

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

May 5, 2019

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:

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch

Sun: 11:00am

Mon: 9:00am (May—October)

RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 3:00pm—3:50pm

or by appointment

St. Joseph Church

40 Main Street

Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:15am

Sun 7:30am & 5:00pm

Parish Office

603-893-8661

200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH

Fax: 603-890-0292

Mon-Thu 9:30am-2:30pm

Fri 9:30am-12:30pm by appt.

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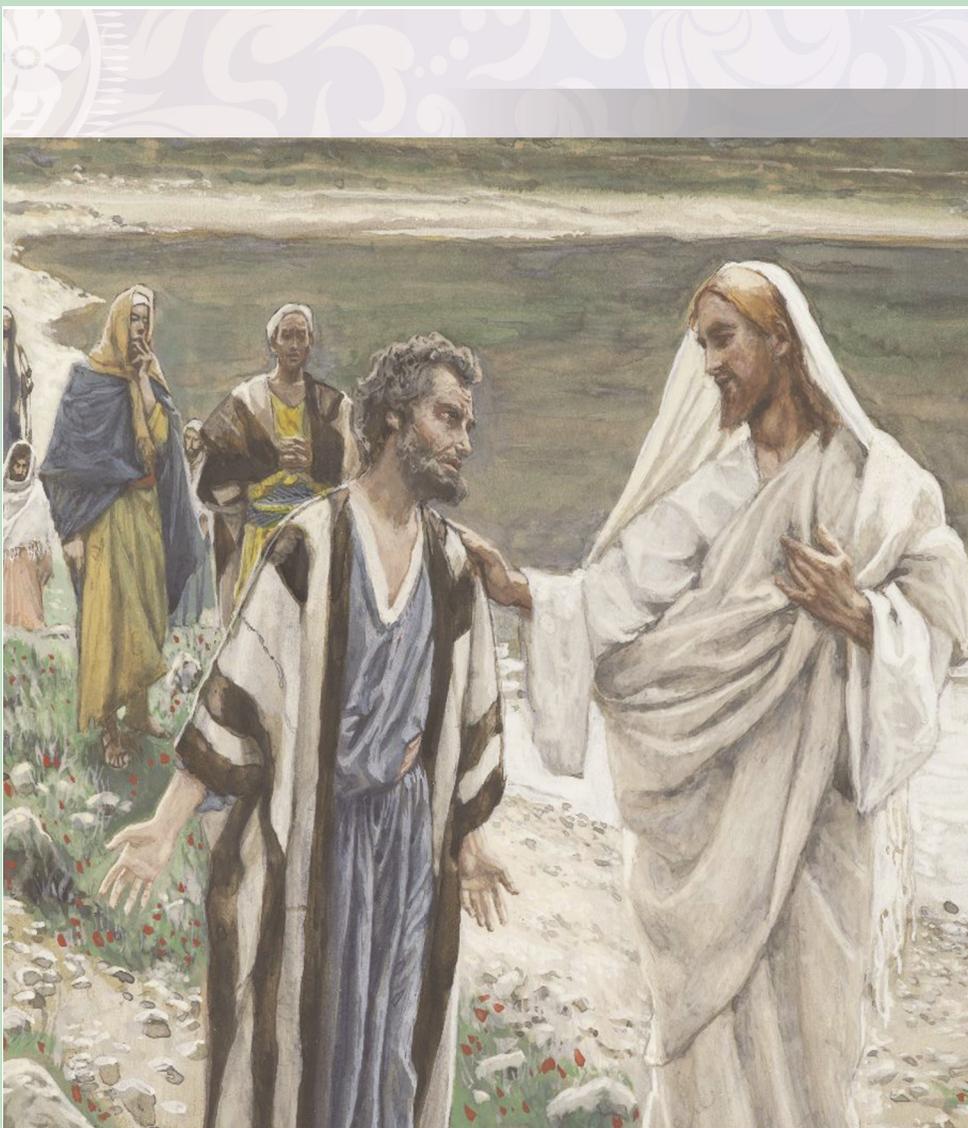
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www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

The blessings of compost

Yes, it stinks and it's ugly.

But it is one of nature's most amazing metamorphoses.

Every serious gardener knows that compost is not a pile of garbage but life itself, the secret for nourishing and maintaining a garden of beauty and bounty. In a compost pile, nature transforms our unused, unwanted scraps into nutrient-rich soil. Like the garden itself, the compost heap rests during the cold winter months under the snow, slowly changing in form from a pile of dead leaves and rotting food into humus, the rich natural fertilizer.

The brown of dead leaves provides the carbon; the green of fruits and vegetables, as well as the eggshells and coffee grounds, are rich in nitrogen. Bacteria and fungi, earthworms and insects break the material down into wondrous humus. Rain, air, time and temperature transform the worthless and the unwanted into the richest of soil for the most bountiful of harvests.

