Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

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 Livestreamed
Sat: 4:00pm
Sun: 9:30am & 11:00am
Mon-Thurs: 9:00am

RECONCILIATON:
Sat: 3:00pm—3:50pm
or by appointment

St. Joseph Church

40 Main Street
Salem, NH 03079
MASS:
Sat. 5:00pm
Sun 7:30am & 10:00am
Mon-Fri 7:15am
Rosary prior to daily mass 6:45am

Parish Office

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Twitter: @StsMary_Joseph
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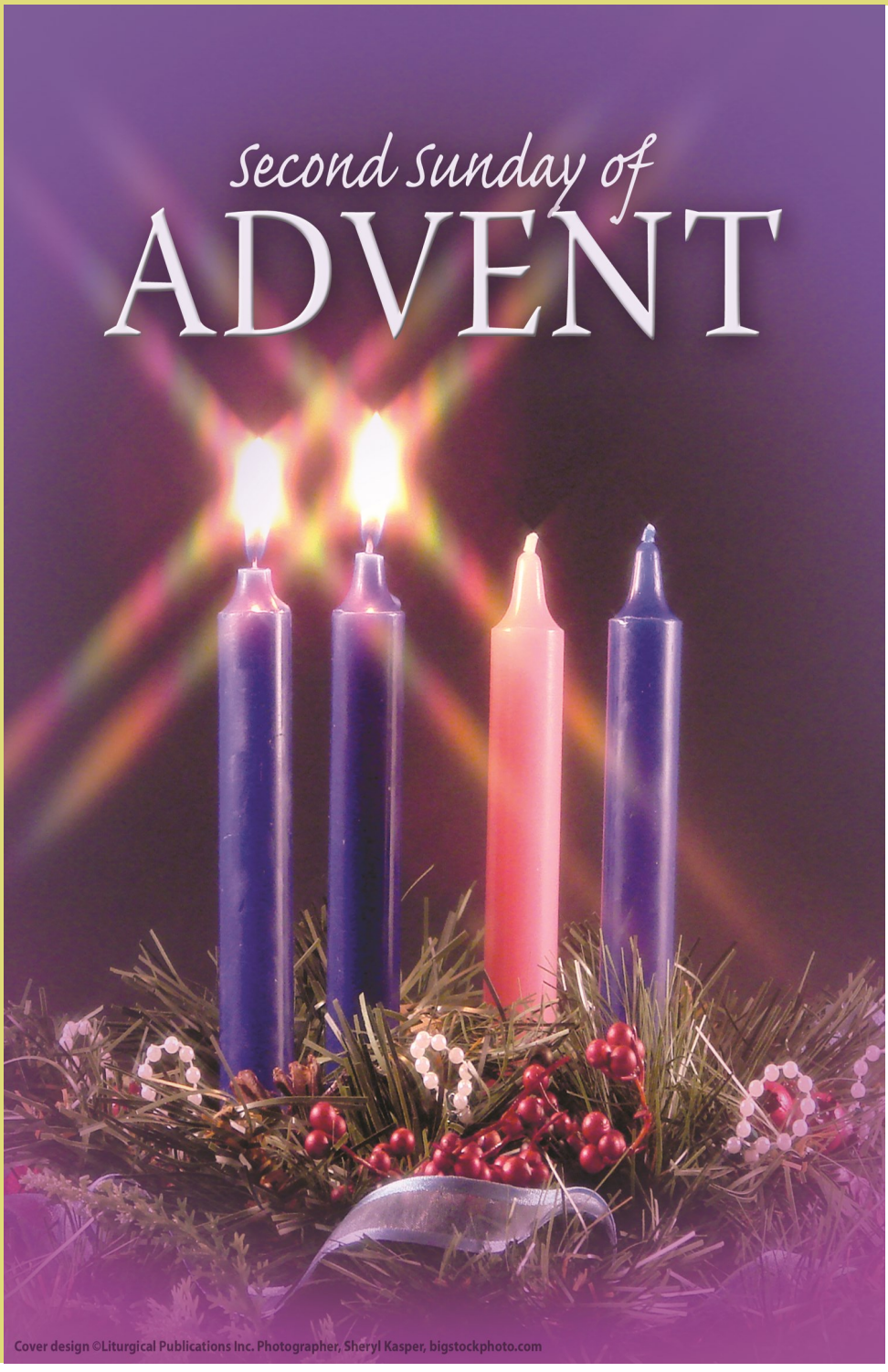


