Saints Mary & Joseph Parish Oecember 4, 2016

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:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:00am Wed: Eucharistic Service 9:00am Sat: 3:00pm Reconciliation

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/Kids Church and

Toddler Time Sun: 11:00am

St. Joseph Church

40 Main Street Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:15am Wed: Eucharistic Service 7:15am

Wed: Mass at 6:30pm Sat: 3:15pm Reconciliation

Sat: 4:15pm

Sun 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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Peace LAUDATO SI Praíse be to YOU

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1998, May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~Romans 15:5-6



The White Helmets of Syria

For the past six years, Syria has been torn apart by a lethal combination of civil war and tribal hostilities. To outsiders, there seems to be only villains and refugees.

But there are heroes. Enter the White Helmets: ordinary Syrians — teachers, tailors, builders, doctors — who didn't flee the country and didn't take up arms; instead, they return day after day to the scene of some of the worst carnage on the planet. Known by the distinctive headgear they wear, the White Helmets sift through the rubble of cities like Aleppo looking for survivors. They treat the wounded, work tirelessly to repair and maintain basic services like water and electricity, seek to re-unite families separated by the bombings and occupations, and bury the dead.

The White Helmets grew out of different local relief groups scattered throughout Syria. They number more than 3,000 volunteers in rebel-held areas across the country. They are all civilians — the White Helmets' code of conduct forbids their taking up arms. Even some militants who had fought in the rebellion have laid aside their weapons to join the White Helmets.

Since they were first organized in early 2013, White Helmet units have saved and rescued 60,000 of their fellow Syrians. One hundred forty-one White Helmets have been killed in the hostilities.

A war defined by lethal divisions and ancient hatreds has also produced a model of heroism that reflects the best of humanity: ordinary people who rush in to help after every attack and bombing that devastates their neighbors and homeland. Their credo is a single verse from the Quran: "Whoever saves one life, saves humanity." *

A prophet is "one who proclaims" — and the White Helmets are "prophets" in the truest sense of the word. In their selfless, dangerous work, the ordinary Syrians who wear the White Helmets "proclaim" the justice and mercy of God in the devastation of their homeland.

We, too, have many opportunities in our own everyday lives to be prophets of God's love, to play the role of John the Baptist and Isaiah in our homes and businesses and schools, to proclaim in our own time and place that the peace and justice of God have dawned.

In whatever small, hidden, ordinary ways we can, may we take up the prophet's call this Advent to "proclaim" Emmanuel – "God in our midst." Deacon Jay

*[From "The White Helmets of Syria" by Jared Malsin, **TIME** Magazine, October 17, 2016.]

A BIG THANK YOU!!

To all who helped with our Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Program. We provided meals for 71 families because of your generous donations!

To the Faith Formation 11:00 class families who donated items to fill our care packages, and to the families who packed additional items, wrote notes and shipped the packages to our 23 college students.

To our 28 volunteers who served Thanksgiving Dinner to the guests of the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, MA. To all who volunteered to decorate the churches for Advent. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Giving Tree Time!!

This year we have an opportunity to help make Christmas merry and bright for many children and families in our community. Just take a tag off the Giving Tree and return the gift WRAPPED with the tag safely attached, to the church office, by December 11th. If you would like to help sort gifts on Monday, December 12th, or if you have any ques-GIVING TREE tions, call Justine Dufour.



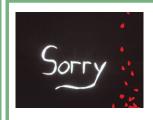
Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Thursday, December 8

St. Joseph

Vigil, Wednesday, 6:30pm Thursday, 7:15 & 9:00am

Mary Queen of Peace

Thursday, 9:00am & 7:00 pm



Cluster Penance Service Sunday, December 4th at 2 PM at St. Joseph Church

Youth Happenings



Meeting in our new Youth Center behind St. Julie Hall at the St. Joseph Campus.

Grades 3-8 meet in age-level groups on Tuesdays from 6-7

High School youth meet on Sundays 3-4

Christmas Pageant Sign-up



during Faith Formation Classes
Registering Now!
All children are welcome
to participate!!

