

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

April 5, 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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PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
"Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

Latest instructions from the Bishop:

Although everyone recognizes the significance of palms as a beloved sacramental for the faithful, to ensure the safety of all, no provision should be made for the distribution of palms to the faithful on Palm Sunday.

The Paschal Triduum is celebrated without the faithful and the Chrism Mass has been postponed.

Last year Palms can be placed in the vestibule receptacles or naturalized in the ground.

Holy Week Services

Saint Anselm Abbey is now live-streaming **Mass on Sunday at 8:30am**, available for **viewing all day Sunday** on the abbey website. The monks are planning to **livestream the Triduum services.** As we get closer to Holy Thursday go to saintanselmabbey.org and click on Abbey Mass stream for more details.

Coronavirus: Saint Corona, protect us!

Prayer: Almighty God, who forgives the sins of Your people and heals all their faults, You who call the Lord our healer and sent Your beloved Son to bear our sickness, look upon us who stand humbly before You. We pray to You in this time of plague and need, remember Your love and kindness that You have always shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Just as You graciously looked upon Aaron's atonement and stopped the plague that broke out, just as You accepted David's sacrifice and commanded the destroying angel to withdraw his hand, accept also today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep this disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness, and do not let the plague spread any further.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us! Saint Corona, pray for us!
Saint Sebastian, pray for us! Saint Roch, pray for us! Amen.

Catholic Charities is supporting New Hampshire residents through the COVID 19 crisis by getting creative, adapting and working harder than ever before. To see more of how they are responding, go to [newsletter @cc-nh.org](http://newsletter@cc-nh.org)

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

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. As of now, Bishop Christian still plans to celebrate Confirmation and First Communion on May 17th!

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 is 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!



“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: “Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

| SLICE of-the-PIE March Winners | |
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| Shawn P. McDonough | #137 |
| Richard Poulin | #158 |
| Eleanor Poulin | #157 |
| Each receives a check for \$125.00. Congratulations! | |

Parish Registration

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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.

What Next?

God was talking to one of his angels and said, “Do you know what I have just done? I’ve just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn’t that great?”

The angel said, “Yes, but what will you do now?”

God said, “I think I’ll call it a day.”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th, the Apostolic Penitentiary in Rome announced the granting of special indulgences for the faithful, suffering from the pandemic caused by the Coronavirus.

As the Apostolic Penitentiary wrote, "So that all those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover 'the same redemptive suffering of Christ' this Apostolic Penitentiary, *ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis*, trusting in the word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition."

A **PLENARY INDULGENCE** is granted to the faithful, **if with a spirit of detachment from all sin, and with the intention to fulfill the usual conditions as soon as possible (sacramental Confession, Reception of Holy Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's Intentions), they perform the following spiritual works:**

Quarantined in their own home or in the hospital by order of the health authority, and offering this trial in a spirit of faith to God and in charity towards their brothers and sisters, they participate spiritually, through the media, in the celebration of Holy Mass, **OR** they pray the Holy Rosary, **OR** they pray the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, **OR** if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of the Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions (sacramental Confession, Reception of Holy Communion as soon as possible, and prayer for the Holy Father's Intentions).

A Plenary Indulgence is also granted, under the same conditions, on the occasion of the current world epidemic, to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, **OR** Eucharistic Adoration, **OR** reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, **OR** the recitation of the Holy Rosary, **OR** the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, **OR** the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

A Plenary Indulgence is granted to an individual, on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (*cf. Enchiridion indulgentiarum, no. 12*).

General Remarks on Indulgences

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the *Code of Canon Law* (can. 992) and in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed, gains under certain prescribed conditions (nos. 1-4 above) through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed *conditions* (nos. 3, 4 below), and the performance of certain prescribed *works* (the works or prayers described in nos. 1-4 above).

3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the *state of grace* at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.

4. A *plenary indulgence* can be gained only *once a day*. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:

— have the interior disposition of *complete detachment from sin, even venial sin*;

— *have sacramentally confessed* their sins;

— *receive the Holy Eucharist* (in the current crisis, as soon as possible, when attendance at Mass is once again permitted)

— *pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff*.

5. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion (when public attendance at Mass is once again permitted) and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, *confessors* can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).

7. Indulgences *can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased*, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Finally, the Apostolic Penitentiary reiterates, "where the individual faithful find themselves, in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness and accompanied by *votum confessionis*, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal sin."

May we take great comfort in these days that the Church remains close to her children and provides for their spiritual benefit. May Mary, the Mother of the Church and the Health of God's people, continue to intercede for us for an end to this grave crisis. Assuring you of my continued prayers for all of you. In Christ, Fr. Vincent

Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."

SCTV #17: An appropriate topic

Airing 4/6- 4/8/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Easter Flower envelopes are at the church entrances. List the names of deceased loved ones on the envelope and place in the offertory for remembrance at a special mass after Easter.

The Interfaith Choir will NOT be presenting their musical program on Sunday, April 5 at Mary Queen of Peace Church. New information will be published once it is available. Be well and stay safe!

What is SIA? The CDC reports that 2 out of 5 men, and 3 out of 5 women were sexually abused/molested as children. Survivors of Incest, Anonymous, (SIA) is a 12 step spiritual program that provides support and healing for those who were sexually molested/abused as children (regardless of who the perpetrator was). (We usually meet on Saturdays at 6 pm. in Salem, NH. Until the CDC issues an all-clear, all nonessential meetings in the parish have been suspended.) Please email: SIA-southernNH@aol.com or text 982-4262 or call 603- 898 1318 or visit the SIA website: SIAWSO.org

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.

Due to the COVID19 virus all funerals are currently being handled as private by the family to comply with the President's and CDC guidelines of limiting the number of people gathering at one time..

Please keep all the faithful departed and their loved ones in your prayers. This is an especially difficult time for those grieving.



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 [office admin@ saintsmaryandjoseph org](mailto: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

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| 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 Ilibagiza | 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 |

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!!!

Parish Staff: 893-8661

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Mass Intentions

Father Vincent will be celebrating Private Masses and offering the Intentions privately until further notice.

St. Joseph

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday No Masses

7:30a Ed Kulesz r/b Martha & Joe Lessard
5:00p All Soul's Intentions

Monday, April 6 at CHURCH RECONCILIATION at St. Joseph
11:00am-1:00pm
5:00pm-7:00pm

7:15a All Soul's Intentions

Tuesday, April 7

7:15a All Soul's Intentions

Thursday, April 8 Holy Thursday

7:30p NO Mass of Lord's Supper

Friday, April 9 Good Friday

9:00a NO Walking Way of the Cross

7:30p NO Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sunday, April 12 Easter Sunday No Masses

8:00a Ed Kulesz r/b Dottie Clarke
11:00a Harriet Sullivan r/b Her Children

Mary Queen of Peace

Palm Sunday Weekend No Masses

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

Easter Sunday Weekend

Saturday, April 11 NO Easter Vigil

7:30p James F. Thomas r/b Wife, Dolly

Sunday, April 12 No Easter Sunday Masses

9:30a Intentions of Dave Thompson r/b Deb Sarnie

11:00a Pro Populo—People of the Parish

Rest in Peace

We pray for **Katherine "Kay" Marsan, Harriett Sullivan & Dana Clarke** who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.



Eternal Light/Sanctuary

Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for the **Intentions of Kevin Smith** by Morning Mass

Community and at Mary Queen of Peace for the **Intentions of Chris Costello** by the Parish Staff.

Parish Events

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

Sunday April 5

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 April 6

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

Tuesday April 7

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Wednesday April 8

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

HOLY Thursday April 9

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Good Friday April 10

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Holy Saturday April 11

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!



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Watch for more details.

Parish Giving

March 28 & March 29, 2020

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

Envelopes \$2,828.00

Loose \$ 0.00

On-Line \$1,072.00

* **Total \$ 3,900.00**

3/29 CRS & Home Missions **\$413.00**

2nd Collections for April

4/5 Development Fund

4/10 Holy Land

4/12 Easter

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

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.