St. Joseph School Donates 61 Thanksgiving Baskets to Local Food Pantries

SALEM, NH (November 24, 2020) - - St. Joseph Regional Catholic School finished its three-week Food Drive Friday, November 20 with their annual Junior High Community Service Night. During this evening, students in grades six to eight assembled food items donated by students into baskets that will be donated to local families. Thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph school families, sixty-one baskets, complete with a turkey and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner for four, will be delivered by Thanksgiving. Baskets were donated to the food pantry at Sts. Mary and Joseph Parish, St. Matthew Parish, St. Luke Parish, and St. Anne Parish. "Service to our community is a significant part of a student's experience here at St. Joe's," explains Mrs. Mary Croteau, school principal. "We are proud of our students' efforts and pleased to help those in need this Thanksgiving." In addition to the many donations from students and their families, St. Joe's was blessed with donations from Hannoush Jewelers, Market Basket, Peter's Farm, and the Salem Rotary Club.
If you have questions, or want additional information, please contact Christine, Director Marketing, at clatino@sjrcs.com. Or visit them online at http://www.stjosepheagles.org.

Mission accomplished! Sixty-one baskets assembled by students in grade 6 to 8. The decorations are provided by every St. Joe's student, preschool to grade 8.

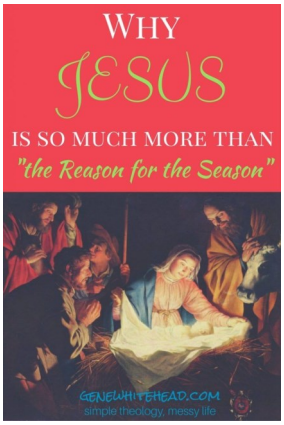
St. Joseph Regional Catholic School of Salem, NH, challenges and motivates all students from preschool to grade 8 to reach their full potential in mind, spirit, heart, and body since 1959. The school is accredited by NEASC.

Do you love decorating outside for Christmas?? We could use some help at Mary Queen of Peace decorating the bushes outside of the church. If you are interested, please contact Paul at the office (893-8661 x104) to coordinate a convenient time.
If you like decorating indoors, the Art & Environment groups at both campuses could use some help! Call the office for more information. Thanks for sharing your talents.

Vigilance is necessary regarding the Coronavirus: Wash your hands often & wear a facial mask/ covering when out! Help keep everyone safe and AVOID A SECOND WAVE!

Salem Christmas Fund Wish Tree

As it has for the past 43 years, our Parish will be putting up a wish tree to help the Salem Christmas Fund Inc. provide gift cards to needy children in our community. As a guideline, we ask that the cards be between $25 - $50. Any amount is obviously appreciated. Please note that each tag is for one child and the type card is at the parent's suggestion. If you have it in your heart to help more than one child and can afford it, you may take additional tags. **All cards should be brought back to the Church Office no later than Monday Dec 7th**. In addition to the gift cards, the Christmas Fund provides food and new clothing for the children and assistance for the family along with helping the elderly. **Financial Contributions** can be made out to: **Salem Christmas Fund Inc**. and sent to PO Box 1234, Salem NH.



This Covid pandemic has been going on for months. It has kept us from our families and prevented us from making plans. Some of us may have lost jobs or loved ones, or maybe even become ill with Covid ourselves. Who isn't tired of wearing a mask or following all of the pandemic restrictions. Some people interpret the pandemic as punishment for our sins. In today's reading, God says that He does not come to punish us, but to comfort us in this time of distress. He comes to help us make meaning of our suffering and to invite us to be co-creators with Him. Without Jesus, suffering is meaningless. In dark times, we may ask, why is God allowing us to suffer with this pandemic. When Jesus came, He took our sins upon Himself. He invites us too to work for the coming of His kingdom through the suffering we experience in our lives, whether it is from Covid or some other source. His suffering and death are the essential means to our salvation and the coming of God's kingdom, but we too are invited to be co-creators of the Kingdom by uniting our sufferings, whatever that might be, with His. In that way, we too are able be part of His great work. We are with Him in His suffering on the Cross, and He is with us in our lives. He is with us always, and that is the gift of Christmas.

WELCOME

NEW PARISHIONERS in NOVEMBER

Through REGISTRATIONS:

Matthew & Kristen Caredeo & Leah
Chris & Heidi Conard & Family
Sue Holmes
Chris & Joanne Hint
John & Bethany Pelletier & Alaina
William & Tiffany Seddon & Amelia
Jean & Lisa Michaud & Adam
Andrew & Danielle Wallace & Family
Kristofer Looyengood & Gabrielle Colasanti & Family
Katie Erb & Family
Francis Holmes
Michael & Casie Hamman & Family
Nhan Nguyen & Julie Vo & Family
Craig & Stephanie McNally & Ethan
Joshua Gosselin & Danielle LeBoeuf
Chanel & Doris Vachon

Through BAPTISM:
Mia R. Thibodeau
Leah N. Caredeo

Fr. Tom needs prayers for a speedy recovery!

