

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

March 29, 2020

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

Rosary prior to daily mass 6:45am

Parish Office

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

Fully human, fully alive! Years ago I read a book by Fr. John Powell with this title. The book was brought to mind by the readings for today that describe the raising of Lazarus; the words of the prophet, Ezekiel, quoting God's promise to "open your graves and put my spirit in you that you may live.;" and St. Paul's urging of the Romans to live their lives "through God's Spirit dwelling in you."

For Melanie & I, the last few weeks have been kind of a "grave experience" (no pun intended). We have been directed to confine ourselves to our apartment and have no close contact with anyone including our extended family members. Those places where we had most of our contact with friends (the restaurants) were closed and, of course, there were no church services to attend. I could no longer bring communion to the residents of Greystone Farms nor to those that I usually visit in their homes. All of this brought questions to my mind about how we live out our Catholic faith, whether we trust God to provide and protect us as we try to live out the Gospel given to us through His Son, Jesus. The stories of the saints tell us about how they ministered to the poor and the sick and trusted God for their welfare and their future. I believe that the Christian mandate to preach the Good News to all people must be carried out by a people who are "fully alive" and not governed by fear. Are we a people who live our lives "through God's Spirit dwelling" within us? Or will our future be determined by an evil presence called COVID 19?

Deacon David

Public Masses Suspended Until Further Notice

Dear Parishioners,

Because of the Coronavirus, the Diocese of Manchester has taken a drastic and unprecedented step to restrict the celebration of Mass for the general public, as we are now prohibited from gathering in groups of more than 10.

Please know that I will continue to celebrate a private Mass in order to satisfy the intentions that have been requested for each Mass.

With this extraordinary move, we are fulfilling the directive of our bishop that Masses and the Eucharist continue to be celebrated for the intentions of all the faithful, and, remain compliant with the guidelines set forth by our President and the CDC to limit the number of people in any one gathering to 10.

While no one will be able to attend Mass, everyone, including the home bound and hospitalized, will be included in my prayer at each Mass. Know that I am praying for you, your families and our whole parish, community, country and world. Please let us pray for one another.

The obligation to attend Mass is suspended during the time of these unfortunate circumstances.

The church will remain open as much as possible for individual and private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. (At Mary Queen of Peace during regular office hours by entering through the office, and at St. Joseph Church from 8:00am until 2:00pm through the front doors.)

Please check back frequently to know when the church will be unlocked for public masses again. Thank you for your patience as we deal with this difficult and humble situation. Our God is Alive!

Please note: Effective immediately, the daily Mass is suspended. St. Joseph, patron of the Diocese and our parish, protect us!

Father Vincent

Each of the following are suspended until further notice, but there are things you can do at home to unite with others.

Pot Luck Supper

On Wednesday evening, plan your meal of **Comfort Food**, the theme of this month's Pot Luck! Say Grace, including all those who would normally attend the dinner!

First Friday Adoration

Take an hour in the afternoon to pray the Rosary and meditate while livestreaming the Tabernacle at Mary Queen of Peace. Go to the parish website , click on Liturgy, then Livestream.
www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org

First Saturday Devotion

Examine your conscience, recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep the Virgin Mary company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

Palm Sunday NOTICE: Following the CDC recommendations, keeping the 6 ft. distance, and the directives from the Bishop, we are unable to gather as a Community. **Blessed Palms** will be available in the church vestibules according to the following schedule. **Mary Queen of Peace** from NOON on **Saturday** until 6:00pm;

Sunday from 9:00am—2:00pm

St. Joseph on Sunday from 9:00am—5:00pm During the week, when the church is open OR at the parish office. Last year Palms can be placed in the vestibule receptacles or naturalized in the ground.

Youth Happenings: All group events are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall
Unless stated otherwise.



Faith Formation Upcoming Schedules:

To help minimize the spreading impact of Covid-19, Kidschurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and Sunday and Monday youth ministry are suspended until further notice...
As advised by the Bishop's office, we will be looking to provide you with at-home enrichment online.

Lockdown – A Reflection by Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap

Yes there is fear.

Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying.

Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise, You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet, The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi, People are singing to each other
across the empty squares, keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know

is busy spreading fliers with her number

through the neighborhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear, But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation, But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying, But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness, But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death, But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing.



