Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

January 12, 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)

RECONCILIATON:

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

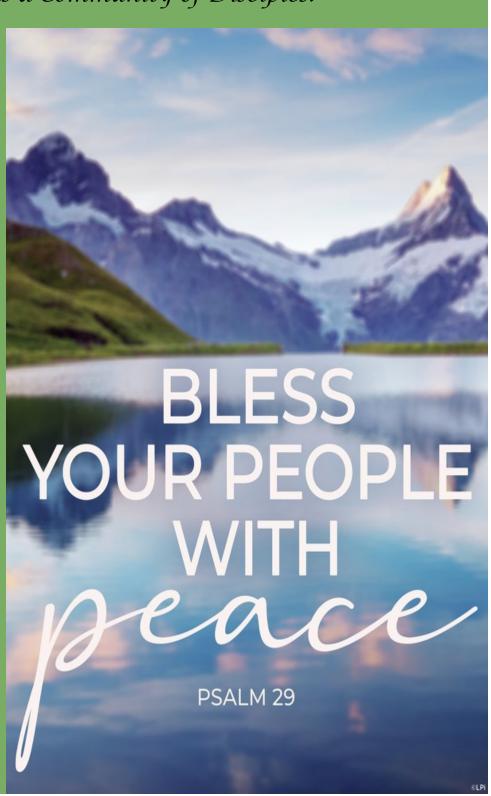
200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

Fax: 603-890-0292

Mon-Thu 9:30am-2:30pm
Fri 9:30am-12:30pm by appt.
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January 12, 2020—The Baptism of the Lord

"Plunging" into the waters of humanity

What would be the last thing you would give up?

What's the very last possession you would cling to before you were forced to let go?

Your phone or laptop or tablet? Your credit card? Your car keys?

Some of us would cling to our professional credentials, the reputation and respect that we have earned over a long career, the expertise or art we have worked so hard to master; we'd be loath to surrender those things that make us (at least in

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our own eyes) better than others, that put us (so we believe) in a position to judge those we consider lesser lights.

Maybe the last thing we would give up is our identity as a spouse or a parent or a grandparent. No one could ever take that away — could they?

But that's exactly what happens at the River Jordan. Jesus leaves everything – including his divinity – at the river's edge. John, the fiery preacher who presides at those baptisms, is embarrassed by Jesus' coming forward for baptism. But Jesus insists. He empties himself of all that he is. He becomes the slave, the poor laborer, the leper, the forgotten man or woman he is standing next to in line. He plunges headlong into the dark, dirty water of the human condition. And, as Matthew the Gospel writer recounts, some remarkable things happen — the most remarkable of all: God "plunges" with us into the turbulent waters of our days, and we emerge with that emptiness filled with God's Spirit of peace and of hope in realizing his Kingdom here and now.

It's all a matter of what we're willing to surrender at the river's edge.

Deacon Jay

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. For those wishing to attend daily mass, the nearby churches and corresponding mass times are listed below.

St. Anne Church	26 Emerson Ave. Hampstead	Monday—Thursday 9:15am No Friday Mass
St. Patrick Church	12 Main St. Pelham, NH	Monday—Thursday 8:00am No Friday Mass
St. Lucy Church	254 Merrimack St. Methuen, MA	Monday-Wednesday 8:00am
St. Monica Church	212 Lawrence St. Methuen, MA	Thursday & Friday 8:00am
Warde Center Chapel	21 Searles Road Windham, NH	Monday—Thursday 8:30am
St. Matthew Church	2 Searles Road Windham, NH	Tuesday 5:00pm; Wednesday 7:00pm; Friday 8:30am
Holy Family Chapel	70 East St Methuen, MA	Daily Rosary @11:30am followed by Mass at NOON
St. Thomas Aquinas	26 Crystal Ave. Derry, NH	Monday 9:00am Tuesday—Thursday 8:00am

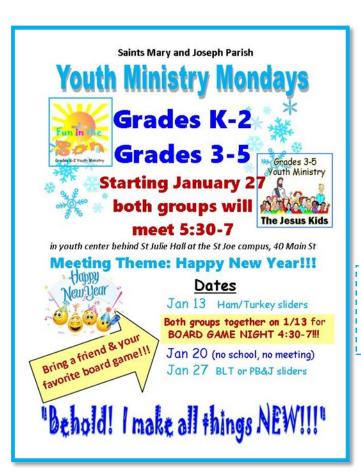
Youth Happenings: All group events are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall Unless stated otherwise.