Last week Fr. Tom was experiencing great pain in his leg, near his knee. The doctors in Yap were unable to properly diagnose his condition because of the lack of advanced medical devices in that region. As such, Father was able to secure the last flight out to Guam, where the medical facilities are much better equipped to diagnose and treat patients.

Once in Guam, doctors discovered a 6" abscess in Fr. Tom's leg, due most likely to a deep tissue trauma of some sort. He has already undergone two surgeries, and the doctors now believe that the situation is under control. Father must endure one more surgical procedure on Monday/Tuesday, and hopes to possibly be released on Tuesday if all continues to go well. Meanwhile, he is resting comfortably and has regained much of his strength, energy, and appetite.

Please pray for Fr. Tom, that God will cure him of his ailment, grant him peace and serenity, and will send him back into service again someday to preach the good news in his inimitable way!

Vocation Awareness: "He will feed His flock like a shepherd." If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

"We were not created to dream about vacations or the weekend, but to make God's dreams come true in this world. God made us capable of dreaming, so that we could embrace the beauty of life. The works of mercy are the most beautiful works in life."

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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

Faith Formation 2020-2021

Middle School classes meet Wednesdays in the youth center at 5:00.

All Elementary Grade options now continue with online lessons. The weekly component consists of families either coming to Mass or watching Mass online and then discussing that weekend's liturgy using provided Mass cards. Below is this week's Part 1 Mass card. Both cards (Part 1 and 2) are also available on the parish website on the Faith Formation page. Families discuss reflections, fill cards out and then return them to Sue before the following weekend.

GOSPEL CARD: MASS CARD PART 1

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Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 • 2 Peter 3:8-14 • Mark 1:1-8

" ...prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." —Mark 1:3

Preparing is what everyone seems to be doing this time of the year. People are buying presents, writing cards, making cookies, and decorating homes. These ways of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth are lots of fun. But how are we preparing our hearts? There are many special things we can do during Advent, such as a Jesse Tree which reminds us of Jesus' lineage. We could do Advent meditations as a family to help us think about Christ's coming. We could find a way to serve those in need together. Or we could just pray together as a family in front of our Christmas tree and ask Jesus to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. Whatever we choose, let us find a special way our family can "prepare the way of the Lord."

Dear Lord, please help us to prepare our hearts in a special way as we prepare to celebrate your birth.

What will we do as a family this Advent to prepare our hearts so we can give birth to God's Love, which never holds back?

Children's Ministry Newsletter!!!

Our December children's newsletter **"The Jesus Kids Ink"** has been delivered and is on the parish website! Check it out for new God-sightings, Advent activities, our Youth Prayer Wall and our December "Guess Who"!!!

Middle School Youth!

Middle Schoolers! Join Beccah on Tuesday's from 5:30-6:30pm in the Youth Center below St. Julie Hall on the North Campus (St. Joe's) for fun and games! Bring a mask and a friend! We'll see you there!

Keep Kids Safe- Abuse Awareness Training

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "safe environment" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is offered free of charge to **all** NH Catholic adults and is available online at https://manchester.cmgconnect.org

For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety

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**!!!

Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."
SCTV #17: An appropriate topic
Airing 12/7– 12/9/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Men's Group On **Saturday mornings, at 7:30am**, Father Marc will be meeting with **men of all ages** in **the Family Room** beneath **St. Joseph Church**. All men are invited to come and hear what Father Marc has planned. Whenever Father Marc gets people together it is NEVER a waste of time, and ALWAYS enriching!!

Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play Tour

Fr. Marc is sponsoring and witnessing the epic Passion Play August 21-30, 2022. Why not join him for this once in a decade event. Also tour Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria during the trip, visiting some of the sites from the "Sound of Music"! Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites, ride the furnicular up the Gurten Mountain and enjoy magnificent views on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train. If you sign up by December 10, you can save $450.00 from the total $5,449/double or $6,599/single rates. There ae only 10 spaces left, so pick up a brochure at the office and **let Fr. Marc know your plans!**

REGISTERING for CHRISTMAS MASSES:
Please go to the parish website to register:
Www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org Select the mass time and location. Follow the on-screen instructions to enter first and last name, and email address. Enter the number of people attending. Click on REGISTER. A confirmation and TICKET will be sent to your email. Either print it out or send it to your phone. Bring it to mass, and arrive at least 10 min. early. Seats will be given to attendees who did not register after that.