Christmas Pageant at Mary
Queen of Peace

Thursday, December 24th at 4pm Mass
Rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th
Noon to 2pm
For more info call Marie Mullen at
893-8661 ext.108
OR come to the office to sign up!

Family Faith Formation

Our Family programs continue:

Options 9:30A and 5:00 on Dec.4

Option 9:30B on Dec.11 Option 11:00 on Dec. 18

Teens preparing to celebrate Confirmation in June will be celebrating the Rite of Intention at the 9:30 Mass on December 4th.

The correct sentence: **God is on your side**.

During five weeks of October and November we had a social media contest where a word was revealed each week....

At the end of the five weeks, participants were challenged to rearrange the words to make a sentence. Youth with correct sentences were put into a drawing for Amazon gift cards....Congratulations to Brady Quinn and Ryan Belkus for submitting correct responses!!!

Brady won \$100 and Ryan won \$75.

Need help decorating your home for Christmas?

Are you unable to get at your Christmas decorations or decorate your home for Christmas? Would you like some help? We have several families with children who have volunteered to help you!!! Please call the parish office and leave your name and contact info with Sue Levesque. Families will also help disassemble and put away after Christmas.



What's Happening at KidsChurch In November we will see that: We Are All Children Of God In One Family! Light the Advent candle one. Now the waiting has begun. We have

started on our way. Time to think of Christmas Day. The little ones sang this chorus of our Advent Song as the first candle (Hope) on our Kids Church Advent Wreath was lit. We also added the first two ornaments to our Jesse Tree. An Ark(a symbol of promise) and a Dove(A symbol of peace and harmony). Our November theme concluded with the little ones being very attentive as they interacted and listened to the story of *Perky the Pumpkin*. Perky was not happy that he was the color orange and changed his color several times (red, blue, yellow, green). The message received from this story was that we are all uniquely created by God. We all have special gifts and talents and the world would be pretty boring if everyone was the same. We have been chosen as God's special people! We also learned that Jesus, Mary and Joseph make up the Holy Family. The little ones created Advent Wreaths to be shared with their families.

December Is All About How Jesus Is Our Greatest Gift! December 4th: Good News, Mary!

(You will name him Jesus!)

Dawn Pavlini, Director of Kidschurch

Kidschurch@saintsmaryandjoseph.org

HOOPS FOR MERCY!

Sue had a conversation with one of our families who participates in Open Gym and the idea of **Hoops for Mercy** was created!!! Monthly we will seek to live beyond the Year of Mercy with a basketball tournament, which will replace Open Gym that afternoon. The tournament will incorporate an act of mercy! Each month will focus on a different merciful act:

Jan 15: clothe the naked

Feb 12: give drink to the thirsty
March 12: feed the hungry
April 23: visit the imprisoned

WATCH FOR DETAILS!!!



Staff Adoration

Thursday, December 8, from 3pm—4pm at Mary Queen of Peace. Please join us in prayer for our church and our community.

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

4:15p Menick Beauregard by His Wife

Sunday, December 4

8:00a Wilfred Pelletier, Jr. by Louise Pelletier 11:00a Peter Chagnon by David & Melanie Costello

5:00p Priest's Intentions

Monday, December 5

7:15a Thomas Tuite by Dennis & Joyce Shea

Tuesday, December 6

7:15a Alphen, Tris & Haskell Families by Lee Alphen

Wednesday, December 7

7:15a Eucharistic Service

6:30p All Souls' Intentions Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 8, Immaculate Conception

7:15a Lenny Parent by David & Melanie Costello

9:00a SJRCS

Friday, December 9

7:15a Arthur Nolan by Greater Salem Chamber of

Commerce

Saturday, December 10

4:15p Norman Lambert by wife, Mary

Sunday, December 11

8:00a Leonard Parent by Pat, Loretta & Ed Kulesz 11:00a Robert & Louise Olson by Olson & Donovan