In this Easter springtime, composting can be more than a gardening miracle but a living parable of the transformation we can affect in our own lives. In God's time, with God's grace, we can transform our "scraps" – the hurts and disappointments of our lives – into a rich "humus" in which the life and love of God can take root and flourish. The Easter Jesus shows us that change is always possible, that we can always begin again and again and again. Like good composting, such transformation demands the hard work of surrendering our brokenness, our insensitivity, our stubbornness and our self-absorption and placing it all in the "pile," then trusting God to work his miracle of transformation.

Spring's compost teaches us to embrace life, to reject nothing, to be open to mystery, to become what God desires of us all: to be *humus*, to be fully human.

Deacon Jay

[Suggested by "The Compost Pile" by Judy Cannato, *Weavings*, January/February 2001.]



Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School is offering a six-week summer sessions program for children ages 3-10. These include Crafts, Games, Music, Movement, and Outdoor Exploration. Each themed week is filled with fun, enriching activities including active time in the new playground and inside the air-conditioned gym. Please see the back of the Flower Donation list for a more thorough description and registration form or call the school office: 603-893-6811

On the Tuesday of Holy Week our parish received **two sets of the holy oils** at the Cathedral in Manchester. They were displayed on Holy Thursday, and will be used throughout the year for healing, confirmation and baptism. **Oil of the Sick:** May the sick who are anointed with this oil experience the compassion of Christ and His saving love in body and soul... **Oil of Catechumens:** Through anointing with this oil may our catechumens preparing to receive the saving waters of Baptism be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms.....**Sacred Chrism:** Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed, and presbyters, who are ordained, experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.



Our Paschal/Easter Candle Design Explanation

This year the candle design is Apis Mater™. *The Exultet praises the bee whose work builds the precious torch of the Paschal candle. Apis Mater, literally translated "Mother Bee", is an introspective candle that shines with the joy of the community life, the discipline of hard work and the love concealed in sacrifice.* Rev.

Paul Turner

The vibrant honeycomb design wraps around the entire candle and pays homage to "the work of bees".



Congratulations to the following members of the parish who received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil (from left to right):

Brian MacDonald, Holly Bedrosian, Martial Ngatchoua, Shoghi Ngatchoua, Jacky Ngatchoua, Loica Ngatchoua, and Kay Barretto.



Youth Happenings: All activities are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall

Youth Ministry Information

Mondays in the Youth Center
Behind St. Julie Hall at St. Joseph Campus

YOU+HLEADER

This Summer we will be creating and training Youth Leadership teams for our "The Jesus Kids" and "CIA" youth groups. We are also looking for adults to help with our youth groups...

Starting in September,
the "Fun in the Sun" youth group for gr K-2 will meet Mondays 4:30-6,
grades 3-5 "The Jesus Kids" group will meet Mondays 5:30-7 and
the "CIA" youth group for gr 6-8 will meet Sunday evenings.

If interested in joining our team, please contact Sue Levesque at the parish office.

SO EXCITING what God is doing!!!



What's Happening at KidsChurch at MQP during the 9:30 am Liturgy



May Is All About....Blooming With God's Love!

The little ones enjoyed collecting Easter Eggs (each contained a certain exercise for the children to perform) as they walked along the road to Emmaus. The little ones sat patiently in our Prayer Space anticipating the conclusion of our Bible story skit. (It was about the stranger breaking the bread and sharing it with everyone.) The stranger's identity was revealed...He was Jesus! The Lord Had Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!

Holy Spirit Glasses: Just as those of us who wear glasses know, they aid us in seeing items clearly. This too is true of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with us each day. He guides us and helps us to "see" how to walk and follow Jesus. So, the next time you have a decision to make, or are upset with someone, or you just don't feel like doing something for Mom or Dad, put on your glasses and let the Holy Spirit help you to "see" clearly! *(The children each received a super fabulous pair of designer Holy Spirit Glasses.)*



May 5th: A Walk With Friends

Dawn Pavlini, Director of Kids Church

Kidschurch@saintsmaryandjoseph.org

2019-2020 Faith Formation Registrations available online!!!

REGISTER NOW: A discount is offered to those families who register and pay before June 1st.

We are in the final transition phase of restoring the order of when the sacraments are received: Baptism, Confirmation then First Communion. **Next year all youth grade 4 and up who have not been confirmed will prepare to celebrate the sacrament. Youth in grade 3 will be confirmed and make their First Communion next Spring (2020). Second Graders will be preparing for First Reconciliation.**

"Today, too, let us join in prayer with the Christian community of Sri Lanka, which was struck by terrible violence on Easter Sunday. We entrust to the risen Lord the victims, the wounded and all the suffering."

