

**SAINT JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM AT-A-GLANCE
GRADE 3**

Massachusetts and its Cities and Towns: Geography and History

CONTENT				CATHOLIC IDENTITY	CONCEPTS AND SKILLS			LEARNING STANDARDS	
Month & Overarching Question	Content	Essential Questions	Books & Materials	Essential Questions	History and Geography	Civics and Government	Economics	New England and Massachusetts	Cities and Towns of Massachusetts
SEPTEMBER									
	Map Skills	What is a map? How is it used? What is a map key? What is a compass rose?	Massachusetts- Our Home	How can I we use our skills and talents to create an interpret maps?	1, 4, 5			3.1	3.1, 3.8
OCTOBER									
	First People- American Indians	Who were the Wampanoag? What was the everyday life of the Wampanoag tribe like? Who were the leaders? Why was trade important?	Massachusetts- Our Home Scholastic Letters from a Wampanoag	How are American Indian values simliar to Catholic values, concerning respect towards Earth and living things?	1, 2, 3			3.2	
NOVEMBER									
	The Pilgrims	Who were the Pilgrims? Why did they come to America? What was the Mayflower Compact? How did the Wampanoags help the Pilgrims? What was the everyday life of the Pilgrims like?	Massachusetts- Our Home Scholastic Letters from a Pilgrim Plimoth Plantation Field Trip	How were the early Christians similar to the Pilgrims?	1, 2, 3			3.3, 3.4	
DECEMBER									
	The Puritans	Who were the Puritans? Why did they come to America? How are the Puritans differnt from the Pilgrims? What was Puritan everyday life like? What were the Salem Witch Trials?	Massachusetts- Our Home	How were the early Christians similar to the Puritans?	1, 2, 3			3.4	
JANUARY									
	Hometown and Government	What is a landmark? How do towns/cities change over time? What is local government? What services are provided by the government? What are taxes? Why do we have taxes? Who are community leaders? What is economics?	Massachusetts- Our Home Informational Articles about Famous Peacemakers	How are the Church and State separate? How can we follow the example of famous peacemakers to make a difference in the world?	1	6, 7	8, 9, 10		3.14
FEBRUARY									
	Hometown and Government (Cont. from Jan)	What is a landmark? How do towns/cities change over time? What is local government? What services are provided by the government? What are taxes? Why do we have taxes? Who are community leaders? What is economics?	Massachusetts- Our Home Informational Articles about Famous Peacemakers	How are the Church and State separate? How can we follow the example of famous peacemakers to make a difference in the world?	1	6, 7	8, 9, 10		3.14
MARCH									
	Massachusetts in the American Revolution	What is a revolution? What were the colonists protesting? What was the Boston Massacre?	Massachusetts-Our Home Boston Gazette and London Chronicle Articles Liberty's Kids Videos	How can we make sure that we treat everyone fairly, as Jesus did?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6, 7	8, 9, 10	3.5, 3.6	3.9, 3.12
APRIL									
	Massachusetts in the Ameican Revolution (cont.)	What happened at the Boston Tea Party? Who were the Patriots? Who were the Loyalists? Who was Paul Revere? What was the Battle of Bunker Hill? What is the Declaration of Independence? What was the Constitution? Who are some famous Patriots?	Massachusetts- Our Home Letter from Paul Revere Poem: <i>Midnight Ride of Paul Revere</i> Liberty's Kids Videos	What rights do all people deserve? Which of these rights have people of our past earned for us?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	6, 7	8, 9, 10	3.5, 3.6	3.9, 3.12
MAY									
	History of Massachusetts / Needham	Where are New England, Massachusetts, and important locations located? What important events occurred in Needham?	Massachusetts- Our Home US / State Maps 1850's School House Field Trip	What is the Catholic history of our state and our town?	4, 5			3.1	3.8, 3.9, 3.11

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JUNE									
	People in Our Past- Famous People	Who was Clara Barton? Henry David Thoreau? Emily Dickinson? Alexander G. Bell? Susan B. Anthony? W.E.B. Du Bois? John F. Kennedy?	Massachusetts- Our Home	How can we follow the examples of people in our past to make the world a better place?				3.7	