

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

July 26, 2020 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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

MASSes Livestreamed

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch

Sun: 11:00am

Mon-Thurs: 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, Wed, Thur: 7:15am

Sun 7:30am & 5:00pm

Rosary prior to daily mass 6:45am

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## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and  
sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

Whenever I look at the readings for a particular day I always ask myself, 'What is the Church trying to tell me?' The Church places the readings together for a particular reason. This week, the theme of understanding was prevalent in all the readings. In the first reading we actually get to read how the gift of understanding, mentioned in Isaiah 11 as one of seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, was bestowed upon Solomon. We must follow Solomon's example. After praying to God and asking for an understanding heart the Lord then gives him that gift. Solomon, with his desire for understanding seeks out the Lord. If understanding is truly a gift of the Holy Spirit then it is God, and only God, who can give and deepen that gift.

So, what does understanding have to do with the Gospel? Jesus is trying to get the disciples to understand the Kingdom of Heaven. He is explaining that the Kingdom of Heaven's value is inestimable, and that surrendering our attachments, either literal or spiritual, is required to obtain it. He uses the examples to demonstrate his point. Understanding this need for detachment is vital, without understanding it is difficult to adhere to and, more importantly, to do so joyfully. Let us be like Solomon and continue to pray and ask the Lord to pour out and deepen the gift of understanding in our lives, especially in times such as these, so that we may be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and bring others with us as well.

-Beccah Frulla

### How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is YOU It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the message of Jesus. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as He continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do His will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic Faith. Will you step out in faith, and ask a friend or neighbor if they have ever thought about becoming Catholic? Let them know we have a way for them to journey towards full reception into the church. If you know of someone who might be questioning, please have them call Bonnie Barlow at 893-8661 ext. 103 for more information.

"Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

### The Celebration of Mass has resumed at Saints Mary & Joseph Parish on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED basis. Also, confessions will be at the normal time and by appointment.**

To provide as safe and clean an environment as possible, we ask those coming to Mass to observe the following: Parishioners must wear masks from the moment they leave their car until they return. Masks will be provided for those without. **Father will wear his mask for distribution of Communion.**

Ushers will accompany worshipers to one of the places marked in the church. To avoid contact with others, seating will begin at the front of the church and continue to the back. Once all the marked places have been taken, no one else will be admitted to the church.

Hymnals have been removed from the churches .

**Communion will be distributed during the Mass at the normal time. Please wait for an usher to direct you to leave your bench, then practice the six-foot distancing, as marked on the floor.**

The church will be sanitized immediately after Mass.

We are committed to following these protocols for the safety of our parish community, our liturgical ministers and our clergy. **To this end, parishioners who are not able or unwilling to follow these guidelines will be asked by ushers to leave.**

For those who are unable to return to Mass, we will continue to "live stream" ALL of the Sunday Masses from Mary Queen of Peace. Communion will be offered in the church, in front of the Tabernacle, after the 9:30am mass attendees have exited, from 10:20-10:50 am. While this is far from the ideal celebration of the Eucharist, it is a positive step forward as we resume our life as a parish community and celebrate our identity as the people of God.

**Fall Cleaning at MQP.....Fr. Marc shows no partiality as he goes through areas of the buildings, purging, organizing and reimagining spaces! This week the dumpster was delivered to Mary Queen of Peace. In a matter of hours, with the help of some able bodied young men, he managed to clean the garage, offices, meeting spaces and worship spaces. So, don't be surprised when you return to church and find a few things in different places! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2Corinthians 5:17**



## Introducing our New Pastor.....

Dear Parishioners,

I came back to Salem after 38 years! It's amazing how quickly the years go by. Ordained in 1977, my first assignment was at St. Joseph Parish in Salem. I served here from 1977 to 1982 with Fr. Karl Dowd, Deacon Dennis Audet, Fr. Al Janetta and Fr. Henry Huot. Sr. Mary Anne Laughlin and Sr. Harriet Cutting were also part of the team.



From here I was assigned to Diocesan "jobs". From 1982 to 1984 I was co-director of the Manchester Christian Life Center, Spiritual Director for the Charismatic Renewal Movement and Spiritual Director for the N.H. Cursillo Movement. During that time I was also chairman of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

The Holy Spirit was working overtime during these years. It was an abundant time in my life where I began to see the need for greater renewal efforts throughout the diocese. With that in mind and with the blessing of Bishop Gendron, I was able to begin Spiritual Renewal Services which served as an umbrella for a variety of ministries that blossomed over the years. Men and Women's Retreats, Young Adult Retreats, Parish Missions, Healing Masses, Conferences, Couples workshops and retreats, Days of Renewal, N.E.T., Pilgrimages, and a variety of other opportunities became part of my daily life.

