



# NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

SHRINE - WELCOME CENTER - RETREAT CENTER

A MINISTRY OF THE MISSIONARIES OF LA SALETTE

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## DECEMBER 2017

### MASSES, RECONCILIATION, & ADORATION

MASSES	RECONCILIATION	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	HEALING MASSES
Monday - Friday 12:10 & 5:30 PM  Saturday & Sunday 12:10, 4:00, & 5:30 PM	1:00 - 5:00 PM Daily  <b>CONFESSIONS END AT 2:30 PM ON SUNDAY, DEC 24</b>	No adoration during Festival of lights.	There will be no Healing Services during the month of December.

"COME NEAR MY CHILDREN, DON'T BE AFRAID." -Our Lady at La Salette

Father Andre Patenaude, M.S. - *Superior*

Fr. Ted Brown, M.S. - *Shrine Director*

Father Bernie Baris, M.S. - *Retreat Center Director*



## ADVENT: A TIME OF YEARNING

The recent series of shootings in the country have most of us longing and yearning for a time of peace and calm. We long for simpler times when we felt safe. Advent is about yearning, both the desires of a society and the longings that lie deep within our hearts. This is a longing for God.

With the rush of holiday activities, we can forget to search our hearts for our deepest longings. When we worry about our families, our neighborhoods, our aging parents, we are crying out to God to come and bring our lives and world to fulfillment. That is our longing for Christ. How often will you hear this season: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

What are your deepest longings? When you get in touch with these deep longings, you are in contact with the very longings God has for us. Advent can be a dangerous time. It can put us in touch with our real passions and what God wants for us (and our world). Take some time during this Advent season to look deep into your heart. That deep longing you find is the longing for Christ.

**"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec 1, Advent Retreat, pg 5
- Dec 2, Marty Rotella Concert, pg 3
- Dec 6, Visit from Saint Nicholas, pg 4
- Dec 7, Immaculate Conception Mass (Vigil), pg 2
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- Dec 12, Prayer Shawl Mintry, pg 5
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## NO CONFESSIONS

on **Christmas Day,**  
**New Years Day, &**  
**January 2-5, 2018**

***(CONFESSIONS WILL END AT  
2:30 PM ON SUNDAY, DEC 24th)***

Regular Confession schedule will  
resume on Saturday, January 6, 2018  
from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

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## WELCOME

Father Dimitri Demesmin, MS



Father Dimitri comes to us from Haiti and has just finished his novitiate. He has been a priest for 11 years and begins his first year here as a Missionary of La Salette.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 2017

### MASSES

Thursday, December 7th at 5:30 PM (Vigil)  
Friday, December 8th at 12:10 & 5:30 PM

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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### CHRISTMAS EVE

12:10pm, 4:00pm, & 6:00pm

### MIDNIGHT MASS

DECEMBER 25

12:00am

### CHRISTMAS DAY

12:10pm

### NEW YEAR'S EVE (DEC 31)

4:00pm, 6:00pm, & 10:00pm (Haitian)

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

12:10pm, 4:00pm, & 6:00pm

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## MEXICAN HOUSE BULDING DATES FOR 2018

August 11-18, 2018

If interested or to read more,  
please visit our website at...

[http://www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/  
pilgrims-of-hope-house-building-in-  
mexico](http://www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/pilgrims-of-hope-house-building-in-mexico)

## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

### **BIBLICAL MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

by Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P.



As you journey through Advent towards Christmas, prayer becomes an important component to our spirituality. In this Book of the Month selection, Father Stuhlmueller, a Passionist Priest, blends solid Scripture study with

the fruits of his own prayer experience. For those who like to pray and reflect in harmony with the seasons of the Church year, this book will find a welcome home with Father's earlier books.

Available in our bookstore!

## **HAITIAN NEW YEAR'S EVENT**

**December 31  
10:00 PM in the Shrine Church**

Come and pray for Haiti on December 31 at 10:00 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette.

