyChurch App or visit the Donate page on our website. If you don't have access to the internet our staff can help you register, simply call the office.



Regular e-Giving helps the financial stability of our parish. Thank you for considering this option.

Vocation Awareness:

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** on **Tuesday (12/24), Wednesday (25) and Thursday (26)** this week to allow the Parish Staff to celebrate Christmas with their families!
Please plan accordingly.

"The **Christmas Wafers** for the Traditional Christmas Celebrations (**Lithuanian "Kucios" & Polish "Wigilia"**) are available at the **Corpus Christi Parish Office** in Lawrence, MA during regular business hours. You may obtain them for a Free Will Donation. For further information you can contact David Boucher, President of the Knights of Lithuania at 978-337-3737."

Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Years

St. Joseph Christmas Masses:

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM in the Church

4:15 PM in the Auditorium

Midnight Mass in the Church

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas

11:00AM in the Church

Wednesday, January 1st –Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM in the Church

Mary Queen of Peace Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

3:30PM Children's Christmas Pageant

4:00 PM Mass

Wednesday, December 25th –Christmas Day

9:30 AM

Tuesday, Dec. 31st – Solemnity of Mary Vigil

4:00 PM

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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: Jan 5 Mass-Noon

Option 4:00: Jan 11 Mass-6:30

Option 9:30B: Jan 12 Mass-Noon

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Youth Ministry Mondays

Grades K-2
4:30-6

Grades 3-5
5:30-7

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

Meeting Theme: Happy New Year!!!

Dates

Jan 6 Cheeseburger sliders
Jan 13 Ham/Turkey sliders
Both groups together on 1/13 for BOARD GAME NIGHT 4:30-7!!!
Jan 20 (no school, no meeting)
Jan 27 BLT or PB&J sliders

"Behold! I make all things NEW!!!"



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

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

Third Sunday of Advent: Jesus, you are joy even in the saddest times. Help us to praise you when we are upset or grieving. Shine **joy** into our hearts we pray. Amen.

Forth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are love even if we are afraid. Help us to pray to you when we are scared or fearful. Bring **love** into our hearts we pray. Amen.

Christmas Day

Jesus, you came to be **light** in our darkness. Jesus, you came to be **peace** in our conflicts. Jesus, you came to be **joy** in our sadness, And to bring your **love** in our fears. Today we celebrate your birth. Thank you for your saving grace. Amen.

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

**Congratulations to the following children
who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Dec 7th!!!
May you always know God's unconditional LOVE!!!**

Youth Ministry

Dinner Theme: January Snow Sliders
Meeting Theme: Happy New Year!!!
"See, I make all things NEW!!!"

Date **Menu**

Jan 5 Cheeseburger Sliders
Jan 12 Ham, Turkey & Cheese Club Sliders
Jan 19 (no school, no youth group)
Jan 28 BLT or PB&J Sliders

God makes all things **NEW** YEAR
"BEHOLD! I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW..."
REVELATION 21:5

Grades 6-8 Youth Ministry
Christians in Action

in youth center behind St Julie Hall at the St Joe campus, 40 Main St
Gr 6-8 begin with 5pm Mass, then dinner and meeting!

Matthew Alba
Sophie Bathalon
Lia Bokuniewicz
Zachary Bolduc
Austin Bonarrigo
Sidney Buco
Braylee Cabral
Sophia Captell
Calvin Clement
Madeline Coleman
Michael Corbett
Nolan Dupuis
Claire Fenton

Madisyn Grover
Joshua Hammond
Aviana Hills
Matthew Huyck
Madison Kearley
Enzo Manzo
Mia Martino
Lea McComiskie
Kevin McDonough
Isabella McLaughlin
Jacob Mitchell
Joseph Ohannessian
Claire Olverson

London Parlatore
Aurora Piranian
Gabriella Puopolo
Chloe Rose
Hannah Rossi
Hayden Rossi
Ryan Schoenrock
Emmett Schwarzeberg
Brianna Serafino
Cameron Smerdon
Jackson Stahl
Alena Thompson
Gehrig Weiner