Youth Ministry Information

Faith Formation Upcoming Schedules:

Option 4:00: Jan 11 Mass-6:30 Option 9:30B: Jan 12 Mass-Noon

Youth Ministry Mondays Board Game Night on Jan 13 AND NEW MEETING TIME for Grades K-2!!!



End 68 Hours of Hunger

At the beginning of the Christmas Season our Parish gave out chocolate Advent calendars to children participating in the End



68 Hours of Hunger program. We also gave each child a gift bag including a \$10 gift card to McDonalds along with some festive candies and a Christmas wish from Saints Mary and Joseph Parish! Thank you to the Andolino Family and the Salem School Administrative staff for their support.





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

Drop your preschool child off in our Kidschurch room before the 9:30 Mass so they may experience Church in an age -appropriate environment!!!

January's theme:



"I will praise You for I am wonderfully made!" Psalm 139:14



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 appetiz-

ers, plated dinner, beverages and dessert *plus* a commerative 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, calling him at 978-697-6930, or at the parish office.

Knights of Columbus sponsor Annual Pro-Life Mass

On Sunday, January 19, the Knights of Columbus are offering a Pro-Life Mass at Mary Queen of Peace at 11:00am. This mass is always held near the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision of 1973, which legalized most forms of abortion on demand. The March for Life president, Jeanne Mancini, said that this year's 47th March for Life will focus on recognizing the dignity of life empowers women, by emphasizing the pro-life movement's support for women through the slogan "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman." The choice to focus on women's empowerment stemmed mainly from the anniversary of the 19th Amendment this year. In embracing the theme, Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education Fund, cited the coming centennial of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, and the views of early suffragists, including the best-known figure of the movement, Susan B. Anthony. Mancini said that "so many people misunderstand what that was about" and that the March for Life will do its best to educate the public on the early feminist movement.

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote was passed by the U.S. House May 21, 1919, and by the U.S. Senate June 4, 1919; it was then submitted to the states for ratification. On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee was the last of the necessary 36 states needed to ratify the measure, and the 19th Amendment was officially adopted Aug. 26, 1920.

The Daily Signal, October 16, 2019 $\,\&\,$ The National Catholic Reporter, October 18, 2019

Vocation Awareness:

"...this is my beloved Son...." If this excites you into desiring to tell the story of Jesus, then God may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

"We must believe that others need peace just as much as we do.

Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for. Let us ask the Lord for the gift of peace!" Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

Do you know

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25, many other important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. That is why the **Epiphany Proclamation** was read before the Gospel last Sunday. Even today, few people know the Liturgical dates of our most important Feast Days.

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. At the invitation of Father Vincent, Sgt. Rick Pappalardo spoke to the congregation last weekend. Sgt. Rick, a NH State Trooper, is a parishioner who shares his safety knowledge with the staff.



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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: Deep in scripture series with Marcus Grodi:

Episode #4—Early Christian Fathers & the Eucharist

Airing 1/13-1/15/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Our book selection for January is *The Secret Life of Bees,* by Sue Monk Kidd. 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

Food Pantry Replenishment

Now that the holidays are behind us, the food pantry needs to restock its shelves. If you would like to help, please consider purchasing the following items.

Beef stew boxed potatoes maple syrup coffee tea hot chocolate snacks cereal jello and toiletries like toothpaste shampoo toilet paper.

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting this ministry!

Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen

On **Tuesday, January 14** 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, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem

Knights of Columbus Laundry Basket Drive is in full swing, now through JANUARY 20, 2020. New baby items or gift cards can be placed in the laundry baskets located at the church entrances. Any questions, contact Dave Thompson, PGK, at 898-1217. Thank You for your help! Please do not donate Food items, Cribs, or Car seats

Part-Time Job Openings at Sts. Mary & Joseph

Part-Time - Pastoral Minister

Lead High School Youth Group; Scheduling /Intake for Baptisms; prepare for baptism class/prepare certificates; Coordinate Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); Assist in Faith Formation; Coordinate Safe Environment Program ensuring all employees and volunteers have completed Diocesan Safe Environment requirements in a timely manner/maintain files and participate in audits when required; participate in weekly staff meetings, etc., Candidates should be willing to work occasional nights and weekends to support parish activities and programs. This position is approximately 22 hours per week (Monday – Thursday with flexibility). Candidates should have excellent communication skills as well as strong computer skills.

