

First Sunday of Advent • December 2, 2012





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# WELCOME TO SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH PARISH A Jesuit parish responding to the call of Christ through prayer, service, and community.

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#### PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 2	12:30PM	Community Baptism	MQP-Church
	3:00PM	CONFIRMATION	MQP-Church
	7:00-8:30PM	EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH	SJ-Family Room
MONDAY, December 3	4:00-5:15PM	REL ED—Grades 1-4	MQP-Classrooms
	6:00-7:30PM	REL Ed—Middle School Option A	MQP-Room 3
TUESDAY, December 4	10:00 <b>AM</b>	Bible Study	MQP-Emmaus Rm
	12:30-3:30PM	Saints Mary & Joseph Quilters	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	4:00-5:15PM	REL ED—Grades 1-4	MQP-Classrooms
	6:00PM-7:15PM	REL ED-GRADE 5	MQP-Classrooms
	6:00-7:45	REL ED—Emmaus Exper. Option 2	SJ-Family Room
	7:30-9:00PM	Al-Anon	SJ-St. Julie Hall
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5	4:00-5:15PM	REL ED—Grades 1-4	MQP-Classes
	5:30PM	POT-LUCK SUPPER—All invited!	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	8:00PM	AA	MQP-Hall
THURSDAY, December 6	6:15-6:45PM/7:00-9:00PM	Children's Choir/Adult Choir-Christmas	MQP-Church
	7:00PM	Big Day of Serving Meeting	SJ-Family Room
	7:00-8:30PM	Bereavement Group	SJ-St. Julie Hall
FRIDAY, December 7	Noon-5:00PM	1ST FRIDAY ADORATION	ST-Church
	4:00-5:00PM	DOTs Meeting	SJ-Family Room
	7:00PM	LESSONS & CAROLS	SJ-Church
	7:00PM	Ultreya	SJ-St. Julie Hall
SATURDAY, December 8	8:00-9:30AM	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
SUNDAY, December 9	2:30-4:00PM	Rel Ed-Middle School Option C	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	5:00-6:45PM	Rel Ed-EE Option 1	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	7:00-8:30PM	EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH	SJ-Family Room

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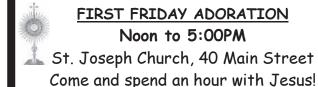
Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,



The Pastoral Council and the staff have been discussing the possibility of offering a Sunday evening Mass to give families another option for Sunday worship. A poll taken among some families with children in religious education revealed that over a third found it difficult to make it to Sunday Mass because of other activities that their children were scheduled for. It is also true that some teens work on weekends and Mass does not easily fit in their work schedule.

However, if we are to offer a Sunday evening Mass, either at 6 or 6:30, it would be important that adults and Confirmed teens step up and take on the ministries that would be needed for such a Mass. We would need lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and servers, and music. There would be training sessions for all of these ministries. If you would be willing to serve the community in any of these ways, please call the office. If there are enough people to cover a Sunday evening Mass, we would offer it on a trial basis from the first Sunday of Lent through Pentecost Sunday. Thank you for your help.

Peace in the Lord Jesus, Fr. John



#### KNOW ANY HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We will be going "on the road again" with Christmas caroling the evening of December 22, visiting as many as possible of our homebound parishioners. If you have the name and address of any elderly or disabled parishioners who are unable to come and join with the community for Sunday worship, please let us know by calling or visiting the Parish Office, or dropping a note in the collection basket. *Joy to the World*!

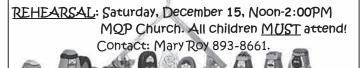
#### THE NATIVITY STORY

On Sunday, December 16, you are invited to the Family Room of St. Joseph Church from 7:00-8:30PM to watch "The Nativity Story." It is a beautiful telling of one of the world's



most familiar stories. This is a PG movie with a mature theme. We hope many of you will join us to watch this inspirational and entertaining movie.

> Children's Christmas Pageant Monday, December 24 4:00PM Mass at Mary Queen of Peace



# <u>CD NEWS</u>

There are a number of inspirational and inexpensive CDs available at the Church entrances. They make wonderful Christmas stocking stuffers! Why not add one of these CDs to your Christmas list? Spread the message of God's love during this wonderful Christmas season.

#### RCIA UPDATE

Please keep our RCIA candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for entrance into the Church at Easter. Starting today, they will attend Mass weekly, receive a dismissal blessing after the homily and meet with a parishioner to continue their understanding of the Catholic faith. Your encouragement and prayers are very much appreciated.

