

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

Our Mission Statement:

*Discover God's Love so we might Love God, Love Others, and
Grow as a Community of Disciples.*

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

Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road
Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch

Sun: 11:00am Livestreamed

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

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of
bread. —Lk 24:35

Dancing all the way to Emmaus

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him . . .

Luke 24: 13-35

An episode from the comic strip **Rose is Rose** by Pat Brady:

“Late one night, while Mom and Dad are having coffee in the kitchen, five-year-old Pasquale comes downstairs. He can’t sleep. Something has scared him. The little boy seems terribly worried. So he asks, “Mom and Dad, please do a slow dance while the little radio plays softly.”

Mom and Dad happily oblige. They turn on the kitchen radio and find a station playing a slow love song. Dad takes Mom into his arms, Mom lovingly places her head on Dad’s shoulder, and the couple softly dances to the music. Little Pasquale’s face lights up with a big smile.

“That’s perfect,” he says. Then he yawns, “Good night, Mom and Dad. I love you!” and up to his room he goes.

Mom and Dad say, “Sweet dreams, Pasquale. We love you.”

And they continue to dance.

Swaying to the music, Mom says, “He has funny ways of feeling secure.”

Dad, still happily lost in the romance of the moment, replies, “They work for me.”

Knowing that we are loved, that we are cared for, is the ultimate security. Jesus’ appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (this Sunday’s Gospel) reassures the community of his disciples in every time and place that he remains in our midst always, as real as our Paschal candle, as comforting as the love of parents for their children, as certain as the coming of spring each year.

Renewed by the joy of this Easter springtime, may we be for one another the reassuring and comforting love of Christ in every season of the year.

Open our hearts and unclench our hands, O God, to give to others the peace and healing that we have received from your Risen Christ. May every good thing we do for those we meet along the roads we travel and who share tables with us enable them to experience the Easter hope that we have been blessed to know in our lives.

Deacon Jay

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.

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.

We have received word that Confirmation and First Communion scheduled with Bishop Christian for May 17th is being postponed. When it becomes safe to gather again he will reschedule with us.

Be safe and keep sending Sue your God-sightings to be posted on our parish Instagram!!! In the midst of our new reality, may you become more aware of God’s life and love growing all around!!! Know that God is seeking to break through the suffering, sadness, loneliness, heartache, and death!!! May you recognize God’s abounding love and life continuing to be poured out!!!! **Happy Resurrection Season everyone!!!**

“To be Christian is not only to fulfill the Commandments, but “to be born again” and allow the Spirit to enter in us and carry us wherever He wants. This is the freedom of the Spirit. May the Lord help us always to be docile to the Spirit. “

[Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex](#)

Vocation Awareness: “You have made known to me the paths of life.” Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering the possibility, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

April 26, 2020—Third Sunday of Easter



April 15, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Easter Alleluia happily proclaims that Christ is Risen! He is truly risen as He said. In this most blessed Easter season, even though our lives have changed and routines and priorities have been altered so drastically, the unaltered promise of Jesus is fulfilled and remains our security and our hope. The Risen Christ is the One whose side was pierced with a lance and poured forth the Fountain of Immortality and so, our joy must not be diluted with tears of sadness today.

I've seen the refreshment of life that His Fountain of Immortality has been giving. Wounded as we are by the virus and the impact it has had even on our going to Mass, I cannot begin to tell you how edified I am by our people who have been comforted and even delighted as they admire their priests for their unyielding efforts to bring, as best they can, the elements and fruits of the Mass and Sacraments despite the challenging circumstances they, and we, all face.

I am reminded of the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe who, in the most dire of circumstances said, "Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice, and is nourished by giving." How we are all striving to live those words in our own day! The Fountain of Immortality still pours forth the grace for which the side of Christ was pierced. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. He IS Risen! Although the pews are empty at this time, the life of the parish lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Our priests are finding ways of giving and in the midst of sacrifice continue to nourish their people. How blessed we are!

