

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

December 13, 2020

Third 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

RECONCILIATION:

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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Friday: 9:30am-Noon

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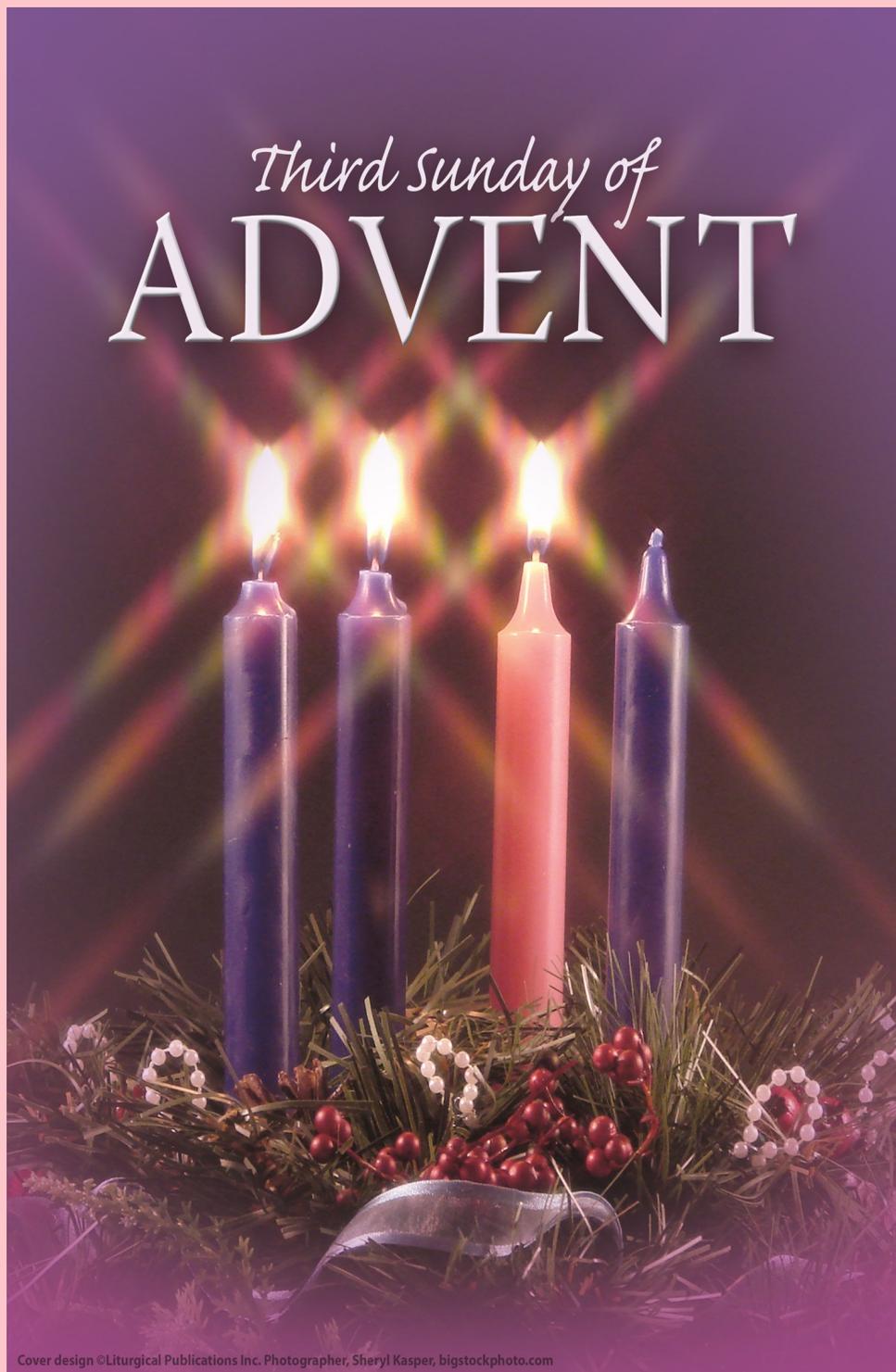
Website:

www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org

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Christmas Anticipation Prayer



Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, *[here mention your request]* through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

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!

Parish Christmas Card Campaign to hospital patients and staff

Drop off signed cards in blank envelope to Sue at the office before Dec. 16th!!!