Youth Group Activities

Dec. 22 Gingerbread Nativity after all morning Masses at MQP. No evening Youth Group

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Our parish **Cor Unum** night for December is **Thursday, the 26th**. During this season of giving, why not plan to give some of your time to serving our less fortunate neighbors? If you have company visiting you, maybe they would like to keep the spirit of giving alive for an extra day by volunteering with you? Our time serving is just about 2.5 hours. Please arrive by 4:15pm to get your assignment. Cor Unum is located at 191 Salem Street in Lawrence. If you have any questions, please contact Dru Fitzgerald at 508-843-4103. Hope to see you there!



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, beginning with cocktails at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. The cost remains at \$55.00 per person, which includes appetizers,

plated dinner, beverages and dessert *plus* a commemorative keepsake! (There will be a cash bar.)

There will be three great comedians headlined by comedian 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!

Some **new topics have been added to our CD racks** at the rear of each Church. (St. Joseph’s CD rack is in the alcove at the back.) It’s not too early to select a truly Christian message to add to your stocking stuffers. Dr. Scott Hahn’s **The body and Blood of Christ** talks about the truly miraculous gift we receive at each Mass. The CD about **Padre Pio** gives some fascinating details about his ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls and the many miracles attributed to his intercession. There are many other choices that will make wonderful gifts.

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.

“With this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.”

[Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex](#)

For Gluten Free Communicants

As you know, during the Christmas season we will have many visitors attending the various masses. Given the serious health risk for those suffering gluten intolerance, it is important that everyone be aware of the process used in this parish for people with that condition. If someone you know is gluten-free, please assure them that they are welcome to receive by following this procedure.

On the table that holds the unconsecrated hosts and wine that will be used during the mass, there is a small white dish called a ramekin with hosts wrapped in clear cellophane. There is also a medium size gold pyx and a small bowl containing necklaces with wooden crosses. The person with gluten intolerance should remove a host from its wrapping and place it in the gold pyx, then take a necklace. This separation of hosts avoids cross contamination with those in the larger plate containing gluten. During the offertory, the gold pyx will be brought down to the priest along with the other unconsecrated hosts and wine. When the person goes up to communion within the normal Communion line they should be wearing the necklace and go to the priest (or Eucharistic Minister) who has the smaller gold pyx. (At Mary Queen of Peace, go to the Tabernacle side.) To avoid cross-contamination, the priest or Eucharistic Minister will change hands before offering “the Body of Christ” to the communicant. The necklace will alert the priest/minister that the gluten-free host will be offered. Return the necklace after mass. It is also worth recalling that, through the doctrine of concomitance, the Church teaches that under either species of bread or wine, the whole Christ is received (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 282; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1390). Thus, the faithful may be confident in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist they receive, even under only one or the other species. (USCCB)

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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: For Greater Glory, the True Story

Airing 12/23– 12/25 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Christmas Concert December 29 at 2:00pm St. Raphael Church, Manchester, NH
With a variety of songs like *Hallelujah* (Cohen), *Mary Did You Know* (Lowry) and *O Holy Night*, the soprano **Marie-Line Morin** brings to light what it means for us today that Jesus, the incarnation of the Father, was born 2000 years ago. Since this concert will really be oriented toward **inviting Christ into Christmas**, it might be a good occasion to invite people to, not only bring friends and family but also invite people they know **who might be further away from the Church** or in search of something greater than what our society has to offer. **FREE Admission**

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!

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. These non-perishable items are distributed to the 19 pregnancy care centers in New Hampshire, including St. Gianna's Place. Check out the list on the bulletin board for more specifics of requested items. Any questions, contact Dave Thompson, PGK, at 898-1217.

Please **do not donate** Food items, Cribs, or Car seats. Thank You for your help!

