

Third Sunday of Advent • December 16, 2012





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<u>MASS</u>

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00AM Wed: Eucharistic Service 9:00AM Sat: 3:00PM Reconciliation Sat: 4:00PM Sun: 9:00 & 10:45AM

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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.

SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH PARISH (All Area Codes are 603 unless noted.)

Parish Office: 893-8661, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH 03079

Open: Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-5:00PM; Friday 9:00AM-12:30PM

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CONTACTS

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PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 16	7:00-10:30AM	COMMUNITY BREAKFAST	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	10:00AM-5:00PM	Rel Ed—Middle School Retreat	MQP-Hall
	2:00PM	CLUSTER ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE	St. Patrick/Pelham
	7:00-8:30PM	"The Nativity Story" (Movie)	SJ-Family Room
MONDAY, December 17	4:00-5:15PM	REL ED—Grades 1-4	MQP-Classrooms
	6:00-7:30PM	REL Ed—Middle School Option A	MQP-Hall
TUESDAY, December 18	10:00AM	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
	7:30-9:00P M	Al-Anon	SJ-St. Julie Hall
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19	4:00-5:15PM	REL ED—Grades 1-4	MQP-Classrooms
	8:00PM	AA	MQP-Hall
THURSDAY, December 20	1:00-2:30PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry is NOT meeting	today!
	6:15-6:45PM/7:00-9:00PM	Children's Choir/Adult Choir-Christmas	MQP-Church
	7:15PM	Finance Council Meeting	MQP-Confer. Rm
	7:00-8:30PM	Bereavement Group	SJ-St. Julie Hall
FRIDAY, December 21	6:00PM-Noon on Saturday	Eucharistic Adoration	SJ-St. Julie Hall
SATURDAY, December 22	8:00-9:30AM	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
SUNDAY, December 23	NOON	DECORATING MQP CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS	See Page 2

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

We ask ourselves the question of the Gospel—"What should I do?"—to provide hospitality to the Jesus who is coming not only as Redeemer but as Judge. "What shall I do" to fulfill John's challenge to charity, justice, and integrity in my life?

<u>CD NEWS</u>

New CDs are available at each Church entrance. Make this advent a time of reflection and prayer. You may also find some interesting and inspiring topics that would make wonderful stocking stuffers. A number of parishioners have enjoyed the Advent reflections.

TONIGHT

THE NATIVITY STORY (movie)

Sunday, December 16, 7:00-8:30pm Family Room of St. Joseph Church

KNOW ANY HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you know the name and address of any parishioners who are unable to join us for Sunday worship, please let us know by calling the Parish Office or dropping a note in the collection basket. We will carol at their home and bring them some Christmas cheer!

GROWING IN FAITH (GIF) TV SERIES

SCTV—17 Calendar-Week of December 16 Careers Through Faith: Nick Synko

GIF airs on SCTV17 Mon at 9:00PM, on Tues. & Wed. at 2:00PM. Please consult the latest schedule at www.sctv17.com.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT MQP

We will be working at making our worship space joyful and festive on Sunday, December 23 after the 10:45AM Mass. Please bring your energy and your creative eye, it takes many hands to decorate our large worship space to make the church beautiful!

HELP NEEDED!

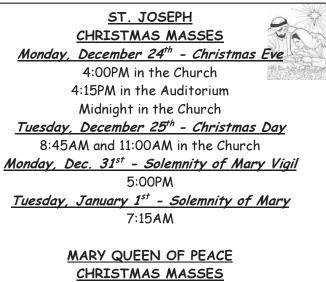
A single Mom with a 6 year-old child is in need of a serviceable car for less than \$1,000. Please call the Parish Office if you are able to help. Thank you.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for donating to the Retirement Fund for Religious. A sister from Pennsylvania writes, "In our prayers, all the sisters remember in a special way the faithful of the dioceses who support the collection. We realize that their sacrifices and generosity have made this assistance possible. May God reward them."

THE RISING STAR

Keep your eye on our blue banners and watch our star grow larger and move higher each week. Let our star help draw you towards the manger and the baby Jesus and his gifts of love, peace, and joy. If you can take a moment in prayer as you look to the star, it can help you along your Advent journey.



<u>Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve</u> 4:00PM (Children's Pageant) & 6:30PM <u>Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas Day</u> 9:00AM and 10:45AM <u>Tuesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary</u> 9:00AM and 7:00PM

Rejoice in the Lord always for the Lord is near. Philippians 4:4-7



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." _ _ Lk 3:15.16%

FOR SALE:

 Scooter Store 2010 Power Chair. Apartment-sized/ indoor-outdoor use. Orig. Price \$3,000 asking \$800.
2006 Optelec ClearView 18.5" Color CCTV reading machine. Good for those with limited vision. Orig. Price \$2,000 asking \$600.

Call the Parish Office if interested.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

<u>Sharing the Gospel</u>: How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.

<u>Prayer</u>: Dear God, help me to share happily with others. <u>Something to Draw</u>: Draw a picture of yourself sharing a snack with a classmate who has none.