What You Can Do

- **Stop the spread.** Even if you are not particularly concerned about the risk to yourself or your own family, these tactics will protect *others* who may be more vulnerable. Many of us will carry the virus before having any symptoms (and may never develop any).
- **Wash your hands well** for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Sing the refrain to Michael Joncas' song "On Eagle's Wings" ("And he will raise you up...") while you wash.
- **Avoid touching your face.** • **Cough or sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue. • **Follow the guidance of local officials.** • **Stay home if you become ill.**
- **Don't take what you don't need.** Hoarding worsens the situation, and can lead to more infections and more impacts for the most vulnerable.
- **Leave the masks to others.** Masks only make sense for health care workers and those who are infected. They are not guaranteed to prevent transmission anyway.
- **Do not overbuy supplies.** Retailers are being wiped out of disinfectants and other supplies, leaving some who most need them without. Be prepared, but be thoughtful and reasonable.
- **Advocate for the vulnerable and targeted.**
- **Have compassion for those most at risk.** Stand up for those who need the most help and make sure they are being cared for, without judgment.
- **Fight racism.** Discrimination against those with Asian background only hurts the situation.
- **Proactively love your neighbor!**
- **Check in on isolated or vulnerable neighbors** and offer to help with specific tasks such as shopping, child or pet care, cleaning, etc.
- **If you are in a position of power**, use that power for the good of all. Allow workers to work from home or take time off, limit large gatherings, follow government guidance, etc.
- **Thank those on the front lines** who are protecting us, such as health care workers, police, firefighters. Be gentle and kind with them.
- **Pray** for all those affected by the crisis.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at Mary Queen of Peace Church at NOON **Have been Suspended.** We are trying to adhere to the recommendations from the Bishop and other local and federal agencies to minimize the risks associated with spreading the Coronavirus—Covid-19. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

All non-essential meetings and programs in the parish have been suspended until further notice.

We have been advised that Saint Mary Mission from Lancaster, PA are in lockdown. The **pick-up of religious articles** has been **delayed**. Once a new date is established, it will be published in the bulletin. Thank you for understanding!

Are You A Parishioner??

Sometimes, because we attend mass here and participate in different ministries, we assume that we are parishioners. Or, because we have received some of the sacraments here we assume that we are automatically made a parishioner. That is a very common assumption. After all, why wouldn't we be considered a parishioner? Of course, we welcome everyone into our community! But, if you are not receiving mail from the parish, or envelopes if that is how you choose to donate, then you are probably not registered as a parishioner. **It is up to you to fill out a parish registration form and make it official!** The process is simple: you provide us with some information about yourself and your family, like name(s), address, contact information and whether or not you want to use envelopes or donate online. You can go to the parish website to fill out a form (saintsmaryandjoseph.org) or fill out a paper form and put it in the offertory or bring it to the office. Becoming a parishioner makes it easier for us to identify you and family members as a member of our parish community.

There are **many benefits** for you **when you register in a parish**. In addition to us having information in case of an emergency, other parishes ask for verification if you are asked to become a godparent or confirmation sponsor. It also helps if you are applying for awards or scholarships. If you are not sure, call the parish office (603-893-8661) and we will verify your status for you!

"In these days a number of doctors and priests have died. Many nurses were infected because they were serving the sick. I thank God for the example of heroism they give us in caring for the sick. Let us pray together for them and their families." [Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex](#)

Vocation Awareness: "Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

Upcoming Parish Activities

Parish Information:

New Parishioners We welcome you to our Parish! Please register on our website: saintsmaryandjoseph.org or at the Parish Office.

Baptisms Please call the parish office at 893-8661.

Communion or Sick Calls A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will be happy to arrange a visit at your home or hospital. Please call Maryanne at the Office 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!!!



Family-to-Family Easter Basket Project. All baskets need to be dropped off at Mary Queen of Peace on Saturday, April 4th between 9 –11am. If you did not get a basket, or if shopping is too high a risk, gift cards and checks are acceptable. Thank you for your continued generosity and giving spirit.

The Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen has a **CHANGE OF DATE**. Once we resume sharing desserts, our pick-up day will be **MONDAY** by 10:00am at the parish office.