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Theology over Coffee (new name, same great content!)
Join us on Wednesday morning 12/2 in the Emmaus Room at Mary Queen of Peace . For Advent, Beccah will discuss various chapters of Pope Benedict's Infancy Narratives: Annunciation & Birth of Jesus

Heart Healthy Meals for Fr. Marc .....Vegetables, Chicken & Fish preferred

Fr. Marc recently had an allergic reaction to NUTS. Please ensure your meals & desserts are NUT FREE! IF you are interested in preparing a meal for Fr. Marc, follow the instructions below. You can pick a date that is convenient for you, view what others are bringing, and enter your meal selection. On your computer go to: www.takethemameal.com at the **FIND column, enter Montminy with password 3407**. If you have any questions please contact Kristen Klecan: klecan@ me.com, 401-7924 or Shawn McDonough at 4mcds@comcast.net., 401-1742.
Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions: Father Marc will be celebrating Masses via LIVE STREAM (saintsmaryandjoseph.org) from Mary Queen of Peace Church.

St. Joseph

Saturday, December 5
5:00p Fernando M. Cafua r/b Mary Francis Renner
Sunday, December 6
7:30a Beatrice Adams r/b Wes & Marilyn Suszek; Joan Bryant r/b Melanie & David Costello
10:00a Richard Tiner r/b The Carter Family
Monday, December 7
7:15a Christian Harness Horsemen Association; Mexico & Honduras Missions r/b Lee Alphen
5:00p All Soul's Intentions r/b Mr & Mrs Carmen Grande
Tuesday, December 8
7:15a George W. Pierog r/b David & Melanie Costello
10:00a SJRC School Mass
Wednesday, December 9
7:15a Fred Revaz r/b The Conard Family
Thursday, December 10
7:15a Thanksgiving for David Costello's 37th Deaconate Anniversary r/b Melanie
Friday, December 11
7:15a All Soul's Intentions r/b Annette Bistany
Saturday, December 12
5:00p Intentions of Wayne & Adele Jeffrey
Sunday, December 13
7:30a Leona Skehan r/b Martha & Joe Lessard
10:00a Joseph Crocco r/b Crocco Family

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, December 5
4:00p Raymond Valcourt r/b his daughters; Justin "Gus" Childs r/b the Family; Joyce Thompson r/b Melanie & David Costello
Sunday, December 6
9:30a Pro Populo—People of the Parish
11:00a Floyd & Gaetana Dolce r/b Buco Family; John L. Fenlon 1st Anniversary r/b Mary
Monday, December 7
9:00a Intentions of Alex r/b Mary Keronski
7:00p All Soul's Intentions r/b Marianne Maroon
Tuesday, December 8
9:00a Richard Hassett r/b Dick & Ruth Hassett
Wednesday, December 9
9:00a Judy Velishka r/b Sandie Dawaliby
Thursday, December 10
9:00a Intentions of Lavoie, Pelletier, & Chouinard Families r/b Camilla
Saturday, December 12
4:00p Deacon Jack Fenton r/b David & Melanie Costello; Deceased members of Liwanag Family r/b Pura Cayabyab
Sunday, December 13
9:30a David Masoud r/b Thomas Masoud; Claire Valcourt r/b Melanie & David Costello; Filecian Vicente r/b Vicente Family
11:00a Pro Populo—People of the Parish

Parish Events

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

Sunday December 6
KidsChurch & Children's Liturgy of the Word are suspended until further notice.
10:00am RCIA Meeting/MQP-Emmaus Room
12:00am Baptism Class/MQP-Church
6:00pm SIA virtual meeting
SIAsouthernNH@aol.com

Monday December 7
4:30pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr
6:00pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr.

Tuesday December 8
10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus
10:00am SJRCS Mass/SJ-Church
6:30pm Walking With Purpose virtual meeting www.wwpsalem.weebly.com

Wednesday December 9
9:30am Theology over Coffee/MQP-Emmaus Room
9:30pm Men's Cursillo Grp/SJ-Family Room
4:00pm HS Faith Formaton Option 7/SJ-Youth Ctr
5:00pm Middle School Option 8/SJ-Youth Ctr

Thursday December 10
10:00am Rosary/SJ-Church
10:30am RENEW Group/Sj-Family Room

Friday December 11

Saturday December 12
7:30am Men's Group/SJ-Family Room
8:00am Bible Study/Virtual meeting via computer/online

All will be asked to social distance & wear masks for scheduled events. Youth ministry will be resuming following the same guidelines.

Parish Giving

November 21 & November 22, 2020

Offertory	$ 7,248.00
On-line	$2,673.00
TOTAL	$9,921.00

2nd Collections for NOVEMBER
11-15 Human Develop $1,015.00
11-26 Thanksgiving

Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for **Intentions of Fr. Tom Frink** by the Parish Staff and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Intentions of Robert Peacock** by Joyce Peacock.
The candle burns for one week. If you would like to specify an intention, call the office.

Rest in Peace We pray for **Virginia M. Murphy, George Pierog, James Mikilitus,& Susan Wakim** who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.