#### INTERFAITH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Interfaith Choir's annual Christmas Concert, <u>Rejoice and Be</u> <u>Merry</u>, will be held at 7 PM on <u>Sat-</u> <u>urday</u>, <u>December 8</u>, at Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main



St., Hampstead, NH, and at 4 PM on <u>Sunday, December 9</u>, at Londonderry United Methodist Church, 258 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH. There is no admission charge (a free-will offering will be taken), and there will be refreshments following. Six of the choir's singers are members of Saints Mary and Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes. The Interfaith Choir, comprising members from 17 churches in the greater Salem-Derry area, has been making music for over 45 years. The group is currently directed by Mrs. Cynthia Ladew. Come and enjoy an evening of glorious Christmas music.

# What significance does the Advent season have for our Christian faith journey?

Advent is a season of joyful anticipation and expectation. But for what specifically? Certainly not for the birth of the Christ Child-that occurred more than two thousand years ago. This season links us with all those who lived in the era of longing for the coming of the Messiah. But he has come and lived among us.

Then what are we joyfully anticipating and expecting? Some are joyfully anticipating the many gifts that they will buy and share with others, along with the many gifts they will receive in return. Others enter into the overblown commercialism-decorating, partying, writing cards, and all the endless customs that go with the season.

What if the anticipation and expectation were to focus on how we can continue to make present the living Christ in each and every moment of our daily lives? Yes, Jesus came among us two thousand years ago. But how do we continue to make that presence real in our world? Jesus himself set the agenda for us. We are to proclaim good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and freedom for those who are oppressed and abused. What would the Advent season look like if this, rather than materialism, was the main focus of our joyful anticipation and expectation? Try it and see what results. It may surprise all of us.



Be sure to take home a copy of *Advent 2012: Glimpsing the Glory* (at church exits). Find a few minutes each day during this busy Advent season to quiet your heart and pray. These booklets are free—our gift to you!

Let us give thanks for God's wonderful gift of Mary to us, and through her the great gift of our salvation. Join us on Friday or Saturday for Mass for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**—see Page 4 for Mass times (Holy Day of Obligation).

#### GROWING IN FAITH (GIF) TV SERIES

SCTV—17 Calendar-Week of December 2 Finding Identity in Christ: Sarah Grieshaber GIF airs on SCTV17 Mon at 9:00PM, on Tues. & Wed. at 2:00PM. Please consult the latest schedule at www.sctv17.com.



Our annual <u>GIVING TREES</u> are up and decorated with cards that state a child's "wish" for Christmas. If you are able, please take an "ornament," purchase the "wish," and return the present wrapped. Please be sure the card is taped securely to the gift. Please have all gifts back to us by <u>December 15</u>. Thank you. YOUTH MINISTRY DECEMBER EVENTS Monday, December 10: December TYME—Praying

with the Monks at St. Anselm College

<u>Wednesday, December 12</u>: Serving at Cor Unum <u>Saturday, December 15</u>: Adoration, Prayer, and Dunkin Donuts

Feel free to learn more about our Youth Ministry Core team by calling Shawn @ 893-0144, youthminister@stjosephsalemnh.org, or Facebook/Saints Mary and Joseph Youth Ministry.

#### "ADVENT OF THE MESSIAH"

Monday, December 10, 7:00-8:30PM St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 9 St. Francis Way, Litchfield, NH 424-3456

Nicholas Lebish, humanities teacher at Holy Family Academy and Directory of Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, will present "Advent of the Messiah: Understanding the Biblical Expectations of Jesus." Everyone is invited, so bring a friend and come enjoy the biblical prophecies of Advent (for free!).



Support elderly religious. "As a Catholic school student K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful."

Show your thanks for those who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's second collection.

#### SJRCS NEWS!

While many schools are preparing a team for their own big games, there are no less than 2 robotics teams at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School getting ready for the First Lego League New Hampshire State Championships. To qualify for the December 1st FLL State Championships, both the Xbots360 and the Final Six teams competed at the November 10th Seacoast FLL Regional competition. In addition to their day's overall success, the Final Six also won a 2nd Place trophy for their Research Presentation. And the Xbots360 won 1st place for the highest score of the day as their robot scored more than 300 points. The school is celebrating not only this year's success of their 2 teams, but also the fact that this is the second year in a row this has happened. Last year, St. Joseph Regional Catholic School also saw 2 teams qualify for States. Two teams qualifying for States, 2 years in a row is a record any school would be proud of. The fact that the school has enough pre-engineering students to field 2 teams is another thing to be proud of. Other pre-engineering programs offered by St. Joseph Regional Catholic School include robotics, Scratch programming, and web site development.