We will be holding a 10:00 PM healing service with Fr. Pat, MS, followed by a Eucharistic celebration, Mary Mother of God with Fr. Dimitri Demesmin, MS.

*Join us after Mass at the Welcome Center to celebrate  
Haiti's Independence!*

## **WALKING IN HOPE SUPPORT GROUP:**

Bereavement Group for those who have  
lost loved ones from drug use

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS DURING  
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER DUE TO  
THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.**



The epidemic of drug use has hit this area hard. There have been many deaths from drug use and for parents, siblings and friends the loss is devastating. We have a support group for those who have lost someone to this horrible disease.

## **CONCERT SCHEDULE FOR VISITING CHRISTMAS CHOIRS**

New Masses and concerts will be added very soon!  
Keep posted on our website for more details!

**December 2 at 7:30 PM in the Shrine Church**  
Marty Rotella Concert

**December 3 at the 5:30 PM Mass**  
5:30 PM Mass - Saint Mary's Choir of Newport, RI

**December 5 at the 5:10 PM Mass**  
Chorus Of East Providence of Providence, RI

**December 17 at 7:00 PM in the Welcome Center**  
The Cuellar Family Concert

**December 19 at the 5:30 PM Mass**  
St Pius School Choir of Providence, RI

**December 26 at 7:00 PM in the Welcome Center**  
Dinisia Da Costa Portuguese Concert

**December 28 in the Welcome Center**  
The Revive Ministry Band Concert

**December 29 at 7:00 PM in the Welcome Center**  
Ornament Concert

## WELCOME BACK Father Almir Urbano, MS



Many of you may remember Father Almir when he served here a few years ago. He generously offered to return to help us for a few weeks during the Christmas season. He is from the La Salette Province in Brazil. We welcome him back with open arms!

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## YEAR END CHARITABLE GIVING

Dear Friends of La Salette Shrine,

So many people have told us that the Shrine means a lot to them. They find it to be a setting that offers reflection and renewal. We are glad that so many people who come to us find that the mercy of God is communicated to them. We depend on the generosity of those who find the Shrine a meaningful place for them. As you determine your year end charitable giving, please remember the Shrine. Any size gift is welcome. Remember to see if your place of employment will match your gift.

You can make checks payable to: La Salette Shrine, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703 *Please note Year End Giving on the check and envelope.*

You can also make an online gift at: [www](http://www).

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We at the Shrine are grateful for the generosity of so many who make our work possible. We depend upon your goodness.

Please make donations to the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Inc. at the address below.

### IN YOUR WILL:

As you do your estate planning, remembering us in your will is a way of creating a lasting legacy of your life and helping to continue our good work. Our legal title is:

Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Inc.  
947 Park St.  
Attleboro, MA 02703

Preparing for the 2018  
Synod on Young People...

## FIVE MINUTES WITH THE POPE

Sunday, February 11, 2018  
An afternoon event.

“If you had 5 minutes with Pope Francis, what would you want him to know about the lives of people your age?” We are inviting young adults (ages 17-35) to the Shrine for discussion about their lives.

This information will be gathered and sent to the Vatican for the Synod on Youth in October of 2018. Watch for more details.

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## A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS!



On Wednesday, December 6th, at the 5:30 PM Mass, we will have a special visit from Saint Nicholas, who as you know becomes Santa Claus!

Come learn how this 4th Century Bishop from Turkey becomes the figure we've come to know and love as Santa!

Saint Nicholas will be delivering a short message at the 5:30 PM Mass!

*Join us for  
St. Nicholas Day!*

# RETREAT CENTER

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## AN ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER: HERE I AM, LORD

Led by Dorothy Levesque

December 2, 2017

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

COST: \$40

This Advent of 2017, let us renew our acceptance of God's personal gifts to us – let us seek Him where He lives and let us serve Him there. Then each can answer the question, "What shall I bring?" with the answer, "I bring you the gift of me with the words – here I am Lord."

