

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

**May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday**

*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

## Parish Office

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#### Website:

[www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org)

Facebook: Sts Mary and Joseph

Twitter: @StsMary\_Joseph

Instagram: Stsmaryjoseph



## What is Pentecost?

The celebration of Pentecost began long before its appearance in Acts 2.

Heirloom wedding rings are powerful markers of personal heritage. Having one is a reminder of the family member with whom it originated (even if we never knew them) and the person(s) through whom it has passed. But for its original owner, it was not an heirloom at all but rather a symbol of their marriage covenant with a particular person. Only as that ring becomes an heirloom, passed on from person to person, does its meaning shift. No longer just a wedding ring, it increasingly becomes a symbol of ever widening family connections.

Pentecost is like an heirloom wedding ring inherited from the past and transformed. Pentecost had a lengthy history before appearing in Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2. Known in Hebrew as Shavuot (the Feast of Weeks), it originated as the wheat harvest festival (see Exod. 34:22), occurring seven weeks after the barley harvest festival, Pesach (Passover). Jewish faithful from across the ancient world journeyed to Jerusalem to offer the first harvested wheat sheaves at the Temple. Additionally, by the time of Jesus, Shavuot became the occasion for celebrating God giving the Torah—the Law—to Israel through Moses. God's Pesach salvation of Israel and their passage through the Red Sea was solidified through the Law: Israel experienced how God would be their God and understood how to be God's people.

One of the optional readings for the current Pentecost Vigil, Exodus 19:3–8a, 16–20b, tells the story of God's post-Pesach Torah gift. God descended upon Mount Sinai in fire and smoke. Similarly, in the Acts Pentecost narrative the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples in tongues of fire. God speaks with Moses, who emerges with the Commandments. The disciples emerge from their encounter with the Holy Spirit as the church, the community of the resurrection, speaking the gospel of Jesus Christ to others. Shavuot-Pentecost is a theological heirloom wedding ring, communicating the same fundamental truth about God's desire for communion with people.

But the Acts Pentecost narrative extends beyond Shavuot. It incorporates the story of the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1–9), where God caused new languages to be spoken in order to frustrate humanity's self-centered pride. No longer able to understand each other, people spread throughout the world. In the church, 50 days after Easter, Babel is not undone—Babel is transformed. Linguistic division remains, but the Holy Spirit enables the church to transcend divisions: Each person there heard the church "speaking in his own language" (Acts 2:6), much like a speech delivered and simultaneously translated at the United Nations.

Since Pentecost, the church has preached the gospel in many and varied ways. Understanding the fullness of the gospel thus requires engaging with the different languages, customs, times, and places in which it has been preached—that is, in the very ways in which that heirloom has been received.

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Glad you Asked [2]

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"Knowledge of the Lord is handed down from generation to generation mainly by telling the story of how He continues to make Himself present. The God of life communicates with us through the story of life." [Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex](#)

**Vocation Awareness:** "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, consecrated sister or brother? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

## Ordinations Livestreamed

Bishop Libasci invites you to support priestly vocations by joining him for the

**Priest Ordination** Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 10:00am, livestreamed at

[Www.stjosephcathedralnh.org](http://Www.stjosephcathedralnh.org) Rev. Mr. Joshua Livingston and Rev. Mr. Ryan Amazeen

In light of the coronavirus outbreak and safety restrictions, these men were given the option to, but chose not to, postpone their ordination. They will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders in a largely empty Cathedral, with only their parents and close relatives and friends in attendance. Other family, friends, priests and deacons and other well-wishers will be with them in spirit, as they will be able to watch a livestream of the Mass from the Saint Joseph Cathedral website.

Please pray for these men who have so generously answered God's call.

May 19, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so deeply grateful for your patience and for fervently practicing our shared faith in your homes during this time of isolation. I have also been very grateful for your prayers for our Church and have been fortified by witnessing all the broadcast Masses, pastor video messages, live online rosaries, and all our modified ways of sharing in our faith together.

I write to you today to share the news that I have given permission for our pastors and parishes to begin **distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful**. For some time now, I have been working with our regional Deans and others on the development of plans for the resumption of the public celebration of Mass, and this interim measure, which has been generated from that process, is intended to allow for the reception of the Eucharist pending the resumption of public Masses.

Under this interim plan, priests will be using strict safety precautions and will be provided guidance regarding timing, entry and exit procedures, and training of volunteers. Any parish that is able to comply with the guidelines may begin distributing Holy Communion as early as this weekend (May 23/24); however, I have instructed that all parishes must implement this plan no later than May 30/31. Please check with your local parish to find out when and how they will be putting this plan into place.