Chrism Mass We are awaiting information from the Bishop's office. This probably will not be open to the public.

The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci joyfully invites you to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 in the evening at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. All are welcome to attend this Mass. Go to www.catholicnh.org/chrism to learn more about the Chrism Mass or call the Office of Worship at 603-663-0153.

The **Bereavement Support Group meeting is suspended until further notice**. If "one on one" bereavement support is needed, phone support is available Contact Linda at 603-893-6061.

Year-End Tax Statements Call 893-8661 x 101 for Maryanne or email officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org Statements will be mailed out on Fridays for requests made during that week. Thank you for your cooperation!

Upcoming Neighboring Parish Events

Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH	Livestreaming: 7:45am Rosary 8:30 Mass Mon- Thurs 4:00 pm Sat 10:00am Sunday	https://www.facebook.com/iccnashuanh.org	For up-to-date information: https://iccnashuanh.org
Gianna's Place at The Event Center in Nashua, NH	2nd Annual Banquet to raise funds, speaker Immaculee Ilbagiza	April 22, with appetizers at 5:45pm, dinner at 6:45pm	No fee to attend, but call to register. Liz @247-8654 or Kelly @770-9248

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Mass Intentions

St. Joseph

Sunday, March 29

7:30a Ed Kulesz r/b St. Joseph Choir; Margaret Maiocchoi r/b St. Joseph Choir
5:00p Janis Conlan r/b Her Family; James & Esther Fitzgerald r/b Mark & Theresa Berube; Tony Morin r/b Denise Beauregard

Monday, March 30

7:15a No Intention

Tuesday, March 31

7:15a No Intention

Thursday, April 2

7:15a Dana Russo r/b The Family

Friday, April 3

7:15a No Intention

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday

Blessed Palms pick-up 9am-5pm

7:30a Ed Kulesz r/b Martha & Joe Lessard

5:00p No Intention

Rest in Peace

We pray for **William Schultz & Bob Neill** who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

Parish Giving

March 14 & March 15, 2020

(*Our goal is \$11,000.00 each week.)

Envelopes	\$1,295.00
Loose	\$ 0.00
On-Line	\$1,600.00
* Total	\$ 2,895.00

2nd Collections for March

3/22 Catholic Relief \$70.00

Please consider adding Saints Mary & Joseph Parish to your will, or in your annual tax relief.

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, March 28

4:00p Pro Populo—People of the Parish

Sunday, March 29

9:30a Joseph Remillard r/b Melanie & David Costello; Brian Regan r/b Melanie & David Costello; Jim Covey r/b Joan & Charlie Espinola

11:00a Patrick Finnegan r/b Melanie & David Costello; David Baillargeon r/b Jackie Baillargeon; Theresa Newcomb r/b her daughter Janet Childs

Palm Sunday Weekend

Blessed Palms available NOON-6:00pm Sat. & 9am –2pm Sunday

Saturday, April 4

4:00p Earl Morris r/b Susan LaPlante; Gerald Raymond r/b Wife, Joan; Joe Quadros r/b Joseph Melo

Sunday, April 5

9:30a Pro Populo—People of the Parish

11:00a Rita & Robert Guay r/b Evelyn Sarcione



Eternal Light/Sanctuary

Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for the **Intentions of Dottie Clarke** by Morning Mass Community and at Mary Queen of Peace for **William Schultz** by the Holy Girls.

Parish Events

Out of an abundance of Caution regarding the highly contagious COVID-19 virus:

Sunday March 29

KidsChurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and Sunday & Monday youth ministry programs are being suspended until further notice. As advised by the Bishop's office, at-home enrichment opportunities will be provided.

Monday March 30

Choirs, Choruses, multiple musicians are suspended at all Masses till further Notice.

Tuesday March 31

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Wednesday April 1

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.
 7:00pm AA/MQP—Main Hall

Thursday April 2

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Friday April 3

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Saturday April 4

8:00am Bible Study/Virtual meeting via computer/online

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Vigilance is necessary regarding the Coronavirus
Wash your hands often!**



SAVE THE DATE:

Volunteer

Appreciation Night is

Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00pm in SJRCS Auditorium.

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as our parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for the details.