

# *Saints Mary and Joseph Parish*



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

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

|                              |                   |  |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY, December 23</b>   | NOON              | DECORATING MQP & SJ CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS | MQP & SJ Church   |
| <b>MONDAY, December 24</b>   | NO RELIGIOUS ED   | CHRISTMAS VACATION                         | ENJOY!            |
| <b>TUESDAY, December 25</b>  | Merry Christmas!  | Merry Christmas!                           | Merry Christmas!  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26</b>    | NO RELIGIOUS ED   | CHRISTMAS VACATION                         | ENJOY!            |
|                              | 8:00pm            | AA   | MQP-Hall          |
| <b>THURSDAY, December 27</b> | 7:00-8:30pm       | Bereavement Group                          | SJ-St. Julie Hall |
|                              | NO CHOIR PRACTICE |  |                   |
| <b>SATURDAY, December 29</b> | 8:00-9:30am       | Bible Study                                | SJ-Family Room    |

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day  
(4th Sunday of Advent)**



Advent is drawing to a close! As we conclude this season of joyful anticipation, our focus is now directly on the coming of Jesus among us two thousand years ago. Knowing already the joy of the Incarnation and the agony and exultation of Jesus' death and resurrection, it is hard for us to imagine how much the people of Israel longed for a Messiah. Mary and Elizabeth must have been absolutely beside themselves with eager anticipation, to be part of such astonishing news! Let us pray that we too may be renewed in the thrill of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**It's Relay Time!**

...join us for the kick-off! Monday, January 14, 2013,  
6:30pm, K of C, 37 Main Street, Salem  
Find out how you can make a difference in the fight  
against cancer. [www.relayforlife.org/salemnh](http://www.relayforlife.org/salemnh)  
Brigit Ryan-Souza 471-4113

**Question of the Week**

To which specific person (s) or problem (s) is God sending me this week to bring something of God's loving presence and compassionate care? Which concern and preoccupation of my own will I need to set aside to do that?

Your Parish Office will be **closed** on the following days in observance of the up-coming holidays:  
Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25, and Wednesday, December 26.  
Also Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1. En-JOY!



**ST. JOSEPH  
Christmas Masses**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**

4:00pm in the Church  
4:15pm in the Auditorium  
Midnight in the Church

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**

8:45am and 11:00am in the Church

**Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary Vigil**

5:00pm

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary**

7:15am

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE**

**Christmas Masses**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**

4:00pm (Children's Pageant) & 6:30pm

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**

9:00am and 10:45am

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary**

9:00am and 7:00pm

**Slice-of-the-Pie News**

Congratulations to our December Slice-of-the-Pie-Club winners: **Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Gingras**-\$125; **Frank & Connie Burke**-\$100; and **Michael & Patricia Hirashima**-\$100. Our next drawing will take place on January 22, 2013. Good luck!



**Wishing Well**



Fr. Tom Frink is looking for someone who might be interested in helping out with some writing and/or editing projects. If you can spare a few hours, please call or email Fr. Tom Frink.

**Growing in Faith (GIF) TV Series**

SCTV—17 Calendar-Week of December 23

**Visiting Angels: Larry Meigs**

GIF airs on SCTV17 Mon at 9:00pm, on Tues. & Wed. at 2:00pm. Please consult the latest schedule at [www.sctv17.com](http://www.sctv17.com).

**OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
Diocese of Manchester, December 2012**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wish each and every one of you and all those dearest to you, both near and far, a very blessed, holy and, yes, a very Merry Christmas.

At Christmas we celebrate a blessed event. Not many generations ago the birth of a child was often referred to as a "blessed event." The love of husband and wife, blessed in marriage, was said to be blessed by the birth of a child. That new life born into the world would carry identifiable traits of both parents. "Look, he has his father's eyes!" "Look, she has her mother's fingers!" Most of all, though, that child was love-made-visible as a whole new person coming into the world for the very first time.