> "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul." Psalm 25

SJ MASS INTENTIONS	MQP MASS INTENTIONS	
<u>Saturday, December 1</u>	<u>Saturday, December 1</u>	
4:15p Abigail DeSousa r/b Family	4:00p Jose Elias r/b Family	
Sunday, December 2	<u>Sunday, December 2</u>	
7:30a Wilfred Pelletier	9:00a Josephine Gurciullo r/b Eileen & Alan Gauthier	
r/b Louise Pelletier (6th Anniv.)	10:45a Horace Coco r/b Wife & Children	
8:45a Sally Sullivan r/b Peter Sullivan	<u>Monday, December 3</u>	
11:00a Michael Pandelena r/b Friends	9:00a Ralph Carrozza r/b Jim & Suzanne Cipriano	
<u>Monday, December3</u>	<u>Tuesday, December 4</u>	
7:15a William Bue & Robert Campbell r/b Caralinda	9:00a Robert Lacey r/b Parish Staff	
<u>Tuesday, December 4</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 5</u>	
7:15a For the People of the Parish	9:00a Eucharistic Service	
<u>Wednesday, December 5</u>	<u>Thursday, December 6</u>	
7:15a Eucharistic Service	9:00a Healing Mass for Vin Patrone r/b Friends	
6:30p Celebrant's Intention	<u>Friday, December 7</u>	
<u>Thursday, December 6</u>	9:00a All Souls' Day Mass Intentions	
7:15a Jay Williams r/b Maryanne Murach	6:00p Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass/Celebrant's	
<u>Friday, December 7</u>	Intention	
7:15a Lucille Begnal r/b Family	Saturday, Dec. 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*	
Saturday, Dec. 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*	9:00a Immaculate Conception/Celebrant's Intention	
7:30a Immaculate Conception/Celebrant's Intention	4:00p Gus Childs r/b Family (3rd Anniversary)	
4:15p Don Blacklaw r/b wife, Joan	<u>Sunday, December 9</u>	
<u>Sunday, December 9</u>	9:00a Marjorie Mitchell r/b Marge & Tom Gray	
7:30a Louis Couture r/b Charles	10:45a David Masoud r/b Family	
8:45a Norman & Clare Minkle	*Unly Day of Obligation (Temporylate Concention)	
r/b Children & Grandchildren	*Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception) <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> : The Saturday Vigil 4:00PM & 4:15PM	
11:00a Patricia Plansky r/b Shambarger Family	<u>FLEASE NOTE</u> . The Saturday Vight 4.00FM & 4.15FM Masses do not count for the Holy Day	

# EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of waiting for the "coming" of Christ. Traditionally, though, we speak three com-



*ings* of Christ: (1) In his birth at Nazareth, (2) when he comes as judge at the end of the world, and (3) in his coming daily into human hearts. The three comings are intimately related, the first two serving the third as their ultimate purpose. Comings 1 and 2 are not just interesting pieces of information, but are means by which God brings us into a loving relationship with Himself. In the birth of Jesus, God gives to us the gift of his own son, revealing thus the nature of His love. In the prophesied coming of Christ as judge, God impresses on us the stark reality of evil, the

frightening possibility that the human heart can forever turn away from God's infinite love. The Scripture readings for Advent touch on all three comings. We hear of "unquenchable fire" ( $3^{rd}$  week) and of the "dismay" that will accompany Christ's second coming ( $1^{st}$  week); we are encouraged by the promise of a "mighty savior" ( $3^{rd}$  week); and are exhorted to be "blameless in holiness" in order to "please God" ( $1^{st}$  week). As we ponder the Advent readings, let us ask for a deeper acknowledgement of the darkness in our world, a darkness to which we all contribute. Let us ask as well for God's love to dwell more fully in our hearts, and especially for a heartfelt gratitude over God's gift of His Son.