#PrayForSriLanka

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

Salemhaven Looking for help –

We are looking for 2 – 4 volunteers who could help bring residents at Salemhaven from their rooms on Wednesday for the Communion Service, and then assist them getting back to their rooms.

It would be each Wednesday from 1 – 2:30.

The residents so look forward to coming together to pray. You would be enriching their lives with your assistance!

For more information or to volunteer, call Justine at the office. 893-8661 ext 103

May 5, 2019 —Third Sunday of Easter



Coming Soon... Making the Family Room Handicap Accessible!

Work is going on behind the scenes, so to speak, before the project really gets going. Please be patient with us until we can be more descriptive regarding next steps!

Were you wondering why some sacred images, like the crucifix and the statue, were covered? “Artwork, statues and crucifixes are visual representations of the beauty of Catholicism. Similarly, the veiling of these images during Passiontide is a representation of the darkness without faith. Without the invisible made visible, the Incarnation and Christ’s Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection, there would be no saints, no Mass, no Christmas, no Easter, no feasts or celebrations. By shrouding the sacred images, we are encouraged to imagine the bleakness of a world without Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and focus on the great gift of Life the Passion bestowed on humanity.

At the Easter Vigil, the veils are removed and the sacred images revealed once again. New light and new life is brought into the church to inspire new hope. Like so many traditions, the veiling of images represents a connection between the temporal and the eternal, life on earth, dim and clouded versus life in heaven with God and the saints, which is bright and glorious!”

Taken from Canning Liturgical Arts Co.

Spring Cleaning

The week of May 13 – 18 we are holding a parish-wide Spring Cleaning Event of all the parish buildings: the two churches, St. Julie Hall and the Youth Center. We will need help with dusting, washing windows, walls and other light cleaning. We will provide all the cleaning supplies, we just need people willing to exert a little elbow grease! If you happen to be handy with power tools, we have ten curtain rods that need to be installed at St. Julie Hall after the windows are cleaned! If you can spare an hour or two, or perhaps a whole morning or afternoon, please call Paul at the office, ext. 104 to secure your spot. We appreciate all the help! Many hands make light work!



Small Christian Community offers a unique experience
Easter-to-Pentecost:

The Season to Look for Jesus Walking Amongst Us

Can we find evidence in the news of resurrection, renewal, and progress?

Using Catholic Social Principles, we will analyze articles from The Christian Science Monitor. We will try to see the world’s problems against a backdrop of human progress.

The Monitor is a Pulitzer Prize award-winning, global news magazine. It uses “Solutions Journalism,” where hope is imbedded within the writing. The Monitor does not promote any specific set of policies, actions, or ideologies.

For the seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost (April 21 to June 9), we will gather in our homes to discuss news articles.

We’ll be provided with a weekly copy of the news magazine.

Preparation for each week is expected to be two hours of reading and reflection. Meeting length is two hours, with day and time set for the convenience of participants.

If you are interested, contact Dan Yetter at 603-893-5429 or danyet@myfairpoint.net

Spring Giving Tree 2019



This year Saints Mary and Joseph’s Parish will be helping needy children in Salem with summer clothes. **Tags are by the entrances at both churches beginning the weekend, April 27th - 28th.** New, unwrapped donations are to be returned to the parish **by May 19th.** Feel free to contact Laura Andolino at (978)882-2657 with any questions. Thank you for your kindness!

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time presenters and part time hospitality coordinators for our **Engaged Couples Weekends** in the following regions: The Seacoast area, Greater Manchester/Nashua area. Couples married at least five years are encouraged to apply. Training will be offered for these openings. If you are interested in applying please send your resume to Chris Hagen at chagen@rcbm.org by May 17th. Please visit the following link for more information and the full job description. www.catholicnh.org/employment/

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 at the parish office at 893-8661 x103.

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 x101 for an appointment at least six months prior to the date of your marriage.

Food Pantry 893-8661 x131
Pantry Hours Every Friday 11:30am to 12:30pm at St. Joseph Campus. Salem residents can visit the Pantry every four weeks. Please call by Thursday Noon for Friday pick-up.

Prayer Line
We are 35-40 families that pray for those who have died and those struggling with health issues or any kind of discord in their families. Requests for prayer are sent to prayers by first name only to preserve family privacy. Call Melanie at 603-893-6763 or Lee at 603-898-1927. Email requests can be sent to greeleykid@msn.com BUT must have the word "prayer" in the subject line!!!

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- Fr. Vincent Onunkwo.....Administrator
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 - Sue Levesque.....Family Faith Formation
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 - Maryanne Murach....Bulletin/Admin x101
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 - Kay Barretto..Volunteer Coordinator x109
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Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."
SCTV #17: New content for May not yet available

Airing 05/06– 05/08 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Our May book selection is *The Book of Separation* by Tova Mirvis. We will meet on Friday, May 17th, at MQP in the Emmaus Room from 10:30 - noon to discuss the book. This will be our last book club meeting until we meet again in September. Watch the bulletin for information on the September selection.