Part-Time - Pastoral Coordinator

We are currently seeking a part-time Pastoral Coordinator to work for 20 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, handling Liturgy of the Word for Children, Coordinate Coffee and Donuts at the 9:30 & 11:00 am Masses at MQP; Find EM's to bring Communion when there is a need; Lead Stations of the Cross and offer Soup all Wednesdays of Lent; Coordinate the Giving Tree at Christmas and Our Family to Family meal distribution at Thanksgiving and Easter; participate in weekly staff meetings, etc. Candidates should be willing to work occasional nights and weekends to support parish activities and programs. Candidates should have excellent communication skills, both written and spoken, as well as strong computer skills.

Qualified candidates should send a resume to Fr. Vincent at onunkwo2001@yahoo.com

Mass Intentions

St. Joseph

Sunday, January 12

7:30a Martha Smith r/b Maryanne Murach

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

(Daily mass suspended until February 24)

Monday, January 13

7:15a No Intention

Tuesday, January 14

7:15a No intention

Thursday, January 16

7:15a No Intention

Friday, January 17

7:15a No intention

Sunday, January 19

7:30a Andrew Botticelli r/b Ken Akerley; Evelyn Demers r/b Her Husband Bob

5:00p Mary Korbey r/b Cipriano Family



Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for Evelyn **Demers** by Her Family and

at Mary Queen of Peace for the **Intentions of Olivia & Cassie** by the Holy Girls.

P	Parish Giving	
Dec. 28 & Dec 29, 2019		
Envelopes	\$7,120.00	
Loose	\$1,697.00	
On-Line	\$ 684.00	
* Total	\$ 9,501.00	

2nd Collections for January

1/5 Development Fund \$2,941.00

1/19 Seminarians Fund

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

Mary Queen of Peace

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

Saturday, January 18

4:00p People of the Parish

Sunday, January 19

9:30a Ronald Wooles r/b Charles Wheeler

11:00a Pro-Life Mass r/b Knights of Columbus

January 4 & 5, 2020 Envelopes \$ 7,586.00

Loose \$ 1,185.00 \$ 1,744.00 On-Line

Total

Solemnity of Mary \$ 2,341.00

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

\$ 10,515.00

Parish Events

Sunday January 12 9:30am KidsChurch/MQP-

KidsChurch Room 9:30am Family Faith Formation/

MQP-Hall

11:00am Baptism/MQP-Church 5:00pm CIA & LOL Youth Groups/SJ-

> Church Monday January 13

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

Center

Jesus Kids Group/SJ-Youth 5:30pm

Center

6:30pm RCIA/SJ-Family Room 6:30pm Choir rehearsal for

11:00am/MQP-Church

January 14 Tuesday

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Room

10:00am Soup Kitchen desserts to parish office

12:30pm Quilting/SJ-St. Julie Hall

7:00pm Walking with Purpose/MQP-

Wednesday January 15

10:00am Walking with Purpose/MQP-Hall

10:00am Choir rehearsal/SJ-Church

7:00pm AA/MQP- Main Hall

Thursday January 16

6:00pm Atonement Band rehearsal/ MQP-Church

Bereavement Group/SJ-St. 7:00pm Julie Hall

Friday January 17

10:30am Book Club/MQP-Emmaus Room

6:00pm Adoration/SJ-Church 6:00pm Social/Game Night/SJ-St

Julie Hall

7:00pm NarAnon /MQP-Main Hall

Saturday January 18 Adoration/SJ-Church 6:00am Bible Study/SJ-St. Julie Hall 8:00am

SIA/MQP-Émmaus Room 6:00pm

Rest in Peace

We pray for Gino Digirolamo who died recently. May his family be comforted by loving memories of him 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.