As members of the Church in New Hampshire, you, too, must be thanked for your generous and sacrificial support of your Church. Despite being fiscally prudent, many of your pastors are facing unexpected financial hardship for their parishes due to the effects of the pandemic. Your support each week is a blessed sacrificial gift flowing from your heart! YOU have shown that the wellsprings of the graces of the Fountain of Immortality continue to flow in the Church even in, and especially in, times of greatest need. In this time of particular need, I appeal to you that, if your means allow, you continue and possibly increase your support in one or each of these suggested ways:

- 1) Encourage friends and relatives to be sure that they know they can contribute at this time.
- 2) Contributions can be made to our newly established Together in Faith: Parish Support Fund, which gives immediate assistance to parishes in extreme financial hardship due to the pandemic.
- 3) If, by any chance you find prayerfully that you can increase your giving to your parish by 10%, our parish life will continue uninterrupted throughout this critical time. You can visit www.catholicnh.org/online-giving page to give online to your parish, or if you give by check, fill out a [digital commitment card](#).

Many of our parishes strive zealously to livestream Mass and Devotions, and open the churches for prayer and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and Confessions. These are the channels of grace pouring from the Fountain of Immortality – Christ and his Sacraments.

Throughout history, Catholics have always responded abundantly to the trials they have faced. We respond, we sacrifice and we give out of love. In this most challenging time, I ask that you prayerfully consider in what way you can offer immediate financial support to the Catholic Church here in New Hampshire.

Gratefully and faithfully yours in Our Lord,

+Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, May 1

“If you want to be close to Christ, I repeat to you 'Ite ad Ioseph': Go to Joseph!” said Ven. Pius XII in 1955 as he instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker to be celebrated on May 1.

The new feast was intentionally placed on the calendar to counter the communist May Day rallies, but this was not the first time the Church had presented St. Joseph’s example as an alternative path toward workers’ dignity.

In 1889, the International Socialist Conference instituted May 1 as a holiday for labor in remembrance of Chicago’s “Haymarket affair” labor protests.

In that same year, Leo XIII warned the poor against the false-promises of “seditious men”, calling them to turn instead to St. Joseph with a reminder that mother Church “each day takes an increasing compassion on their lot.”

According to the pontiff, the witness of St. Joseph’s life taught the rich “what are the goods most to be desired,” while the everyday workmen could claim St. Joseph’s recourse as their “special right, and his example is for their particular imitation.”

“It is, then, true that the condition of the lowly has nothing shameful in it, and the work of the labourer is not only not dishonouring, but can, if virtue be joined to it, be singularly ennobled,” wrote Leo XIII in *Quamquam pluries*.

In 1920, Benedict XV prayerfully offered St. Joseph as the “special guide” and “heavenly patron” of laborers “to keep them immune from the contagion of socialism, the bitter enemy of Christian principles.”

And, in the 1937 encyclical on atheistic communism, *Divini Redemptoris*, Pius XI placed “the vast campaign of the Church against world Communism under the standard of St. Joseph, her mighty Protector.”

“He belongs to the working-class, and he bore the burdens of poverty for himself and the Holy Family, whose tender and vigilant head he was. To him was entrusted the Divine Child when Herod loosed his assassins against Him,” Pope XI continued. “He won for himself the title of ‘The Just,’ serving thus as a living model of that Christian justice which should reign in social life.

Yet, despite the 20th century Church’s emphasis on St. Joseph the Worker, it cannot be emphasized enough that Joseph’s life was not defined by his work, but by his vocation to fatherhood.

“For Saint Joseph, life with Jesus was a continuous discovery of his own vocation as a father,” wrote Saint John Paul II in his book “Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way.”

He continued, “Jesus Himself, as a man, experienced the fatherhood of God through the father-son relationship with Saint Joseph. This filial encounter with Joseph then fed into Our Lord’s revelation of the paternal name of God. What a profound mystery!”

John Paul II saw firsthand communist attempts to separate the family unit and undermine parental authority in Poland. He said that he looked to St. Joseph’s fatherhood as a model for his own priestly fatherhood.”

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/commentary-st-joseph-the-worker-in-the-21st-century-91816>

Catholic Charities NH Update: All Programs Continue to Offer Support During COVID-19 Crisis

In this challenging and unprecedented time, Catholic Charities NH continues to serve the needs of the vulnerable across New Hampshire. While most of our physical locations are closed, all of our programs remain operational. Our staff is working remotely and is accessible to serve individuals and families facing increasing hardship during this difficult period. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact 603-669-3030. You may also visit www.cc-nh.org/programs for more information on how we continue to adapt to changing needs statewide.

Racetrack Ministry Update

Yes, even though there is no more racetrack, the official name for the Mexico Mission ministry remains the same, Racetrack Ministry. Lee Alphen is responsible for both the ministry and administrative portions. She recently reported that Mexico is pretty much shut down. It is especially hard on people in the outlying areas since all they really had as social opportunities were church and school.