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is accepting registrations for the '19/'20 school year for students in **preschool through grade 8**. Tours of the school are available by appointment. You are invited to come see the many benefits of a Catholic school education! Ask about our CSF scholarship for transfer students and other financial aid options. Questions? Contact info@sjrcs.com or 603-893-6811 x 19.

Volunteer Opportunity with Birthright of Southern NH In-office volunteers work as little as one day a month Mon-Wed-Fri from 10:30—3:00pm or Saturday

Just a friendly reminder: Parking Lot Issues!
We have added five additional handicap spaces at the right of the lot at Mary Queen of Peace. **Please leave these OPEN** for people who need them.



Also, see » » » »

Did you Know that SMJP has a website?
www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org
Calendar of current events Livestream masses Archived bulletins
Full videos of past masses and homilies Online Parish Registrations
Mass times, Staff listings & contact information Current mass intentions
Links to Parish Ministries Pictures, videos and much more

Neighboring Parish Activities

- Merrimack Valley Golf Club, 219 Howe St., Methuen, MA
- Bread & Roses 2nd Annual Benefit Fund-raiser
- A Night of Stand-Up! June 7, 2019 from 6:00—10:00pm
- Contact Emma Leaden at emma.leaden@brintern@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Parish Events

St. Joseph

Sunday, May 5

7:30p Donald Pelletier r/b Louise Pelletier

5:00p Pro Populo—The People of the Parish

Monday, May 6

7:15a Melody Clarke r/b Pat Kulesz

Tuesday, May 7

7:15a Claire Lawlor r/b James Lawlor

Thursday, May 9

7:15a Philip Kamal r/b Elaine & Dennis Lavin

Friday, May 10

7:15a Rose Scolastico r/b Mike Scolastico

Sunday, May 12

7:30a Arthur Morton r/b Bernadette Morton; Bob & Ken Galle r/b Lorraine Galle

5:00p James Carnahan r/b Charles & Evelyn Wheeler

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, May 4

4:00p Alexander Zaccardi & Frank DeLucia r/b The Family

Sunday, May 5

9:30a Lillian Renzella r/b Deb Sarnie

11:00a Albert Savastano r/b Carol Kater

Monday, May 6

9:00a Intentions of Joseph & Jose Loureiro r/b Ellen Stanford

Saturday, May 11

4:00p Pearl Rivard r/b Pam & Buddy; Salvatore Azzarito r/b Lisa Azzarito

Sunday, May 12

9:30a Dana Russo r/b the Sarnie & Caires Families; Maureen DiFrancesco r/b Jim Samowski

11:00a Tom Lemay r/b Pat Kulesz; Edna Tremblay r/b Dorothy Scott

Monday, May 13

9:00a Robert Sheehan r/b Eleanor Sheehan

Sunday May 5

9:30am KidsChurch/MQP-Classroom
12:30pm Baptism /MQP-Church
6:00pm LOL Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center

Monday May 6

6:30pm Combined Choir rehearsal/ MQP-Church

Tuesday May 7

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Room
12:30pm Quilting Group/SJ-St. Julie Hall
7:30pm Al-Anon/SJ—St. Julie Hall

Wednesday May 8

8:00am Men's Cursillo Group/SJ-Family Room
10:00am Choir Rehearsal for 7:30am Mass/SJ-Church
7:00pm AA/MQP— Main Hall

Thursday May 9

6:00pm Atonement Rehearsal/MQP-Church
7:00pm Bereavement Group/SJ-St. Julie Hall
7:15pm Pastoral Council/SJ-Family Room

Friday May 10

6:00pm NarAnon /MQP-Main Hall

Saturday May 11

8:00am Bible Study/SJ-Family Room
6:00pm SIA/MQP-Emmaus Room

Rest in Peace

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

Next Sunday is **Mother's Day**. Once again, we will be **supporting Birthright of Southern NH in Derry, NH** through donations for flowers. We will have carnations at the church entrances for everyone who would like one. Birth Right has provided caring, pro-life, non-judgmental support to girls and women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. All services are free, confidential and available to any woman regardless of age, race, creed, economic or marital background.

Parish Giving

April 27 and April 28, 2019

(*Our goal is for \$11,000 each week.)

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the offertory amounts for last weekend will be included in next weeks bulletin. Thank You

2nd Collections for May

May 5 Development Fund

May 30 Ascension Thursday

Thank You for your continued support and generosity!

Your regular financial support of our parish community is essential to our continued viability and vitality!



Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for the

Intentions of Christopher M. by Parish Staff and at Mary Queen of Peace for the **Intentions of Lorraine Thompson** by the Parish Staff & Pastoral Council.