I was also blessed to begin a retreat Center in Manchester which I dedicated to Saint Joseph. Joseph House became a place where over 100 young adults gathered every Wednesday evening and where many people from all over the state came to find rest and renewed hope in prayer. I was involved in these many ministries from 1983-1995.

In 1983 Bishop Gendron asked me to begin the Office of Worship. During those years I worked with a fine staff in promoting liturgical renewal throughout the Diocese of Manchester as we helped parishes train lectors, musicians, ushers, greeters, extraordinary ministers and establish liturgy committees.

In the Spring of 1988, I was named pastor of Ste. Marie Parish. Ste. Marie was a large inner-city parish which was in need of much renewal. 10 buildings made up the campus plus a large cemetery and a St. Vincent de Paul Store. It was there that I saw the Holy Spirit at work in extraordinary ways. The Holy Spirit makes all old things new again! I had as a goal to make Jesus Christ known, loved and followed. Many parish ministries were established in the next 21 years. The parish flourished and became well known for evangelization and family renewal.

While pastor of Ste. Marie, I was asked by Bishop O'Neil to take over Sacred Heart Parish which was only one mile away. So, for the next 15 years I was pastor of two distinct parishes which ended up being a great blessing for me and the staff.

In June of 2009, after being at Ste. Marie for 26 years (21 as pastor and 5 in residence) I left for St. Michael Parish in Exeter and St. Mary Parish in Newmarket. I must say that I loved living on the Seacoast of N.H. I got to know towns that I had never really visited. Geographically, we covered Kingston, East Kingston, Kensington, South Hampton, North Hampton, Stratham, Greenland, Brentwood, Newfields, Fremont and of course, Exeter and Newmarket.

I was able to develop a great staff and found exceptional people involved in the day to day operations of the parishes. I am indebted to my staff for making my time there such a gift!

So here I am! Back where it all began. I come here as a servant to bring you the joy of Jesus. Hopefully, I can serve here until I retire (if that ever happens) and help rebuild this great community.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and let His face shine upon you.

*Father Marc Montminy*

**Vocation Awareness:** "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Do you approach the Lord in prayer asking the He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

"On the Day of Judgment we will not be judged for our ideas, but for the compassion we have shown to others."

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

**Updating the Parish Data System:** We are preparing to send out some email blasts so, please send an email to the office at [officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org](mailto:officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org). 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!

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

## Faith Formation 2020-2021

Register NOW!

Some classes are starting next week!

We are planning to have all the physical meetings completed by the end of October... many options are scheduled in August. Because we want to keep the gatherings in small groups, space is VERY limited, so the sooner you register, the better chance you have of getting in!

Two options have already filled and 2 are close to full!



# Growing to feed those in need

Did you know the Parish has a plot at the Hawkins Glen Community Garden that grows vegetables for our Food Pantry? We could use some additional volunteers to **help with watering and weeding**. We could also use **help with harvesting on Friday mornings** as crops are ready; then, dropping the fresh produce off at the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Our plot is number A-3 and has a sign. The plot is located along the road side and is easy to access with parking right along the road.

For more information or questions, contact Deb Adams at 667-5753.



## YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

### Attention College Students!!

Are you home this semester due to Covid restrictions? If you are interested in helping with either the High School or Middle School Youth Ministries please contact me! I'd love to have you!

Please reach out to Beccah Frulla at [youthminister@saintsmaryandjoseph.org](mailto:youthminister@saintsmaryandjoseph.org)

### Steubenville Live Conference Info

This past Saturday I attended the Steubenville Live Conference at St. Matthews in Windham. This year due to Covid restrictions the conference was live streamed. Although it was quite different than other years it was nice to get everyone together, while still following guidelines, and pray, and praise the Lord together. There were dynamic talks by speakers such as Fr. Mike Schmitz and Christ Padgett. There was also Mass and Adoration, which we got to experience first-hand thanks to Fr. Brian at St. Matthew's. All who attended and who didn't attend were lifted up in prayer. We're thankful for Fr. Brian and the staff at St. Matthews for hosting this awesome conference, and hopefully next year we'll be able to attend a conference in person!

Need a LIFEGUARD? Ours walks on water!!

Upcoming Parish Activities

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

SCTV #17: An appropriate topic

Airing 7/27- 7/29/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

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 Bonnie Barlow 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 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!!!

