

# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

December 20 & 25, 2020

FATHER MARC AND THE PARISH STAFF WISH  
ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS A  
BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AS WE WELCOME  
OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

## 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

603-893-8661

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Website:

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

Facebook: Sts Mary and Joseph

Twitter: @StsMary\_Joseph

Instagram: Sts.maryjoseph.ym



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:30-31

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**St. Joseph Campus Mass Schedule**  
**Thursday, Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Auditorium  
7:00pm Church  
Midnight Church

**Friday, Christmas Day**  
10:00am Church

**Mary Queen of Peace Campus Masses**  
**Thursday, Christmas Eve**

6:00pm Church

**Friday, Christmas Day**  
9:30am Church

The **Parish Office is CLOSED** on the following days to allow the staff to celebrate with their families. Please plan accordingly.

Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25

Monday, December 28



**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!**

Our families are under attack like never before. The family is the basic unit upon which civilization is built, and as intact families become less common our society becomes less civilized. **The Knights of Columbus invite all families of the parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family on Holy Family Sunday, December 26-27<sup>th</sup>.** That weekend, the priest will ask all families to stand at the end of each Mass for a brief ceremony. Try to attend Mass together as a family that weekend. You might even want to prepare by fasting from something for a week before.



**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](http://www.stjosepheagles.org). Contact Mrs. Latino: 893-6811 x 19, [clatino@sjrcs.com](mailto:clatino@sjrcs.com) for more information.

**REGISTERING for CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

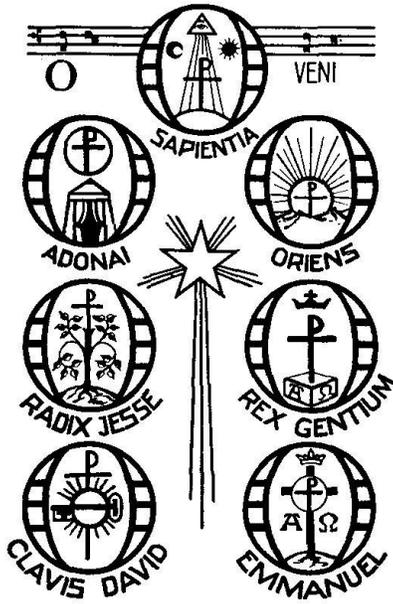
Please go to the parish website to register: [www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org) Select the mass time and location.

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!

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The Church has an ancient practice of praying the psalms. This official prayer of the Church is called, *The Divine Office*. Throughout Advent the words that have been on the lips of the Church have been one of calling to mind the Promise which God through His Prophets. But, 17<sup>th</sup> onward the longing desire of the Church, as expressed in Her prayer, has taken on a different sort of character. Starting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, all the way until the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Church asks the Son to come. And the Son answers using the scriptural words the Church prays to spell out a heavenly reply that begins to be answered with the 1<sup>st</sup> prayer.

17<sup>th</sup> - **O Wisdom** of our God Most High,...:come!/ 18<sup>th</sup> **O Leader** of the House of Israel...come!/ 19<sup>th</sup> **O Root** of Jesse's stem...come!/ 20<sup>th</sup> **O Key** of David...come!/ 21<sup>st</sup> **O Radiant Dawn**...come!/ 22<sup>nd</sup> **O King** of all nations come!/ 23<sup>rd</sup> **O Emmanuel**...come to save us, Lord our God! **They're called the "O" antiphons.**

Now in the Latin the letters from the first words spell out the Latin words *Ero Cras*, which translates: Tomorrow I will come!

(17<sup>th</sup>) Sapiencia, (18<sup>th</sup>) Adonai, (19<sup>th</sup>) Radix, (20<sup>th</sup>) Clavis, (21<sup>st</sup>) Oriens, (22<sup>nd</sup>) Rex, (23<sup>rd</sup>) Emmanuel. What I mean is that the Person of Christ answers our prayer at the moment the Church begins to ask Him to come, its only at the end looking back to the beginning that we can make sense of it all: **S.A.R.C. O.R.E -> ERO CRAS.** Prayer works!  
*Deacon Joe*

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.



**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:** "Be it done unto me according to your word," Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, brother or sister, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).

"Accompanied by the Mother of Jesus on the journey towards Christmas, in these times that are difficult for many, let us make an effort to rediscover the great hope and joy brought to us by the coming of the Son of God into the world."

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

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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.



In the sunset: Stop and enjoy the beauty of life.

During a walk at the beach my mitten blew in the road. I went to get it and Grammy stopped me. A policeman got out of his car, stopped the traffic and got my mitten: God is always there to protect!

