



JESUITS
USA Northeast Province

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam

January 24, 2018

Dear Friends,

You will have heard from Bishop Libasci that he will receive back from the Society of Jesus the care of Saints Mary and Joseph Parish. My predecessor, Fr. Myles Sheehan, S.J., had set the summer of 2018 as the time our contract with the Diocese of Manchester would conclude. With our own declining manpower, we knew that we would not have another Jesuit to serve as pastor. We had engaged in thinking about alternative models of leadership, but the Bishop has decided that he will name a diocesan priest as your next pastor. So the Jesuits will depart the Parish as of July 1, 2018.

I hope you will take some time in the coming months to recognize the good ministry offered by the Jesuits assigned to your Parish. I suggest you set a time of celebration to bring back the Jesuits who have served Saints Mary and Joseph. They have appreciated being part of your community.

I pray that this next chapter in the life of Saints Mary and Joseph will be filled with blessings. Please be assured of my prayers for you. I ask for your prayers for me and for the mission of the Society of Jesus.

In Corde Jesu,

Very Rev. John J. Cecero, S.J.
Provincial