Walking with Purpose...the modern woman's guide to the Bible. Who is Walking with Purpose for?? For women stretched thin and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others. For women who would like to have a better understanding of their faith and learn more about living a life with joy according to the scriptures. Walking with Purpose is for women who have A LOT of Bible experience and for those with NO Bible experience!! WWP is a 22 week study (Sept. 29—March 23) that incorporates home study, small and large group time. We meet on Tuesday evenings at Mary Queen of Peace Church from 7 – 8:30pm. If you would like to enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, call or text Justine Dufour for more information: 603.244.6218.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Mary Queen of Peace August 1, 2020 at 3:00PM

Rosary, confession , followed by the Mass at 4:00PM

Our Lady promised Lucia dos Santos on Dec. 10, 1925; "to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess; receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Due to the partial re-opening of Houses of Worship funerals are now being celebrated in church! We are following all of the Bishop's, President's and CDC guidelines of limiting the number of people gathering at one time. Both churches have the benches marked off. Families can sit together in a bench as well as couples, but everyone must wear a mask for the entire funeral. When Communion is distributed people must keep 6 feet apart. Please keep all the faithful departed and their loved ones in your prayers. This is an especially difficult time for those grieving.

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Food Pantry Items Needed: Boxed Potatoes, beef stew, crackers, maple syrup, jello/pudding, juice and toiletries like shampoo, soap & toothpaste. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to those who have less than we do!

COME PRAY WITH US. One of our parish Faith Sharing Groups (Renew) is meeting to pray the rosary in ST. JOSEPH CHURCH every THURSDAY at 10:00 a.m. Our prayer is for our country to return to seeking, obeying and honoring God's will. We pray for God's guidance for our country's leaders and we pray for those most vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus.

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.

**Mass Intentions** Father Marc will be celebrating Masses via **LIVESTREAM** ([saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://saintsmaryandjoseph.org)) from Mary Queen of Peace Church. **PUBLIC MASSES NOW Offered at BOTH CHURCHES.**

## Parish Events

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

**Sunday July 26**

KidsChurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and **Sunday & Monday youth ministry programs** are being suspended until further notice.

**Monday July 27**

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

**Tuesday July 28**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Wednesday July 29**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Thursday July 30**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Friday July 31**

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

**Saturday August 1**

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!**



**Eternal Light/Sanctuary**

**Candle** is burning this week at St. Joseph for the **Intentions of nephew, Bob Scharn** by Pat

Kennedy and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Baby Sophia** by The Holy Girls. The candle burns for one week. If you would like to specify an intention, call the office.

### Rest in Peace

We pray for **James Flynn & Victor Kiss**-who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

### St. Joseph

**Sunday, July 26**

**7:30a** Rosanna Dargoonian r/b Pat Nastasi; Dana Clarke r/b Pat Kulesz

**5:00p** Souls in Purgatory

**Monday, July 27**

**7:15a** Ginny Chudoba r/b Melanie & David Costello

**Tuesday, July 28**

**7:15a** Dana Clarke r/b Sonia Lemieux

**Wednesday, July 29**

**7:15a** Robert Lessard r/b Martha & Joe Lessard

**Thursday, July 30**

**7:15a** Michael Carney r/b Janet & Jim Frahm

**Sunday, August 2**

**7:30a** Pro Populo—People of the Parish

**5:00p** Intentions of Wayne & Adele Jeffrey

### Mary Queen of Peace

**Saturday, July 25**

**4:00p** Mauro Garcia r/b Pura Caya-byab; Daniel Pierro r/b Bill & Loretta Zannini

**Sunday, July 26**

**9:30a** Ginette Chouinard r/b Louise & Fred Sargent

**11:00a** Pro Populo—People of the Parish

**Monday, July 27**

**9:00a** Living & Deceased Members of the Friel & Felice Families r/b Evelyn

**Tuesday, July 28**

**9:00a** Irene Legare r/b Louise & Fred Sargent

**Wednesday, July 29**

**9:00am** Intentions of Wayne & Adele Jeffrey

**Thursday, July 30**

**9:00a** Doris Demers Murphy r/b Lee Alphen

**Saturday, August 1**

**4:00p** Doria, Carmelo & Thomas Palermo and Adam Bishop r/b Family

**Sunday, August 2**

**9:30a** Diane Goulet r/b Melanie & David Costello; Mary MacKenzie r/b Al & Adele Raymond

**11:00a** Doris Deputy r/b Mary Francis Renner

**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 Giving

**July 18 & July 19, 2020**

Offertory \$ 5,927.00

On-Line \$ 1,934.00

Total \$ 7,861.00

### 2nd Collections for July

7/19 Parish to Parish \$1,433.00

**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!*

*Thank You!*