I (dad) was working from home with long days and late nights. A few of my calls got disconnected. I feel God was trying to tell me to step away from work and to take some time for myself and our family.

Doctors and nurses helping the sick: God shows us how to put others first.

While peeling potatoes I came across a heart-shaped potato: God wants me to soften my heart,

I came across an irate driver: God was telling me to pay attention and to forgive.

The sun was streaming through the clouds: God says to slow down and enjoy my day.

## 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!

**A big thank you for** all those who did Christmas shopping through the **Honduras gift card sale**. In our 2 orders we sold \$18,000 worth of cards and earned just shy of \$1,100! You got some shopping done and the mission team gets to send help to our Honduran friends for Covid relief and hurricane cleanup. The team is grateful for all your support.

If you ordered cards you need to pick them up at the office. Thanks again.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Mary Roy

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**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 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](mailto: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 12/21– 12/23/20 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!)**

Due to the Holy Season, there **will not be a group on Wednesday, December 23 or Wednesday, December 30**  
Best wishes for a Merry & Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Safe & Healthy New Year! We resume January 6.  
Warm regards,  
Becca



**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](http://www.takethemameal.com) at the **FIND column, enter Montminy with password 3407**. If you have any questions please contact Kristen Klecan: [klecan@me.com](mailto:klecan@me.com), 401-7924 or Shawn McDonough at [4mcds@comcast.net](mailto:4mcds@comcast.net), 401-1742.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

### St. Joseph

**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

**Monday, December 21**

7:15a Pauline Fluet r/b Pat

Kulesz

**Tuesday, December 22**

7:15a Ludwig Szablowski r/b

Zofia

10:00a SJRCS Mass

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:15a Laurel Rans r/b Pat Kulesz

**Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:00p Church Alfred, Elizabeth &

Maureen Collins r/b Their Family

4:00p Gym Rae Irons r/b Cathy George

7:00p Church Ron Kater r/b Carol

Midnight Amelia Misenti r/b

Carol Kater

**Christmas, December 25**

10:00a Mr & Mrs Clovis Michaud r/b Michaud Family

**Saturday, December 26**

5:00p Pro Populo—People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 27**

7:30a Pro Populo—People of the Parish

10:00a All Soul's Intentions r/b Armande LeBlanc

### Mary Queen of Peace

**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

**Monday, December 21**

9:00a Brother James Coffey r/b Lavin Family

**Tuesday, December 22**

9:00a Catherine Sullivan r/b Lavin Family

**Wednesday, December 23**

9:00a Intentions of Gabriel r/b Mom

**Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:00p Frank DeLucia r/b The Family

6:00p Grace L. Nader r/b Peter Laudani & Family

**Christmas, December 25**

9:30a Robert Sheehan; Elizabeth & Thomas Harrington r/b Eleanor

**Saturday, December 26**

4:00p Pearl Rivard r/b Pam & Buddy; Eugene Beliveau r/b Dolly

**Sunday, December 27**

9:30a Ronald LaPlume r/b Melanie & David Costello; Arthur Provencal r/b wife Linda

11:00a Rival Gauvin r/b Daughter Francine

### Parish Events

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

**Sunday December 20**  
KidsChurch & Children's Liturgy of the Word are suspended until further notice.

6:00pm SIA virtual meeting  
[SIAsouthernNH@aol.com](mailto:SIAsouthernNH@aol.com)

**Monday December 21**  
4:30pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr  
6:00pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr.

**Tuesday December 22**  
10:00am SJRCS Mass/SJ-Church  
6:30pm Walking With Purpose virtual meeting [www.wwp.salem.weebly.com](http://www.wwp.salem.weebly.com)

**Wednesday December 23**  
9:30am Men's Cursillo Grp/SJ Family Room  
4:00pm HS Faith Formaton Option 8/SJ-Youth Ctr  
5:00pm Middle School Option 7/SJ-Youth Ctr

**Thursday December 24**  
10:00am Rosary/SJ-Church  
10:30am RENEW Group/Sj-Family Room

**Friday December 25**  
**Merry Christmas!**

**Saturday December 26**  
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

Due to the holiday schedule the offertory will be reported later.

**2nd Collections December**

12-6 Development Fund **\$1,063.00**  
12-8 Immaculate Conception  
12-13 Religious Retirement  
12-25 Christmas

**Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle** is burning this week at St. Joseph for **Remembering Antoinette's 100th Birthday** by Mr & Mrs James Graham and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Bro. James Coffey & Catherine Sullivan** by Lavin Family.

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

**Rest in Peace** We pray for **Carol Ann McElroy Jones** who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