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## SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

Meets bi-weekly on December 5 & 19

7:00 - 8:00pm in the Retreat Center

Led by Dorothy Levesque

Come join us for this new support group for those in our community who are touched directly or indirectly by divorce and/or separation. The group meets bi-weekly. Please visit our website at [www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com](http://www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com) or call 508-642-1928 for more information.

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

December 12th at 1:15 PM

Led by Dottie Levesque

The prayer shawl ministry is an integral component of ministry in the universal Church. It is an outreach to individuals at significant times of their lives and it becomes a spiritual hug from God when it is worn. Because the ministry is deeply rooted in prayer, the shawl creators lovingly encircle the lives of the shawl wearers. You are welcome to join us each month!

## GRIEF EDUCATION & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The loss of a loved one in death is the greatest loss one faces, and the most piercing pain one will ever experience. Grief Education is a safe, compassionate, and confidential forum where you will be given the opportunity to learn, share, explore feelings, and find ways to accept and to cope. The next meeting will be on December 11th from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Cost: \$10 per session

*Pre-registration required.*

To register please call Sr. Judith Costa at 508-345-2660

The Bereavement Support Group meets on alternating Tuesdays from 10:00am - 11:30am. They will meet next on December 12th & 19th. Check our website at [www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com](http://www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com) under "Brochures & Flyers" for a complete list of dates. For more information, please contact the Retreat Center.

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## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Meeting with a spiritual director or spiritual companion can often help you discover God's movement within your life journey and encourage you to draw closer to God. It can help you integrate spirituality into your daily life, discern and make difficult choices, and share your hopes, struggles and losses. Spiritual companions include ordained, religious and lay people trained in helping you discover what God has been waiting for you to seek in a closer relationship. Here is a list of the Spiritual Directors available at the Retreat Center:

-Fr. Ted Brown, MS - 508-222-5410

-Fr. Flavio Gillio, MS - 508-222-5410

-Carissa A. Kane, CSD - 617-755-4028

-Sr. Annette Langlois, SASV - 508-236-9093

-Dottie Levesque, CSD - 508-642-1928

-Anna Rae-Kelly, M. Th., Cert. RE - 508-236-9000

To make an appointment, please contact any of the above directors at the number provided.

For more information or to register for any of the above programs/retreats, please call us at 508-222-8530 or visit our website at [www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com](http://www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com)

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR SINGERS!

Music is an essential part of worship. After Vatican II the style of music at Mass began to change. At first what became known as the folk mass led by a folk group became common. The style has grown from a folk group to larger ensembles with a full choir and use of several musical instruments.

With the addition of Mr. Stephen Higgins as our music director, we are now looking to expand our music offering to this fuller musical style. We are looking for all voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass), Violins and Cellos, wind instruments and guitars, bass, and other such instruments. If you are interested in forming this new musical group, please contact Stephen at [lasalettemusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lasalettemusicdirector@gmail.com).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS WANTED

Is God calling you to be an active volunteer in the Shrine community? We are looking for volunteers to be lectors, hospitality ministers, eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and altar servers.

Please contact Brother David Eubank, MS at  
508-236-9069 to inquire.

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## SNACK BAR

**Monday-Friday:** 4:00pm-9:00pm

**Saturday & Sunday:** 12:00pm-9:00pm

The Snack Bar will be closed on  
Christmas Eve, & Christmas Day

The Snack Bar in the foyer of the Welcome Center serves fresh sandwiches, small meat pies, pizza, and soup as well as ice cream, chips, and candy!

Brother Roger Moreau, M.S.  
*Snack Bar Manager*

# RELIGIOUS ARTICLES & BOOKSTORE



The La Salette Religious Articles and Bookstore is the perfect place to find a gift for every occasion! Our selection includes rosaries, crucifixes, medals, statues, Willow Tree Angels, jewelry and music boxes. With Christmas and the holidays quickly approaching, we're getting new items in every day! Come visit us in the La Salette Welcome Center!

### FESTIVAL HOURS:

**NOVEMBER 23**

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**NOVEMBER 24 - JANUARY 1**

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

***THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON  
CHRISTMAS DAY.***