There are about 80 families that receive help with groceries every few months. Otherwise, all they have to eat is corn ground into tortillas, without meat or beans! The mission team awarded about 20 scholarships in January to a combination of high school and college students. In addition, they financed celebrations for the New Year, Epiphany, Easter, Feast of John the Baptist and Christmas. This Easter was limited to providing groceries due to social distancing.

If no one from the local parish offers the Mass, this group pays. They also pay for all of the items needed for the mass like the candles, wine, communion wafers, bibles, etc. Lee and her team are grateful for all of the support from the parish!

Upcoming Parish Activities

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

SCTV #17: An appropriate topic

Airing 4/27– 4/29/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Watching the Saints Mary & Joseph Mass on TV Channel 17 on Comcast will broadcast the parish mass, with a one week delay, on Sunday at 9:00am and 5:00pm, and on Tuesday at 8:00am. If you were unable to livestream the Easter Mass, then you can view it on TV, but be advised that it is always one week behind the actual date. It is definitely worth watching!!

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!!!

Additional Easter Flower donations

The following also made Easter Flower contributions in memory of their loved ones:

Ana Teresa Gorbin, Jose Medina Povlino, Jose E. Colon Sr, Jose E. Colon Jr. r/b Lucia Colon,

Jack & Rhea Richards, Joseph & Olive Grill r/b Linda & Bill Richards,

Anthony S. Coco r/b Anthony & Maria Coco

AND

Sue Frazier, Richard Cooney, Illiclia Porto, David & Shannon Bettencourt

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.

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Upcoming Neighboring Parish Masses

Diocese of Manchester home page

<https://catholicnh.org>

Listing of livestream masses by Parish.

Find heading "Livestreamed Masses", scroll down until you see Find Your Parish or See Our Listing Select one

<https://www.catholicnh.org/community/outreach/health-care/coronavirus/livestreamed-masses/>

At the assigned time, view the Mass for that day LIVE by going to the website of the parish you want.

Jesuit Options for Masses

Listing of times and locations of livestreamed masses

<https://jesuitseast.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20200318083745>

The April newsletter for the East Province.

Mass Intentions

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

St. Joseph **No Masses**

Sunday, April 26

7:30a Arthur Paradis r/b Jackie Provencher; Ken & Bob Galle r/b Lorraine; Ed Kulesz r/b Pat
5:00p Pro Populo - People of Parish

Monday, April 27

7:15a Alphen, Tris & Haskell Families r/b Lee Alphen

Tuesday, April 28

7:15a Anne Roberge Murach r/b Maryanne Murach

Thursday, April 30

7:15a John LaPlante r/b Family

Friday, May 1

7:15a End to COVID 19, help for those affected r/b Lee Alphen

Sunday, May 3

7:30a Donald Pelletier r/b Louise Pelletier; Anthony Suszek r/b Marilyn & Wes Suszek; Margaret Maiocchi r/b Marc & Joan Payeur
5:00p William Lavoie r/b Susan LaPlante

Mary Queen of Peace **No Masses**

Saturday, April 25

4:00p Alexander Zaccardi & Frank DeLucia r/b Family; Earl W. Morris r/b Melanie & David Costello; Robert Sheehan r/b wife Eleanor

Sunday, April 26

9:30a Domingo & Rosalia Ordonez r/b Family; Concetta Sousa r/b Family

11:00a Raymond Sarcione r/b Evelyn Sarcione

Saturday, May 2

4:00p Pro Populo—People of the Parish

Sunday, May 3

9:30a Jay Ormsby r/b Parish Staff
11:00a Margaret Buco r/b Carol Kater

Rest in Peace

We pray for **Ann Bibeau & Genevieve "Gene" Silver** 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 **Intentions of Patty Crawford** by Morning Mass

Community and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Jay Ormsby** by Parish Staff. The candle burns for one week. If you would like to specify an intention, call the office.

Parish Events

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

Sunday April 26

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 27

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

Tuesday April 28

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Wednesday April 29

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Thursday April 30

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Friday May 1

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Saturday May 2

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

April 18 & April 19, 2020

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

Envelopes	\$3,734.00
On-Line	\$2,056.00
Addl. Easter	\$2,346.00
Total	\$8,136.00

2nd Collections for May

5/3	Development Fund
5/21	Ascension
5/24	Catholic Communication

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

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

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.