This Christmas, I wish you the deepest, most profound emotion that can come from seeing the new Life of God born into your heart. Saint Paul refers to it as "peace beyond all understanding." I wish you a moment of peace during this Christmas season; a moment of peace that comes from God's Eternal Love for you; to you alone, personally, in the deepest recesses of your soul. Upon recognizing it, even for an instant, may it evoke an even deeper love for the holiness of God that now has looked into your eyes and smiled at Christmas and forever!

As I wish you a holy Christmas, I wish you to be surrounded by more than presents; I wish you the Divine Presence: the Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things; the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life to come and dwell with you and surround you. May the Angels who announced Christ's holy birth carry this Presence from heaven to the treasury of your soul. May the peace and blessing, then, of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you at Christmas and forever!

As I wish you a very Merry Christmas, I wish you the joy that Mary knew when she burst out with song and sang, "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" This was no simple little ditty – this was a show-stopper! This was a song that was wild with the happiest emotion! It wasn't that "the hills were alive", it was that she was alive because the life of God was in her and somehow, some-wonderful-how, she knew it! It wasn't from somebody or some thing or some size or shape or color or cost – this joy was beyond "out of the blue" – it was out of the hand and heart of God! And all she had to do was accept it! And so I wish you the Merry joy of Mary! May the joy of the gift of Faith from the hand and heart of God come to you "out of the blue" of Mary's own mantle. And with a merry smile and a merry wish just for you, personally, may she wrap her mantle of Grace around your shoulders and guide you to the love of her Son Jesus at Christmas and forever!

A very blessed, holy and, yes, a very Merry Christmas to you – personally – and a New Year enlightened by the twinkling gift of Faith!

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
*Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci*, Bishop of Manchester

**Children's Corner**

**Sharing the Gospel:** When Mary visited Elizabeth, they were both waiting for their babies to be born. Elizabeth's baby would grow up to be John the Baptist. Mary's baby would grow up to be Jesus our savior. Mary and Elizabeth were excited to see each other, not only because they loved each other, but also because they both loved God very much. It makes God happy when we love our relatives and friends, just like Mary and Elizabeth did.

**Prayer:** Dear God, help me to love you. Take care of my family, my cousins, and all my relatives at Christmastime and always. Amen.

**Something to Draw:** Draw a picture of your relatives visiting one another at Christmas.

**Mission for the Week:** If your relatives come to visit you, welcome them with a cheerful greeting. If you go to visit them during the Christmas season, tell them how much God loves them. LPi



**Christmas Decorating at MQP & SJ**

We will be working at making our worship spaces joyful and festive on Sunday, December 23 after the 10:45am and 11:00am Masses. It takes many hands to decorate our worship spaces and make them beautiful! Join us!

*“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.” Psalm 80*

**SJRCS News**

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

**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 **Terrence Pavlini** (9 year remembrance) r/b Linda Pavlini & Family, at MQP for **Robert Lacey** r/b Parish Choir, and at St. Joseph on Christmas Day for **Cindy Summers** r/b her mother.



**Quilt Raffle**

This beautiful Quilt was made for the Honduran Mission Team by a woman who works with one of our team members. The queen-size quilt is called “Hearts and Friendship.” The tickets are \$5.00 for 6 (a book) and can be picked up at the Parish Office or by calling Mary at 893-8661.



**Parish Sacrificial Offering**

**December 15-16, 2012**

- Loose: \$2,239 + Envelopes: \$9,578 = \$11,817
  - + 2nd Collection: \$621 + Thanksgiving: \$25
  - + New Year's Day: \$4
  - + Christmas: \$406
  - + Immaculate Conception: \$80 = \$12,953
  - Needed Weekly: \$14,313
  - Wkly Deficit: (\$1,360) YTD Deficit: (\$44,308)
  - Development Fund: \$23 Christmas Flowers: \$999
  - Retirement Fund for Religious: \$484
- Thank you for your continued generosity.