There are many people who will be in the hospital for Christmas. This can be difficult for them and their families. As a family, **make or buy a Christmas Card**, write notes in it, sign your names, put it in a blank envelope, and then put the whole thing in an envelope and **send to Sue Levesque at the office BEFORE Dec 16th** so they can be sent in time for Christmas.

Thanks for helping to brighten someone's Christmas! If your card is for a staff member, indicate that on the envelope.

Eucharistic Adoration before Christmas



Take a break from the hustle & bustle of the season, slow down, and plan on spending some time before the Eucharist in Adoration. A perfect way to prepare your heart to receive the King of Kings at Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 18 at St. Joseph Church begins at 3:00pm, suspends for a short break from 4:45 –5:30pm, resumes until 10:00pm

Contact Pat Kulesz: pat@k-ran.com or Marilyn Suszek: Marilynmk@comcast.net

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. In the drop-down box, enter the number of people attending. Click on REGISTER. A confirmation and TICKET will be sent to your email. PRINT OUT ALL OF THE TICKETS and have them for each member of your party. If you were dropped off, be sure the person parking the car has a ticket for when they enter. You can also send it to your phone. Bring it to mass, and arrive at least 10 min. early. Ushers will seat you based on the number of people in your party.

Ten minutes before Mass begins seats will be given to attendees who did not register and have no tickets. These new procedures are an effort to keep everyone safe, socially distanced and comfortable during the Eucharistic celebration. Please consider attending one of the additional masses that have been added instead of the mass you "always" attend. This might allow some of our friends and neighbors who do not know about having reservations to celebrate Christ's birth also. Thank you for understanding!

December 13, 2020—Third Sunday of Advent

In our second reading from 1 Thessalonians we hear, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." I find that this scripture is particularly relevant to us in 2020. An election year, a global pandemic, increasingly tense racial relations, etc. I'm sure we could add about 10 more things to this list, but the question is, are we rejoicing always? Are we praying without ceasing? Are we giving thanks in all circumstances? Are we doing these things or are we allowing ourselves to despair? Are we allowing the world, the flesh and the devil to get in the way of our joy? Christ wants us to be joyful and wants us to hope in his love, if we allow all of these things to distract us and to "trigger" us into falling into despair and anger, we are letting ourselves down and we are furthering ourselves from Christ's love. So, let us pray for the grace to do the will of God which is to pray without ceasing, rejoice always, and give thanks always.

Becca Frulla

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is moving to an online registration system for the '21/'22 school year. If you are seeking a traditional curriculum, rooted in the Catholic faith, in a supportive environment with comfortable class sizes, contact us today for more information. Enjoy our virtual tour online, www.stjosepheagles.org. Contact Mrs. Latino: 893-6811 x 19, clatino@sjrcs.com for more information.

The **Christmas Wafers** for the Traditional Christmas Celebrations (**Lithuanian "Kucios" & Polish "Wigilia"**) are now available. Due to the situation this year, you must call first to make an appointment to pick them up. You may obtain them for a **Free Will Donation**. Please call either David Boucher at 978-337-3737 or the Corpus Christi Parish Office at 978-685-1711 to make your appointment to pick them up.



Wedding Banns: I, II, III
Samuel Fazioli & Jaclyn Solimine



Fr. Tom Update: he needs prayers for a speedy & complete recovery!

Unfortunately Father Tom suffered a set back and has contracted a staph infection. He has requested additional prayers so he can soon resume his normal activities on a limited basis. He was supposed to be released on Monday. The doctor says it will be weeks before he is back to normal. He will be living in a guest house by himself, and four other Jesuits will rotate caring for him and tending to his daily needs.

For those of you inquiring about his address, please send cards and notes to:

Fr. Tom Frink
Guma Pedro Residence
153 Linda Way
Tamuning, Guam 96913

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 soon.

Vocation Awareness: "The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be 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

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 • 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 • John 1:6-8, 19-28

Rejoice always. —1 Thess. 5:16

During this time of year, there are many things that can make us feel happy. We enjoy seeing friends and family. We may like looking at Christmas lights that decorate people's homes. The festive food that seems to be present everywhere is extra yummy. But today's scripture calls us to venture beyond "happy" into "rejoicing!" There are so many blessings around us that our joy should be abundant and directed to our God who gives us all good things! Let's share our great joy with those around us, so the light of Christ will shine during this Advent season and continue through the upcoming Christmas season.

