

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

January 5, 2020

*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

200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

Fax: 603-890-0292

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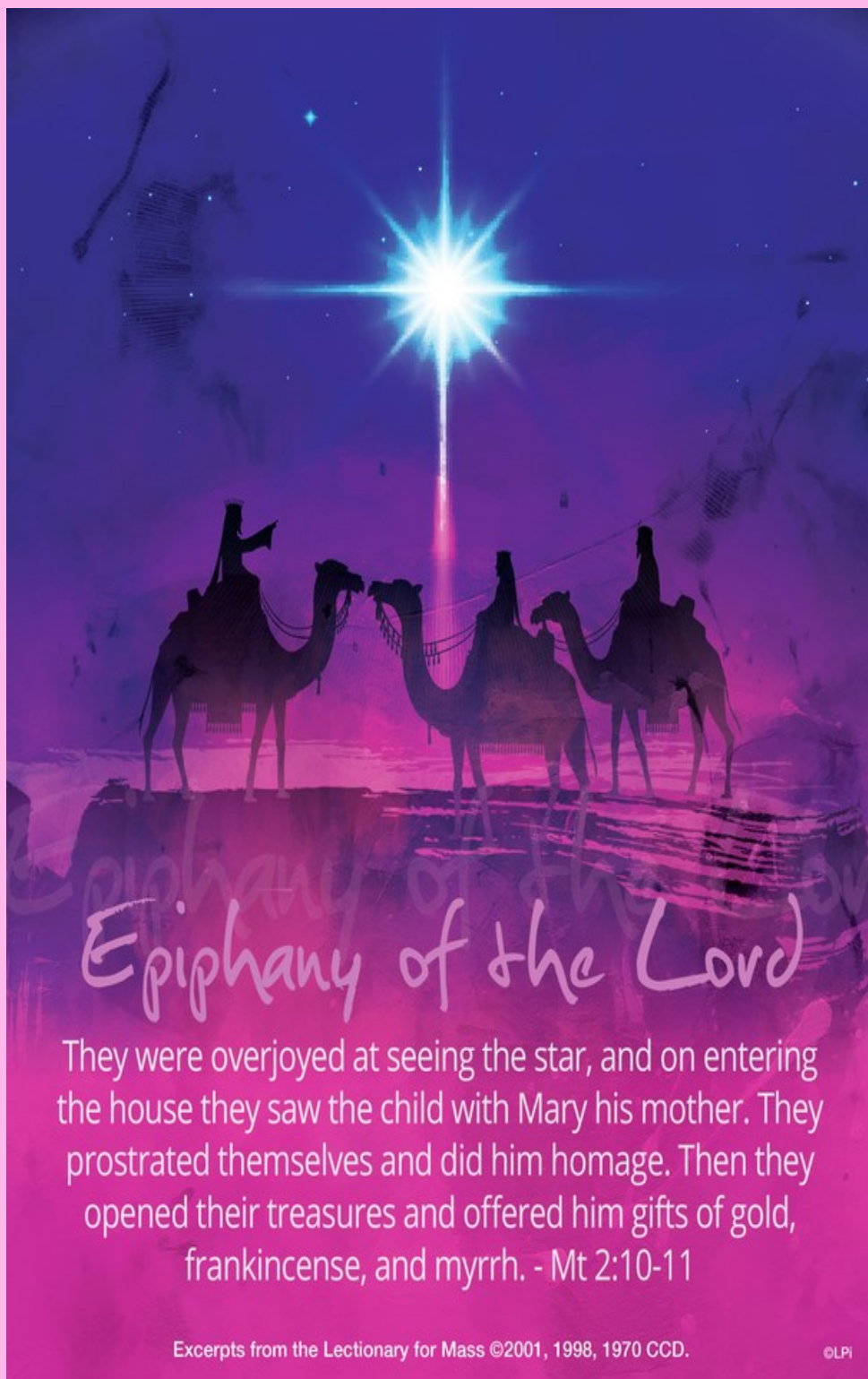
Website:

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

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

**Have you ever heard of a “Big Reveal” event??** Apparently, the celebrating of such events has been done for some time because there are now greeting cards that you can have printed to announce such an event. What is usually being revealed is the gender of a child to be born into the family.

Have I ever had a “reveal” event in my life, I asked myself? One of the experiences that came to mind was my involvement in Marriage Encounter when I dared share something deeply personal (usually a feeling) with my wife and other ME couples. My sharing and their acceptance of it was life-changing; they now knew more about the real me and I felt uplifted by their love and acceptance!