We are continuing to work on the resumption of the celebration of public Mass. One of the items that we are addressing is the State of New Hampshire's current restriction on gatherings of 10 or more people. Although this restriction has begun to be relaxed in certain contexts, the State (as of the time of writing) has not yet done so with respect to gatherings for worship. For the last several weeks, we have been participating in a working group that is developing a careful process for how places of worship will be able to responsibly resume gatherings of more than 10 people. Governor Sununu is awaiting the recommendations that this group even now is finalizing. Even though we cannot return fully to public celebration of the Mass immediately, I am very hopeful that we will have public liturgies available soon—even if they will inevitably come with modifications. In the meantime, priests continue to celebrate Holy Mass privately, and to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to individuals. Churches continue to remain open for private individual prayer at designated times as previously directed. My dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect. I am grateful to all of you who have endured this sacrifice for your brothers and sisters with such a strong sense of our oneness in the Lord. Let us all pray for one another and look forward to the day of our great reunion.

Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci Bishop of Manchester

## Slice-of-the-Pie Raffle NEWS

Memberships are now open for our 2020-2021 **Slice-of-the-Pie Club**. It is a fun way to support our parish while also having a chance to win a cash prize yourself. Here's how it works:

Up to 300 people donate \$100 for a chance to win 3 monthly prizes of \$125.

In June there is a drawing for grand prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, and 10 winners of \$150. (Plus, we'll have pie and ice cream!) The balance goes to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish.

Along with the monthly prizes we are still planning to have the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING on June 14, 2020 after the 11:30 a.m. Communion distribution. Last year we had a festive event with pie and ice cream, and if the ban on gatherings is lifted by then we'll do it again. Otherwise, Fr. Vincent will draw the winners and the names will be listed on the parish website. Please watch the weekly Bulletin for the latest news.

Sign up for 2020-2021 Pie Club <https://saintsmaryandjoseph.org/slice-of-the-pie> (link to online form and payment.) or print out the mail-in form from the website if you prefer to pay by check.

For more information contact Diane Cormier at [300slices@gmail.com](mailto:300slices@gmail.com).

### Catholic Charities Reminder

If you need help with food and/or basic needs or bills, please contact either Judy Nelson or Carolynn German. Her email is: [jnelson@nh-cc.org](mailto:jnelson@nh-cc.org) They will help as much as possible and also refer individuals to other agencies that can be helpful with their specific needs. Please know that Catholic Charities is available even after the sanctions are lifted and life goes to a "new normal."

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.

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

### What Catholics Should Know About Ordinary Time

BY DONNA FRASIER

If you think of the liturgical calendar as the “circle of life”, the mystery of Christ unfolds. The significance and beauty of how Christ calls us to live our lives through him comes to light.

**GREEN** is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time that we find on priestly vestments and in our church decor. It is the color of life and hope.

Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, as it continues until the Advent season begins again.

In the first span of Ordinary Time we have wonderful prayer opportunities with our families. The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord is celebrated on February 2. Many display their nativities until this day. This is also the time for Candlemas (Blessing of the Candles), when parishes may have a prayer service; families bring candles to be blessed for use in their homes during the year

#### Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary

This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus’ teachings and miracles while on this earth. One symbol often found in Ordinary Time is comprised of two fish and a basket of bread — symbolizing Jesus’ “Loaves and the Fishes” miracle. (See Matthew 14: 13-21.)

The second season of Ordinary Time follows the celebration of Pentecost; the gift of the Holy Spirit moves us to do God’s work. The Spirit does for us and the Church what Jesus did for his disciples — he left them with his love, fire, and Spirit to share with the world. *Trinity Sunday* is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Trinity, gives us fullness in Christ — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The next Sunday is *Corpus Christi*, which commemorates the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and many parishes celebrate Eucharistic processions or Holy Hours at this time.

The final Sunday in Ordinary Time is the feast of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*, traditionally called the feast of Christ the King. We reverence our Lord as the King of all — and pray that all on earth may praise him now — as we look forward to living with him eternally in heaven forever.

The season of Ordinary Time that occurs in the warmer months may prompt us to link our daily prayers with the enjoyment of nature:

- pray outdoors when taking a walk
- plant a small sprig and watch it grow
- wake up early and enjoy the sunrise using Morning Prayer (*Lauds*)
- incorporate a family prayer time, such as the Rosary, on outings



#### Explore the Communion of Saints

There is a wonderful harmony between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the Saints. Ordinary Time is a great time to explore the lives of the saints on their feast days. As we follow the saints feast days and share their stories with our children, we can find significance in their lives that can be related to our own. <https://www.catechist.com/catholics-know-ordinary-time/>

**Baptisms** are currently being conducted privately, but livestreamed! **Each Sunday afternoon** in June and July, Deacon David will celebrate two Baptisms at Mary Queen of Peace Church. Parents, godparents and grandparents may attend while following all CDC guidelines. Baptism prep will be conducted using “lifesize” - an application like Zoom.