Lord, thank you for the many blessings you give me every day of my life. Please help me remember to give you praise and thanks for these blessings.

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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!!!

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Upcoming Parish Activities

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

SCTV #17: An appropriate topic
Airing 12/14– 12/16/20 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 funicular 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 are only 10 spaces left, so pick up a brochure at the office and let Fr. Marc know your plans!

Do you like to clean?? We need a volunteer who can spend a few hours each week, between Wednesday and Sunday, cleaning the Youth Center at the St. Joseph campus, beneath St. Julie Hall. If you have the time and could give us a hand, we would appreciate it! Please call Paul (603-893-8661 x 104) to get the details and have your questions answered. Thank You!

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, Becca will discuss various chapters of Pope Benedict's Infancy Narratives: The Wise Men from the East into Egypt Refreshments and coffee will be available. Wear a mask and bring a friend!



Heart Healthy Meals for Fr. MarcVegetables, 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.

Parish Events

St. Joseph

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

Monday, December 14

7:15a Anna Willis r/b Pat Kulesz

Tuesday, December 15

7:15a Ed Kulesz r/b Pat Kulesz

10:00a SJRC School Mass

Wednesday, December 16

7:15a Claire Lawlor r/b Family

Thursday, December 17

7:15a Ed Kulesz r/b Lee Alphen; Intentions of Lavoie, Pelletier, & Chouinard Families r/b Camilla

Friday, December 18

7:15a Sr. Catherine Byrne, SND r/b Melanie & David Costello

Saturday, December 19

5:00p Earl & Madeline Donaldson r/b Linda Campbell

Sunday, December 20

7:30a Pro Populo—People of the Parish

10:00a Vernon L. Thomas, Sr. r/b Sara Murray

Mary Queen of Peace

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

Monday, December 14

9:00a Kenneth & Leona Slack r/b Stephen Slack

Tuesday, December 15

9:00a Ed Cook r/b Louise & Fred Sargent

Wednesday, December 16

9:00a Intentions of all suffering from cancer r/b Sandie Dawaliby

Thursday, December 17

9:00a Alvin Huebner r/b Family

Saturday, December 19

4:00p Ann Bibeau r/b Josephine Amato

Sunday, December 20

9:30a Deacon Alfred LaBonte r/b David & Melanie Costello

11:00a Intentions of Wayne & Adele Jeffrey

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

Sunday December 13
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 14

4:30pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr

6:00pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr.

Tuesday December 15

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus

10:00am SJRCs Mass/SJ-Church

6:30pm Walking With Purpose virtual meeting
www.wwp.salem.weebly.com

Wednesday December 16

9:30am Theology over Coffee/MQP-Emmaus Room

4:00pm HS Faith Formaton Option 8/SJ-Youth Ctr

5:00pm Middle School Option 7/SJ-Youth Ctr

Thursday December 17

10:00am Rosary/SJ-Church

10:30am RENEW Group/Sj-Family Room

Friday December 18

5:00pm Wedding rehearsal/SJ-Church

6:00pm Adoration/SJ-Church

Saturday December 19

7:30am Men's Group/SJ-Family Room

8:00am Bible Study/Virtual meeting via computer/online

2:00pm Wedding/SJ-Church

All will be asked to social distance & wear masks for scheduled events. Youth ministry will be resuming fol-

Parish Giving

December 5 & December 6, 2020

Offertory \$ 10,050.00

On-line \$ 2,612.00

TOTAL \$ 12,662.00

2nd Collections for NOVEMBER

11-26 Thanksgiving \$1,508.00

2nd Collections December

12-6 Development Fund \$1,063.00

12-8 Immaculate Conception

12-13 Religious Retirement

12-25 Christmas

November 28 & November 29

Offertory \$9,174.00

On-line \$1,852.00

TOTAL \$11,026.00

Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for **Richard "Dick" LaChance** by Buddy & Liz Bricault and at Mary Queen of Peace for **John L. Fenlon** by Mary & Family.

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



Rest in Peace We pray for **Stephen P. Gudek, Sr. & Margaret "Peg" Smith** who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.