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, a feast that usually passes without much attention. If any is given, it is usually to the three Wise Men as they present their gifts to the Holy Family at Bethlehem. That is the story given in the Gospel but I would urge you to read and meditate on the 1st Reading from the Book of Isaiah. Rather than hearing the words addressed to “Jerusalem”, *hear them addressed to you personally*. With Jesus’ birth into our world, “*your light has come*”, “*upon you the Lord shines*”. “Then you shall be radiant at what you see” and “*your heart shall throb and overflow*”. In Jesus, God has revealed himself to us as fully as it is possible for us to perceive and understand. **This is God’s “Big Reveal” event.** We no longer need to look up and wonder whether God is present or cares for us in our personal struggles. God has revealed himself by assuming the flesh of humankind so that we might have no doubts that God understands our deepest feelings, our struggles, our doubts. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Thank you, Lord, for the ultimate gift!

This is  
**BIG**

## Epiphany Chalk Blessing

Each year around the feast of the Epiphany many parishes throughout the world participate in an annual blessing of chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home, it places your entire family under God’s protection.



*Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this, for example*

**20 C+M+B 20**

*with the “20” being the millennium and century, the “C” standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the “M” standing for Melchior, the “B” standing for Bal-  
thasar, and the “20” standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly  
believed that the Kings’ initials stand for  
“Christus mansionem benedicat” (“Christ bless this house”).*

**Baptism During Mass** On January 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**. In light of this feast, we will have 6 families having their babies Baptized **during the 11:00am Mass at Mary Queen of Peace**. Thank you for welcoming these young families!

## Vocation Awareness:

“Nations shall walk by your light,” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to be part of the revelation of Christ as a priest, or in the consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



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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



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

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### Youth Ministry Mondays

**Grades K-2**  
4:30-6

**Grades 3-5**  
5:30-7

Fun in the Sun  
Grades K-2 Youth Ministry

Grades 3-5 Youth Ministry  
The Jesus Kids

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

Happy New Year

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



### 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  
HAPPY 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!



The Christmas Story as told by our children and youth during the Christmas Eve Pageant! Everyone was adorable!! Thank You.

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Our book selection for January is *The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd. We have library copies for this popular book, so if you would like to join us, please let me know, and I can get a library copy for you. This book must be returned to me at the January book club meeting. Our date for discussion is Friday, January 17th, from 10:30 - noon in the Emmaus Room at MQP. For any questions, email me, [normazimmermann@gmail.com](mailto:normazimmermann@gmail.com)



**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.

It's also not too early to secure your Valentine Date! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ken Tarara at [Kenneth.tarara@gmail.com](mailto:Kenneth.tarara@gmail.com)



A group of parishioners hit the town on December 14th to sing Christmas Carols throughout Salem. They visited our home bound parishioners and residents in need of some Christmas cheer!



### Slice-of-the-Pie December Winners.....

Janet Gagne #83

Regina "Gina" Garnier #89

Geraldine "Gerry" Bean #23

**Each receives a check for \$125.00!**

**Congratulations!!**

Since New Year's Day falls on the first Wednesday in January, the **POT LUCK SUPPER is being moved to January 8 this month.** The theme is **"BREAKFAST FOR DINNER"**! So bring your favorite breakfast food or casserole and join us at St. Julie Hall at the St. Joseph campus for a fun evening! Doors open at 5:30pm. We'll look forward to seeing you and meeting some new parishioners on the 8th!



"May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May He soften our often stony and self-centered hearts, and make them channels of His love. On this joyful day, may He bring His tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world."

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

### Emergency Preparedness

"Church security seems a contradiction, but Christian churches everywhere have been compelled to seriously address this issue. No place is sacred to the criminal, and all churches, large and small, are vulnerable. Church violence is a nightmare to every church member and visitor. Natural disasters often occur without warning. There is no possible way to predict the "if, what, when and where" of a violent act or natural disaster. The key is to be prepared ahead of time and ready to act in the event of natural disaster or hostile act." *Granite United Safety Manual*

In protecting lives, preparation is the proven key to success! Our staff, along with community members and first responders, have been attending preparedness training. These sessions are co-sponsored by the Diocese and Homeland Security. The group has also been holding regular safety meetings that have resulted in the bench cards and several changes to the facilities. We will continue to meet to address other safety concerns and issues. We will probably be expanding the membership in the near future to include more parishioners from both campuses.



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### Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."

SCTV #17: Poster Child for Divine Mercy:

The Father Don Calloway Conversion Story

Airing 1/6– 1/8/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

### Parish Information:

**New Parishioners** We welcome you to our Parish! Please register on our website:

[saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://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](mailto:greeleykid@msn.com) BUT must have the word "prayer" in the subject line!!!