Families

MQP Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

4:00p Elizabeth O'Rourke by Family

Sunday, December 4

9:30a Sally Sullivan by Peter Sullivan11:00a Gaetana & Floyd Dolce by Family

Monday, December 5

9:00a Patricia Swinson by The Helinski Family

Tuesday, December 6

9:00a Richard Robichaud by Dick & Jeanne Collopy

Wednesday, December 7

9:00a Eucharistic Service

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

9:00a Alberta LaCreta by Charles & Lil Schilling

7:00p All Souls' Intentions

Friday, December 9

9:00a Lenney Russinov by Jim & Mary Eaton

Saturday, December 10

4:00p Gus Childs by wife, Jan

Sunday, December 11

9:30a Feliciana Vicente by Family

11:00a Ralph Zwicker by wife, Rollande & Family

Parish Calendar

Sunday 9:30am KidsChurch&Toddler Time/MQP-Rm 3

Dec 4 9:30am FF option 9:30A/MQP

5:00pm FF Option 5:00/SJ-Julie Hall

Monday

Dec 5

Tuesday 10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Rm

Dec 6 12:30pm Quilting/SJ-St. Julie Hall

6:00pm Youth Center Gr 3-8/SJ-Youth Center **7:00pm** Atonement Band Practice/SJ-Church

7:30pm Al-Anon / SJ-St. Julie Hall

Wednesday 10:00am Advent Discussion/MQP–Emmaus
Dec 7 5:15pm Advent Reflection/SJ-Family Room

8:00pm AA/MQP-Hall

Thursday 3:00pm Staff Adoration/MQP—Church Dec 8 6:00pm Young Adults/MQP-Emmaus Rm

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

Friday

Dec 9 7:00pm Sing & Shout/SJ Church

Saturday 8:00am Bible Study/SJ-Family Room

Dec 10 3:00pm Advent Reflection/SJ-Family Room

Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently, especially for **William Fournier**. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.



Total

Eternal Light

This week the Eternal Light at St. Joseph is burning for **Menick Beauregard** by his Wife.

\$13,347.00

Parish (Giving	
November 19 & 20, 2016		
Envelopes	\$7598.00	
Loose	\$3355.00	
Human Dev. & Indian Missions	\$2302.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 522.00	
Total	\$13,777.00	
November 26 & 27, 2016		
Envelopes	\$7928.00	
Loose	\$2460.00	
Flowers	\$1138.00	
Thanksgiving	\$1470.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 351.00</u>	

Second Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2016



Sing & Shout

Please join us for the next Sing and Shout on **Friday, December 9th at 7 pm** for an evening of praise, worship, prayer and adoration in a unique and powerful way.

NEW CDs have been added to our Church displays. These inspirational and inexpensive talks will make wonderful stocking stuffers for Christmas. Three of the new CDs include "The incredible mind of G.K. Chesterton," by Dale Ahlquist, "The Body and Blood of Christ," by Scott Hahn and "Get to Know the Mother of God," by Chris Padgett. Give a truly unique gift this Christmas.

Reminder: The CD display at St. Joseph is in the alcove at the back of the Church.

Also, don't forget to visit our family room library downstairs at St. Joseph Church. You will find many inspirational books focusing on our Advent theme of **FAITH, HOPE, LOVE** and **JOY.**

Prayer Shawl Notice

There will be no meeting in December. Any questions, call Kathy Ormsby at 603.898.2164.

Advent Discussion Groups

We encourage all parishioners to join one of our three discussion groups, based on *Daily Reflections*, the Advent booklet. The groups will be offered to help you in your reflections on this beautiful and profound season. Details can be found on fliers in the back of church and on our website. Come to as many as you can; no commitment for the series is required.

"Cookie Walk"

The Honduras Team is having a fundraiser Cookie Walk on **December 18th** at MQP from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the big hall. With a bag in hand, which you purchase at the door, you carefully select enough treats to fill it to the top. A wonderful time for the entire family. Anyone wishing to bake and donate cookies would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Deb at 893-3932.