Year-End Tax Statements

It's almost tax time again! If you would like to receive a copy of your contribution statement, please provide the following information via email or a phone message: Name, Address, Envelope number, Phone number. Call 893-8661 x101 for Maryanne or email officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org. Statements will be mailed out on Fridays for requests made during that week. Thank you for your cooperation!

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. Matthew Church, 2 Searles Road, Windham, NH	Life Management Workshop: Balancing responsibilities & relationships	Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 9:00am—Noon	Del Gilbert is presenter. Workshop is FREE of charge and OPEN to ALL.
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Mass Intentions

St. Joseph

Sunday, December 22

7:30a Alphen, Tris & Haskell
Families r/b Lee Alphen

5:00p Joe Smith r/b The Cipriano
Family

Monday, December 23

7:15a Shirley Crawford r/b Dottie
Clarke

Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm Cynthia Castricone
Drake r/b her Mother

4:15pm Alfred, Elizabeth &
Maureen Collins r/b Their
Family

Midnight All Soul's Intentions

Wednesday, December 25

11:00am All Soul's Intentions

Thursday, December 26

7:15a Clara Cooney r/b Richard
Cooney; Theresa Walsh r/b
Terry & Mark Berube

Friday, December 27

7:15a Tom Scolastico r/b
Melanie & David Costello

Sunday, December 29

7:30a Deceased Members of the
Murach & Kloza Families r/b
Maryanne Murach

5:00p Patricia Jackson r/b David
& Melanie Costello

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, December 21

4:00p Frank DeLucia r/b The Family;
Rita Lemelin r/b Roger & Lorraine
Martin

Sunday, December 22

9:30a Pro Populo—People of the
Parish

11:00a Merton Page r/b Eleanor
Page

Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm Richard J. Hassett Jr. r/b
Ruth & Richard Hassett; Vincent &
Mary Sullivan r/b Paul & Veronica
Lavoie

Wednesday, December 25

9:30am All Soul's Intentions

Saturday, December 28

4:00p Rival Gauvin r/b his Wife;
Pearl Rivard r/b Pam & Buddy; Rita
Lemelin r/b Roger & Lorraine
Martin

Sunday, December 29

9:30a Edward Mills r/b Balukonis
Family

11:00a Pro Populo—People of the
Parish

Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for
the Intentions of Lorraine DiBenedetto by Family Friends and at Mary
Queen of Peace for **Catherine Sullivan** by the Lavin Family.



Parish Events

Sunday December 22

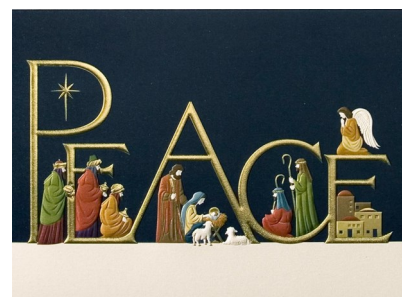
9:30am KidsChurch/MQP—
KidsChurch Room
9:30am Graham Cracker Nativity/
MQP-Main Hall
12:00am Graham Cracker Nativity-
MQP-Main Hall

Monday December 23

4:30pm Fun in Son Group/SJ-Youth
Center

Tuesday December 24

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus
Room
12:30pm Quilting/SJ-St. Julie Hall



Wednesday December 25

7:00pm AA/MQP— Main Hall

Thursday December 26

Friday December 27
7:00pm NarAnon /MQP-Main Hall

Saturday December 28

8:00am Bible Study/SJ-St. Julie Hall
10:00am Baptism/SJ-Church
6:00pm SIA/MQP-Emmaus Room



Parish Giving

December 14 & December 15, 2019

Envelopes \$ 6,727.00

Loose \$ 1,725.00

On-line \$ 1,734.00

* **TOTAL \$10,186.00**

2nd Collections for December

12-15 Retirement Religious **\$2,271.00**

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

Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently, especially **Mary Caires & John Fenlon**. May
their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's
promise of the resurrection.

Did you know? If you are 70 1/2 or older and need to take a "required
minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA retirement account, a direct dis-
tribution 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.