## Upcoming Parish Activities

### Parish Information:

**New Parishioners** We welcome you to our Parish! Please register on our website:

[saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://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](mailto:greeleykid@msn.com) BUT must have the word "prayer" in the subject line!!!

### Parish Staff: 893-8661

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

**SCTV #17:** Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai "Hidden Truth" interview Media Fund

Airing 6/01– 6/03/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

**Livestream of Daily Mass** [saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://saintsmaryandjoseph.org), Fr. Vincent is now Livestreaming the daily mass from Mary Queen of Peace Church. The mass is celebrated each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 9:00am.

**St. Mary's Mission** Now that states are easing some of their stay-at-home restrictions, St. Mary's Mission from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has rescheduled their pick-up time. They expect to be in Salem on June 9 between 4:00pm and 4:30pm. Please hold your religious articles for donation until then. Thank you!

**Updating the Parish Data System:** IF you did not receive an email from the Parish Office this past week, please send an email to the office at [officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org](mailto:officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org). It means that we do not have your correct email address, but by sending us an email we will be sure to get it correct for the next email distribution. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

**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.

**Daily Mass Intention Openings** Now that Father Vincent will be celebrating daily mass via livestream, there are many daily masses without announced intentions! If you would like to have a mass offered for someone's intentions (living) or in memory of someone (deceased), please call the office. We will try to accommodate the dates you prefer. You, along with the person/family member for whom the mass is intended, would also be invited to attend that mass.

**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 Sunday 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!!

### First Friday Adoration

Take an hour in the afternoon to pray the Rosary and meditate while livestreaming the Tabernacle at Mary Queen of Peace

[Www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://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.

For this month's **Pot Luck Supper**, plan a picnic! Eat outside, enjoy nature, make something simple or fancy. Then, pray for those with whom you would normally share the monthly dinner! Stay safe and be well!

**Mass Intentions** Father Vincent will be celebrating Masses via LIVESTREAM ([saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://saintsmaryandjoseph.org)) from Mary Queen of Peace Church until further notice. There are **NO PUBLIC MASSES**.



### St. Joseph

#### Sunday, May 31 Pentecost

7:30a Ed Kulesz r/b Jean & Dick Collopy

5:00p Pro Populo—People of the Parish

#### Monday, June 1

9:00a Intentions of Class of 2020

#### Tuesday, June 2

9:00a Joseph & Helen Keronski r/b Mary Keronski

#### Wednesday, June 3

9:00a Wilfred "Bill" Bamford r/b St. Joseph Choir

#### Thursday, June 4

9:00a John "Johnny D" DiBenedetto r/b Pat Kulesz

#### Friday, June 5

9:00a Bob Neill r/b Janet & Jim Frahm

#### Sunday, June 7

7:30a Margaret Maiocchi r/b Melanie & David Costello

5:00p All Soul's Intentions

### Parish Giving

#### May 9 & May 10, 2020

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

Envelopes \$5,717.00

On-Line \$2,069.00

Total \$7,786.00

#### 2nd Collections for May

5/21 Ascension \$676.32

5/24 Catholic Comm. \$257.72

**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!

### Mary Queen of Peace

#### Saturday, May 30 Pentecost Weekend

4:00p Ed McFadden r/b wife, Jean

#### Sunday, May 31

9:30a Intentions of Carol Dillon Downey r/b David & Kathleen Dillon

11:00a Mildred Sweeney r/b Parish Staff

#### Monday, June 1

9:00a All Soul's Intentions

#### Saturday, June 6

4:00p Pro Populo—People of the Parish

#### Sunday, June 7

9:30a John Fenlon r/b Mary; Stephen Teahan, Jr. r/b His Family

11:00a Fernando Cafua r/b Mary Francis Renner

**Rest in Peace**  
We pray for **Bill Guay** who died recently. May his family be comforted by loving memories of him 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 Stephanie** by her mother, Cate and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Intentions of Abby** by Mary Roy.

The candle burns for one week. If you would like to specify an intention, call the office.

**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.

### Parish Events

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

#### Sunday May 31

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 June 1

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

#### Tuesday June 2

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

#### Wednesday June 3

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

#### Thursday June 4

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

#### Friday June 5

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

#### Saturday June 6

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 & wear a facial mask/covering when out!**



Come Holy Spirit  
Fill the hearts of your people.  
Enkindle within us  
the fire of your love!