*Pastor's Corner*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,  
All who are married know how wonderful it was to exchange vows on your wedding day. At Christmas there is an even more wonderful exchange. The Son of God is born in Bethlehem for us. He takes on humanity with its joys and sufferings and death that he might give us the blessing of divinity—eternal life with God and with all those who died in love and are saved through Jesus' Paschal Mystery. This Christmas may we rejoice in the gift of Jesus and may we strive with his help to grow up into the likeness of Christ.  
May God bless you and your families in this Holy Season. Peace in the Risen Lord Jesus,  
Frs. John, Tom, Tom, Deacon David,  
and all the Staff

**SJ Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 22**

**4:15p** Alfred J. Collins, Elizabeth Rose  
Collins, and Maureen E. Collins r/b Family

**Sunday, December 23**

**7:30a** Kenneth B. Wilkinson  
r/b Paul & Peggy St. Amand

**8:45a** Arthur Marchand r/b Family (2nd Anniv.)

**11:00a** Helen & Woody Chmieleski r/b Family

**Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:00p**—Church (Celebrant's Intention)

**4:15p**—Auditorium (Celebrant's Intention)

Midnight Mass (Celebrant's Intention)

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**8:45a**—Christmas Flower Remembrance

**11:00a**—For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday, December 26**

**7:15a** Eucharistic Service

**6:30p** Celebrant's Intention

**Thursday, December 27**

**7:15a** John Williams r/b Al & Carol Righini

**Friday, December 28**

**7:15a** Evelyn Waterhouse r/b Jackie Provencher

**Saturday, December 29**

**4:15p** Terence Pavlini r/b wife, Linda, and Family  
(10th Anniversary)

**Sunday, December 30**

**7:30a** For the Intentions of Edward Whiteside  
r/b daughter, Wendy

**8:45a** Rose Petzold Faulkner r/b Susan LaPlante

**11:00a** Kevin Coady r/b Judy Nugent

**MQP Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 22**

**4:00p** Catherine Sullivan r/b The Lavin Family

**Sunday, December 23**

**9:00a** Richard Hassett, Jr.  
r/b Ruth & Richard Hassett

**10:45a** Katherine E. Phair  
r/b David & Melanie Costello

**Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:00p**—Children's Pageant

Carmen Perzechino r/b wife & children (8th Anniv.)

**6:30p**—Adult Choir (Celebrant's Intention)

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**9:00a**—Christmas Flower Remembrance

**10:45a**—Norma Carol Niedbala  
r/b Barbara Farnham

**Wednesday, December 26**

**9:00a** Eucharistic Service

**Thursday, December 27**

**9:00a** Elwira, Zygmunt & Marysienka Koterwas  
r/b Alicja Skupny

**Friday, December 28**

**9:00a** For the Intentions of the Hartman  
Family r/b Barb & Herb

**Saturday, December 29**

**4:00p** Rita Clare, Anna & Romeo Gilardoni  
r/b Ellen Cook

**Sunday, December 30**

**9:00a** Edward Minchello  
r/b Jim & Suzanne Cipriano

**10:45a** Rival Gauvin r/b his Wife

**And With Your Spirit**

Christmas is near, and all of us hopefully have been enjoying the "Christmas spirit." Many things contribute to the wonderful feeling of this season: decorative lights and inspirational music; Salvation Army bells; the throng of humanity buying gifts for loved ones; and, of course, images of the stable in which the Son of God was born for us. Anticipating Christmas, we feel part of something big. Perhaps, though, a thought passes through our minds that, as the presents disappear from under our trees, so will the Christmas spirit; "normal" life will then return from its hiatus.

Must we lose the Christmas spirit? Our Sunday liturgies help by focusing, not on what we give to one another, but on what God gives to us in Jesus, the baby in a manger. In Jesus, God gives us presents of the heart, presents like humility and tenderness, peace and joy, love and forgiveness. We unwrap these presents by desiring them, by believing that they are indeed meant for me.

