

# Parishes – Working in the vineyard



Many people know the Jesuits from educational experiences at middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities; others have met Jesuits on retreat at one of the many retreat houses

throughout the country. Still others experience the Jesuits in parishes as inspirational celebrants and homilists or at days of prayer or parish missions.

In the New England Province, Jesuits serve as full-time pastors and assistants at a number of parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, the Dioceses of Manchester, New Hampshire, Fall River, Massachusetts, Providence, Rhode Island, and Portland, Maine (see sidebar).

Other Jesuits who have “day jobs” as teachers, administrators or pastoral ministers also celebrate Mass on weekends at parishes, convents, nursing homes, hospitals and even on Catholic TV.

Here at the provincial offices, Jesuits serve Monday to Friday as assistants to the provincial in administration, finance and advancement, but on weekends they can be found in parishes assisting with Masses:

**Fr. John Higgins, SJ**, is the socius, assisting the provincial as executive assistant. On weekends, you might meet him at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Cohasset, Massachusetts. Fr. Higgins also offers spiritual direction during the week.

**Fr. Dennis Yesalonia, SJ**, is the treasurer of the New England Province. He celebrates Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Medfield, Massachusetts, nearly every weekend and has served in various parishes since his ordination to the priesthood 25 years ago.

**Fr. Michael Linden, SJ**, is the provincial assistant for pastoral, social and international ministries. Fr. Linden celebrates Mass for the students at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts and at churches around the greater Boston area.

**Fr. Charles Connolly, SJ**, associate director of advancement, celebrates Mass at many convents, parishes and on Catholic TV. (See article on page 22 for more about Fr. Connolly.)

## *Pastoring in New England and Jordan*

Jesuit Fathers Robert VerEecke, J. Allan Loftus, and Kenneth Loftus serve at St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

Fr. Gerald Finnegan, SJ, is the pastor at St. Charles Borromeo, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Fr. Joseph Bruce, SJ, is the coordinator for the Apostolate for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who celebrates Mass in several churches weekly in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island.

In Maine, Jesuit Fathers James Lafontaine, John d’Anjou and Robert Regan minister at St. Pius X and St. Patrick parishes in Portland, Maine; Fr. Richard Bertrand, SJ, provides liturgical ministry at Sacred Heart/St. Dominic Church.

Jesuit Fathers John Michalowski, Thomas Fitzpatrick and Arthur Paré serve at St. Joseph Parish and at Mary Queen of Peace in Salem, New Hampshire.

Fr. John Keegan, SJ, is the pastor at St. Patrick Church in Milford, New Hampshire.

Fr. Lawrence Smith, SJ, is the Catholic pastor at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts.

Fr. Kevin O’Connell, SJ, is the pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Amman, Jordan.



Information about Jesuit parishes in New England is available on [www.sjnen.org/Pastoral Ministries](http://www.sjnen.org/PastoralMinistries)