### Walking with Purpose

Have you heard the buzz about our new Women's Bible Study, *Walking with Purpose*? If you would like to come and check it out, we invite you to our next *Connect Coffee* on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm or on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Both meet at Mary Queen of Peace. For more info call Justine Dufour at the office.

### Classic Car Show/Craft Fair FUNdraiser

There will be a meeting on **Thursday January 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM in Julia Hall** for anyone interested in participating in a "classic car show/craft fair" fundraiser. Please come and share your ideas! Everyone is welcome.

### Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen

On **Tuesday, January 8** we will be providing desserts for the Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen. Please drop off your goodies by 10:00 am at the parish office at Mary Queen of Peace.

**Knights of Columbus Laundry Basket Drive** is 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. Thank You for your help! Please **do not donate** Food items, Cribs, or Car seats

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### 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](mailto:officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org). Statements will be mailed out on Fridays for requests made during that week. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Father Vincent's Vacation

Father Vincent will be taking his vacation from **January 13 to February 24**. We will have visiting priests to cover all of the weekend masses and funerals. The **morning mass will be suspended** during that time. If you have a mass intention offered on a weekday during those dates, either Father Vincent will offer it during his vacation, or you can call the office to change the date. For those wishing to attend daily mass, the nearby churches and corresponding mass times will be listed in the bulletin next week.

## Mass Intentions

### St. Joseph

**Sunday, January 5**

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

**5:00p** **Christmas Flower Remembrances**

**Monday, January 6**

**7:15a** Ed Kulesz r/b Maryanne Murach

**Tuesday, January 7**

**7:15a** Vincent "Vinnie" Berthiaume r/b Pat Kulesz

**Thursday, January 9**

**7:15a** Dennis Clow r/b Marty McDonough

**Friday, January 10**

**7:15a** Joan Zisek r/b Cipriano Family

**Sunday, January 12**

**7:30a** Martha Smith r/b Maryanne Murach

**5:00p** Pro Populo—The People of the Parish



**Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle** is burning this week at St. Joseph for **the Intentions of Jay & Andrea**

**Cappello** by Morning Mass Community and at Mary Queen of Peace for **the Intentions of Jan Childs** by the Consolers.

### Mary Queen of Peace

**Saturday, January 4**

**4:00p** Silvio Amorino r/b his Wife Marie; Jerry Krol r/b Krystyna Krecinska

**Sunday, January 5**

**9:30a** Wayne Boyko r/b Melanie & David Costello

**11:00a** **Christmas Flower Remembrances**

**Saturday, January 11**

**4:00p** Tony Percuoco r/b Wife, Nancy; Jack Fenlon r/b Jean McFadden; Marilyn Fennell r/b Bill Fennell

**Sunday, January 12**

**9:30a** Viola Cirella r/b Melanie & David Costello

**11:00a** Alfred Pare r/b Melanie & David Costello; Kenneth Akio Takaki r/b wife Sumalee

### Christmas Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 14,395.25
Loose	\$ 3,685.00
On-Line	\$ next week
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,080.25</b>

**Christmas Flowers \$ 2,274.00**

*Thank you for your generosity throughout the year! Your regular financial support of our parish community is essential to our continued viability and vitality!*

## Parish Events

**Sunday January 5**

- 9:30am KidsChurch/MQP—KidsChurch Room
- 9:30am Family Faith Formation/MQP-Hall
- 11:00am Rite of Acceptance/MQP-Church
- 12:30 Baptism Prep/MQP-Hall
- 5:00pm CIA & LOL Youth Groups/SJ-Church

**Monday January 6**

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

**Tuesday January 7**

- 10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Room
- 12:30pm Quilting/SJ-St. Julie Hall
- 7:00pm Walking with Purpose/MQP-Hall

**Wednesday January 8**

- 10:00am Walking with Purpose/MQP-Hall
- 9:30am Men's Cursillo Group/SJ-Family Room
- 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper/SJ-St. Julie Hall
- 7:00pm AA/MQP—Main Hall

**Thursday January 9**

- 5:30pm Car Show Meeting/SJ-St. Julie Hall
- 6:00pm Atonement Band rehearsal/MQP-Church
- 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting/SJ-Family Room
- 7:00pm Bereavement Group/SJ-St. Julie Hall

**Friday January 10**

- 7:00pm NarAnon /MQP-Main Hall

**Saturday January 11**

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

### Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently. 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 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.

### Parish Giving

Dec. 21 & Dec 22, 2019

Envelopes	\$8,412.00
Loose	\$1,792.00
On-Line	\$ 824.00
<b>* Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,028.00</b>

### 2nd Collections for January

- 1/5 Development Fund
- 1/19 Seminarians Fund

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