<u>Mission for the Week</u>: The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.



SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT



Once again Fr. John is offering the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in daily life. This is for a person who does not have the time to go away for 30 days in prayer with four or five meditations a day. Those who choose this retreat would meet once a week

on a Tuesday beginning in January and ending in June. Each person choosing this retreat is asked to give 45-60 minutes a day to praying over the assigned scripture passages or meditations from the Spiritual Exercises and then journal what happened in the person's prayer. The retreat is limited to 8 people. At times a person would meet one-on-one with the one giving the Exercises. A preliminary meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:15PM in the rectory. Come and get to know Jesus more intimately. Contact: Fr. John @jmichalowski@sjnen.org

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



<u>December 2012</u> Total Youth Ministry Event WAITING



TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS! Advent Prayer Service Yankee Swap (please bring \$5 unisex gift) Munchies will be provided

Take time with our Youth Ministry Core Team on <u>Monday, December 17</u> At the home of Cathy & Shawn & 19 Clinton Street 7:00-8:30PM & All high school youth are invited! Please RSVP by calling or emailing Cathy or Shawn @893-0144 or &youthminister@stjosephsalemnh.org

The Lord will sing joyfully because of you. Zephaniah 3:14-18a

SJRCS NEWS

Mark February 16, 2013 in your new calendar—The Annual SJRCS Auction will be taking place that night! Fun!

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.

ETERNAL LIGHT

Jesus is the light of the world! The Eternal Light Candle at St. Joseph Church is burning this week in memory of **Rose Interrante** r/b Joe & Joseph Interrante and at MQP for **Helen Varitimos** r/b Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Leone..

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

December 8-9, 2012

Loose: \$2,397 + Env: \$\$9,274 = \$11,671 + All Saints/All Souls: \$5 + Thanksgiving: \$12 + Christmas: \$280 + Immac. Concep.: \$1,719 = \$13,687 Needed Weekly: \$14,313 Wkly Deficit: (\$626) YTD Deficit: (\$42,948) Dev Fund: \$350 Christmas Flowers: \$1,219 Fuel: \$15 Ret. Fund for Rel: \$2,583 CCHD: \$10 World Mission: \$5 NH Missionaries Abroad: \$5 Thank you for your continued generosity.

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SJ MASS INTENTIONS	MQP MASS INTENTIONS	
<u>Saturday, December 15</u>	<u>Saturday, December 15</u>	
4:15p Nellie & Cy Carabello & Joyce Hosty	4:00p Frank DeLucia r/b Family	
r/b Andrea & John Faro	<u>Sunday, December 16</u>	
<u>Sunday, December 16</u>	9:00a Sherman Gray r/b Family	
7:30a Doris Couture r/b Charles	10:45a John & Kay Bennett r/b Balukonis Family	
8:45a Norman Lambert r/b Wife & Family	Monday, December 17	
11:00a Margaret E. LaRue	9:00a Barry Melvin r/b Lois Demaree	
r/b David & Melanie Costello	<u>Tuesday, December 18</u>	
Monday, December 17	9:00a Gabriel MacKenzie (Living Birthday)	
7:15a Evelyn Waterhouse r/b The Richardson Family	r/b Family	
<u>Tuesday, December 18</u>	Wednesday, December 19	
7:15a Ryan McGrath r/b Grandparents	9:00a Eucharistic Service	
Wednesday, December 19	<u>Thursday, December 20</u>	
7:15a Eucharistic Service	9:00a Julia Begnal r/b Family (17th Anniversary)	
6:30p For the People of the Parish	Friday, December 21	
<u>Thursday, December 20</u>	9:00a Bro. James Coffey r/b The Lavin Family	
7:15a John "Jay" Williams r/b The Richardson Family	<u>Saturday, December 22</u>	
<u>Friday, December 21</u>	4:00p Catherine Sullivan r/b The Lavin Family	
7:15a Michael Brady r/b Jeanne & Bill Ferrick	<u>Sunday, December 23</u>	
<u>Saturday, December 22</u>	9:00a Richard Hassett, Jr.	
4:15p Alfred J. Collins, Elizabeth Rose Collins, and	r/b Ruth & Richard Hassett	
Maureen E. Collins r/b their Family	10:45a Katherine E. Phair r/b David & Melanie Costello	
<u>Sunday, December 23</u>		
7:30a Kenneth B. Wilkinson	"Can ant with in and aladrada for amount is the	
r/b Paul & Peggy St. Amand	"Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the	
8:45a Arthur Marchand r/b Family (2nd Anniversary)	great and Holy One of Israel."	
11:00a Helen & Woody Chmieleski r/b Family	Isaiah 12	

AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT



We continue today our lighting of the Advent wreath, calling to mind that Christ has come into our world as the "light of life" (Jn 8:12). Our purple (or blue) candles, the color of mourning, remind us that Christ came to dispel the darkness of sin, a darkness that exists both around us and within us. John the Baptist exhorted us last week to "prepare the way of the Lord" through "repentance" (Lk 3:1-6). The purple candles thus invite us to consider our own contributions to the world's darkness, that we might grow in our eagerness to receive the light of Christ into our own hearts. Pondering one's personal darkness can, of course, lead to discouragement, since we often fall short of loving the way Christ loved, and may think that our progress toward holiness is painfully slow. To put repentance in its proper perspective, therefore, we light a pink candle on this third Sunday of Advent. Pink, the color of joy, reminds us that John's message of repentance is actually "Good News." John is preparing us for the promise

he makes in today's Gospel, that Jesus will baptize us in "the Holy Spirit and fire." Hopefully, amid holiday shopping, we will still take time to reflect on the meaning of Advent, and will come to recognize more acutely our need for a savior who will show us how to shine our love into the darkness of our world. The heartfelt desire for the coming of Christ will prepare us to receive the profound graces of Christmas. Fr. Tom

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 16:

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18; Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17; Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25; Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25; Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38; Friday: Sq 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45; Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56; Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 LPi



TODAY ADVENT CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICE Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:00PM St. Patrick Church 12 Main Street, Pelham Come ready your heart for Jesus' coming.

RELIGIOUS ED Grades 6-12

Faith Formation Classes: Middle School Option A class meets December 17. Option C's next class is January 13. Option B begins on January 7.

<u>Middle School Retreat</u>: Youth in grades 6-8 who signed up for the December 16 retreat will be meeting 10:00AM-5:00PM at MQP. This year's retreat theme is "So Long Self: a retreat about being other-centered." The day promises to be filled with laughter while being challenged to live our Christianity more authentically. Please keep the youth and the team in prayer for a grace-filled experience!

<u>College Care Packages</u>: I am so blown away by the families of Options A, C and 1 and their contributions to the college care packages. The 12x12 boxes were STUFFED with munchies, ramen noodles, mac and cheese, popcorn, hot chocolate, candy canes, gum, chocolates, index cards, highlighters, notebooks, air fresheners, pencils, bubblegum with a note wishing them a "bubbly day," prayer cards, and even lottery tickets! Thank you so much for helping us let our college youth know that we care and are thinking of them!

TOUTH A

Upcoming Middle & High School Events: Middle School Retreat January 5 24-Hr Famine for world hunger orientation January 9 March for Life in Concord January 12 Emmaus Experience families attend 10:45AM Mass January 13 Immediate Prep for Confirmation meeting on Sponsors January 13 Middle School Pro-Life Baby Shower January 16 Middle School Game Night January 26 Emmaus Experience Retreat January 27

GRADE 5 FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Thank you to the students, parents, and families that participated in and attended our First Reconciliation Penance Service on Saturday morning, December 1. A special thank you to all the wonderful Deanery Clergy who assisted our Pastor with the service. God Bless You.

The week of December 17-19, the students who attend Grades 1-4 at 200 Lawrence Road will sing their favorite Christmas carols for the parents. Following the mini-concerts, the families will go to the MQP Hall and make a Christmas craft together.



This will mark the end of classes for 2012 and the beginning of the Christmas season. Merry Christmas to all our families and a Happy 2013.

Classes resume <u>Monday</u>, <u>January 7</u>, <u>2013</u> for our students who attend at MQP.

At our 40 Main Street facility, our Sunday morning classes, the Grade 5 class in particular, provided a Christmas dinner and gifts for a family in our parish. Thank you to all the students, parents, and Team Teachers who put this together. The younger students brought in wrapped children's gifts to help bring Christmas to others who are not so fortunate.

Classes resume Sunday, <u>January 6, 2013</u> for our students who attend at St. Joseph School.

CATHEDRAL PARISH CHOIR

Friday, December 21, 7:30PM St. Joseph Cathedral 145 Lowell Street, Manchester, NH

Soloists Karol Carroll, Eileen Christiansen, Marc DeMille, Courtrney Eschbach-Wells, Murray Kidd, the Cathedral Parish Choir and the Diocesan Festival Chorus all join forces in singing the Christmas portion of G.F. Handel's monumental *Messiah*. Accompanied by chamber orchestra, the concert will be conducted by Diocesan & Cathedral Director of Music, Mr. Eric Bermani. A suggested freewill offering of \$15 will directly benefit the Cathedral's Music Ministry. The Cathedral is wheelchair accessible.

For additional information, please call Eric Bermani at 622-6404 x31 or EBermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org.

2013 CALENDARS ARE IN!

The 2013 Catholic Reflections Calendars are in and available for FREE at our churches' exits. THANK YOU to Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home for providing these beautiful calendars for us. Take one home today for year-long inspiration!

SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

Don't forget to save the stamps from all your Christmas Cards (and bills!) for the Franciscan Missions. Just cut them off the envelope leaving 1/2" of white, and put them in another envelope and drop them in the Sunday Offertory. Thank you!

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St. Anthony...

If anyone has found a black camera (in a case) or a Blackberry phone at our St. Joseph Church, please call the Parish Office at 893-8661. Thank you.