If you would like to further explore Fr. Tom's topic above, you are invited to attend tonight's *Exploring the Catholic Faith* at 7:00PM in our Family Room.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 2:

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34 -36; Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11; Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24; Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37; Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27; Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31; Sat.: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38; Next Sun.: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 LPi

#### ADVENT CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 16, at 2:00PM At St. Patrick Church, 12 Main Street, Pelham Come ready your heart for Jesus' coming.

# USED OR NEW LAPTOP NEEDED

If anyone has a laptop that they would like to donate to a needy family, please drop it off at the Parish Office and mark it for Deacon David. A grandmother would like to be able to give her grandson something to do his homework on.

#### SCRABBLE ANYONE?

The Rockingham County Jail is looking for games for their residents. The least expensive versions of these games would be great: Checkers, Battleship, Backgammon, Phase 10, Chess, Rick, Triominos, Puzzles, Skipbo, and plain playing cards. These games do not have to be wrapped; just drop them off at the Parish Office and mark them for Deacon David. The "residents" thank you in advance.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING!



Come out in the cold to warm people's hearts! We will be bringing Christmas joy to our home-bound parishioners by caroling for them. All (including families) are invited to meet on **Sat**-

urday, December 22, after the 4:15PM Mass at St. Joseph in the Family Room. Hot chocolate and cookies await the carolers when they return. Please join in—the more the merrier!

> May the Lord make you abound in love. Thessalonians 3:12-42

#### ETERNAL LIGHT

Jesus is the light of the world! The Eternal Light Candle at St. Joseph Church is burning this week in memory of **David R. Morency** r/b his Mom and at Mary Queen of Peace for Alfonsas Baika, Jr. r/b Reggie Baika.

#### PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

November 24-25, 2012 Loose: \$1,947 + Env: \$8,600 = \$10,547 + All Saints/All Souls: \$18 + Christmas: \$250 + Thanksgiving: \$1,104 + 2nd at SJ: \$445= \$ 12,364 Needed Weekly: \$14,313 Wkly Deficit: (\$1,949) YTD Deficit: (\$43,695) Dev Fund: \$15 CCHD: \$42 Christmas Flowers: \$1,311 Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to make a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory of a loved one, please take an envelope at a church exit. Please print clearly and return to us via the Offertory or the Parish Office. The names will be in our Christmas Bulletin and the Masses on New Year's Day will be for your loved ones.



# **RELIGIOUS ED Grades 6-12**

#### Faith Formation Classes:

-Middle School Option A class meets Dec. 3, 10 & 17.

-Option C's next class is attending the Confirmation on December 2 at 3:00PM at MQP. Their next class is Dec. 9.

-Option 1's final class is on December 9 (parents attend this class as well) and

-Option 2 resumes December 4 and 11 (parents attend on the 11).

We will be sponsoring a *Big Day of Service* on September 28, 2013 here in Salem. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 6, 7:00PM** in the **Family Room** at St. Joseph. If you can't make this meeting but can help, please leave Sue a message at 893-8661.

<u>Confirmation</u>: Our Parish will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation today, Sunday, December 2, at 3:00PM with Bishop Libasci. Please pray that these young adults seek to be open to the promptings of God's Spirit! May we continue to support, engage and encourage our young adults who are saying "YES" to the call to discipleship.

Derrick Beaudin Kara Beninati Adam Bergeron Christianna Bernier Tyler Bissonnette John Breen Sabrina Capozzi Regan Coyle Jean-Luc Croteau Rachel Denning Emily Dizazzo David Ducharme Jon Ducharme Kaylee Dufour Anna Fallisi Felicia Faranna Bryan Fay Courtney Flynn Kristen Foster Tyler Gearin Raelynn Giuffre Ashley Hayes Shari Juranovits Nicholas Lanza Austin LaPlante Olivia Lavoie

Corey Lopez Christopher Marcoux Christine Martland Alyssa Matthews Christina McCann Jordanne Miller Ariana Moglia Shawn Moreau Kenneth Mundry Crystal Napoli Donovan Olson Dylan Parsons Abbey Raymond Denise Renalds Kristine Renalds Sarah Richards Sarah Shufelt Catherine Simari Danielle Smith Frika Smith Kara Thomas Karli Todt Taylor Treadwell Julie Wall Emily Yunes

Thank you to the altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and choir for their ministries within the celebration! Thanks also to those who participated in providing faith formation, as well as their sponsors who helped lead the candidates to this new beginning, and to the parents who are the first to pass on the faith. Our children learn what they live!





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