Slice of the Pie November Winners
Congratulations to Patricia Kulesz, Victor A. Capozzi,
and Maryanne Murphy who each won \$125.00 in the
November 21 drawing! Enjoy your winnings!

Book Discussion Group

For the December book discussion, we will be reading *Lying Awake*, a novel, by Mark Salzman. The book is set in a Carmelite monastery, where Sister John of the Cross has her life electrified by visions of God's radiance. But her visions are accompanied by shattering headaches. When a doctor reveals that they may be dangerous, she faces a devastating choice. Will a cure mean the end of her visions and a soul once again at odds with the world? We will meet on December 21 at MQP in the Emmaus Room 6:30 - 8:00pm, to discuss the book. Newcomers are always welcomed. Contact: Norma Zimmermann: normazimmermann@gmail.com

Grades 3-8 Youth Activities

	ACTIVITY	If Possible, Youth bring in requested item	RSVP Needed if Noted
Dec 6	Making Christmas Gift	Youth bring in lid from 32 ounce container of yogurt, ricotta cheese, or sour cream	Please RSVP before Nov 29th
Dec 13	Christmas Carol at Greystone	Will meet at Greystone	
Dec 20	Christmas Party 5-7		Please RSVP before Dec 18th

Parish Ministries:

Abba's Hands Prayer Ministry:

Deb Carney 978-914-2277

Adoration:

Lily MacKenzie (1st Fri) 894-6583 Anna Willis (3rd Fri) 898-5729 **Altar Servers:** Kay Barretto 893-8661 x109

Arts & Environment: Maryanne Murach 339-0673

Therese Vallario 978-975-8581

Atonement Band: Brenda Terry 898-6803 **Bereavement**: Linda O'Reilly 893-6061

Bible Study: Sandy Lemay (Tue/Wed) 893-3110

Anna Willis (Sat) 898-5729

Book Club: Norma Zimmerman 978-685-8501

Choir: Anna Willis 898-5729

Kasia Sokalla 978-821-1064

Christian Service: Deacon David 893-8661 Consolers: Jan Childs 978-686-3084 Cursillo: Adele Raymond 893-9342

Devotion (1st Sat): Lily MacKenzie 894-6583 **Finance Council:** Joseph Lessard 893-8661 **Kids Church:** Dawn Paylini 548-6208

Knights of Columbus: Paul St. Amand 489-5978 Men's Prayer Breakfast: Dick Collopy 898-7020 Mercy Meals: Donna Eideh 978-685-9491

Janet Frahm 898-9506

Natural Family Plan.: Nancy Malo 800-437-9666

Pastoral Council: Steve Barretto 674-0899
Prayer Line: Lee Alphen 898-1927

Melanie Costello 893-6763

Prayer Shawl: Joyce Rollins 965-3267 **Quilt Ministry**: Anna Willis 898-5729 **RCIA**: Justine Dufour 244-6218

Rosary Making: Lily MacKenzie 894-6583 St. Joseph School: Noreen McAloon 893-6811 Small Christian Comm.: Dan Yetter 893-5429

Thinking of a Christmas Gift for a Child? Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys

are now accepting registrations for the 2017 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or e-mail mdrumm@bfcamp.com. Visit us on the web at www.bfcamp.com.

Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly!



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Parish Information:

New Parishioners If you have just moved to the Salem area, we welcome you to our Parish. Please register on our website or at the Parish Office.

Baptisms Please call Justine Dufour by calling the parish office at 893-8661.

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 for an appointment at least six months prior to the date of your marriage.

Shared Meal Ministry Our ministry is to help individuals and families in the Salem area who need temporary care and could benefit from a meal being brought to their home. Please contact Justine Dufour at 893-8661 or Therese Vallario at 978-975-8581.

Saints Mary & Joseph Food Pantry 898-4933 x131 Food Pantry Hours Every Friday 11:30am to 12:30pm. Salem residents can visit the Pantry every four weeks. Please call by Thursday Noon for Friday pick-up.