Others may lose the Christmas spirit, but we need not. We continue unwrapping our "gifts" by pondering the mysteries of Christ's birth during the entire "Christmas season" (the traditional "twelve days of Christmas"), the liturgical time beginning with Christmas Eve and ending with the Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup> this year), the feast of Christ manifesting himself as light of the world. Even beyond Epiphany, we maintain the Christmas spirit by considering how we ourselves, through that spirit, are manifest as light to the world.

*Fr. Tom*

**Readings for the Week of December 23:**

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45; Monday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79; Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14; Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22; Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8; Friday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18; Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35; Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 LPI

**Religious Ed Grades K-5**

A very big *thank you* to our Tuesday, Grade 5 Class, whose Christmas presentation “won over” the Salem Haven residents last week. A mini Christmas Pageant, including singing, playing instruments by the students, and passing out cards and cookies made for a spirit of good will and happiness. The comments were “the best performance ever,” and “when are you coming back?” Thank you to the students and the Team. We made some wonderful elderly citizens very happy!

**Arts and Environment News**

The A&E Committee would like to thank Mary Francis from Serendipity Landscaping for donating and planting the urns outside of St. Joseph Church each season. The beautiful decorations at the church entrances provide a welcoming visual to all passing by on Main Street. Please say a special prayer for Mary’s Dad who is healing in New Jersey. Thank you.

**Quilt Ministry News**

The quilters of our parish, through a Jesuit connection, have sent quilts to some made homeless by Hurricane Sandy. The response is the following:

“Dear Anna:

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and everyone for the extraordinary gift of your quilts.

Last Sunday we held a special Breakfast with Santa event for the children and their parents who have been staying with us. These 61 people from 14 families have been with us since November 5th and have become members of the family. Each morning their yellow school buses come up our driveway and each afternoon they return with these children.

Progress has been slow for them in finding ways to leave us for more permanent homes. Many have had serious damage done to their homes and have not yet been able to make the repairs needed to turn the electric back on. Many face challenges with their insurance companies and their jobs.

So last Sunday we had a chance to prepare a special breakfast and serve them. We brought in a magician and students from Loyola High School in NYC came to play games with them while each family visited Santa, had pictures taken, and collected toys for the children.

It was the moment, however, when we told each family that we had special homemade quilts for them that took the breathe away from the parents and led to rivers of tears and abundant smiles. More than one told me about special memories of their children’s quilts lost in the storm. While store-bought gifts are great, nothing says home and future more than a quilt. The care and love that went into each was so evident and so greatly valued.

So, on behalf of those families, let me just say thank you and God bless each of you—those who made them with such care, those who reached out to us, and those who transported them to us. You will be in our thoughts and our prayers throughout this holy season.”

Gratefully,  
Fred Herron,  
Executive Director  
Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House

**Religious Ed Grades 6-12**

**Faith Formation Classes:** Middle School **Option B** begins January 7. **Option C’s** next class is January 13. Other than the class scheduled for February 10, the Emmaus Experience classes are complete. Teens in the Immediate Prep for Confirmation were to have sent Sue their Letter of Intent by December 11. If you haven’t, please take care of it this week.

**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

**Middle School Christmas Party:**

Last Friday we had had a party where we played Pictionary with Christmas carols, and had a “who can stuff the most balloons in a St. Nick competition.” We also learned about St. Nick and then, in the Spirit of St. Nicholas, we made treat bags with chocolate coins, candy canes, and “Jingle for Jesus” bells with a card about St. Nicholas for ourselves and to give to someone in secret! We ended our evening with a Yankee Swap reading the book “The Three Trees.” We had so much faith-filled fun, another party is being requested!! Thank you to all those who came and to Alyssa Bernier who helped with the party in addition to taking the pictures!



**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!

**Introduction to The Liturgy of the Day  
(The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas)**



Christmas has come! Today we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, when God became human in Jesus and we on Earth saw the face of God. No wonder angels announced the news! Our great and mighty God came to us

in a humble stable, not in an opulent palace. No wonder shepherds rejoiced! So welcome to you all, wherever you were born, and let us all join today in marveling at how much God loves us, and praise God for the wonderful gifts of such love.

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