

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

February 24, 2019

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:

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch

Sun: 11:00am

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 *

(*Suspended until Ash Wednesday,
March 6, 2019.)

Sun 7:30am & 5:00pm

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Lk 6:38

February 24, 2019 —The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do good to those who hate us?
Give to everyone who asks?
Lend and expect nothing back?

Bless those who curse us?
Don't demand back what has been taken from us?

What a challenge!! As I consider the possibility that Jesus means what He says, I sense a freedom and **love that is out of this world!** Our K-8 youth groups ended this month with a meeting entitled "Alien Adventures": when we love as Jesus calls us to, we appear to be from another universe to those around us... Jesus did say His kingdom was not of this world...

"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world." (John 15:19)

The sad reality is, we will be ridiculed by those who do not understand... but how can our families, communities, and world be transformed if we live by the standards of this world? There is a real life-giving power in this kind of love... but we need to first put to death our egos, which is often what motivates our choices. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:1)

Jesus says He is the Way, the Truth and Life.... Let's really give Him a try! Let us":

Do good to those who hate us! Bless those who curse us! Give to everyone who asks!
Don't demand back what has been taken from us! Lend and expect nothing back!

With you in trying to figure it out! Sue Levesque

Father Vincent will be on vacation for the month of February— **leaving January 28 and returning March 5th.** While he is away Monsignor Eddy Bisson has graciously agreed to cover all of the week end masses and Saturday confessions in February except February 23 & 24. Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Kelley will preside at all of the masses that weekend. Very Reverend Father Shawn Therrien VG has graciously agreed to cover the 5:00pm Masses at St. Joseph Church on February 3, 10, 17 and March 3. Monsignor Bisson will also preside at the March 2 & 3 weekend Masses at both locations. **Since there is no available priest** to celebrate the daily mass, **there will be no daily mass** at St. Joseph Church. (There is daily mass at St. Matthews in Windham and at St. Anne's in Hampstead for those who wish to attend.) While he is away, Father Vincent will privately celebrate all of the daily masses for the scheduled intentions. Thank you for your understanding!
In the event of sick calls , emergencies and funerals, Father Von De Rosia or Father Eddy Bisson will be notified.

The daily mass at St. Joseph Church has been suspended until March 6, Ash Wednesday, **because there is no priest available.** We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. For your information the following churches have daily mass.

- ⇒ **St. Patrick**, 12 Main Street, Pelham Monday—Thursday at **8:00am** (First Friday at 8:00am)
- ⇒ **St. Matthew**, Warde Center Chapel, 21 Searles Road, Windham
NO MASS—No priest available Feb. 15—March 4
- ⇒ **St. Anne**, 26 Emerson Avenue, Hampstead
Monday—Thursday at **9:15am**

The next daily mass at St. Joseph is Ash Wednesday at 8:00am.

There are additional daily masses in parishes in Massachusetts that may be more convenient.

Mexico Mission Scholarships

For the past several years we have received corporate funding for scholarships through a connection with Fr. Tom. That funding is no longer available. Thirteen students in Mexico applied for scholarships this year. Through generous individuals, we are only able to help five of them. Students in Mexico have to pay to go to high school as well as college. In the past we were able to help all of them.

Our program boasts 35 graduates, including three who have embarked on careers in nursing. Four graduates are now teachers and at least 16 more have found work. We have 24 students continuing in 2019. Even a donation of \$25, \$50 or any amount would be a tremendous help.

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution, or to learn more about this mission, contact Lee at 603-898-1927 or send it- c/o Lee Alphen, 157 North Main St, Salem, NH 03079. Thank you for your consideration!



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

St. Joseph Church: 8:00am & Noon with distribution of ashes
Mary Queen of Peace: 4:00pm & 7:00pm with distribution of ashes

There are NO SERVICES ONLY, all are masses.

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish VOLUNTEER Appreciation Dinner
Wednesday, April 24
SJRCS Auditorium 6:30 –8:30 PM

Youth Happenings: All activities are held at Youth Center, 40 Main St., Salem, NH, Behind St. Julie Hall

Faith Formation Schedule:

- Option 9:30A: March 10
- Option 4:00: March 16
- Option 9:30B: March 17
- Option 9:30C: March 24

Whatcha talking about, Jesus?!



Lenten Youth Ministries
Mondays in the Youth Center

Taking up our CROSS and offering up:

- March 4: **C**omfort (*Sacrificing*)
- March 11: **R**esources (*Rice Bowl*)
- March 18: **O**ptions (*Choosing NOT to be seen*)
- March 25: **S**chedule (*Making Time for God*)
- April 1: **S**elf (*Being for Others*)



Gr K-2 Fun in the Son meet 4-5
 Gr 3-5 The Jesus Kids meet 5-6:30
 Gr 6-8 CIA (Christians in Action)
 Meets 6-7:30

Dinner for Grades 3-8: Meatless March!

- March 4: Mac and Cheese
 - March 11: Ramen
 - March 18: Top your own Baked Potato
 - March 25: Cheese Pizza
- A Free Will offering helps offset meal costs...
ThankYOU!!!

What's Happening at KidsChurch at MQP during the 9:30 am Liturgy



Our February Theme Will Be: Jesus Is Our Sweetheart!

We focused on Listening to the Holy Spirit. The little ones were asked this question: Who in this room loves God? Immediately hands were waving in the air and the little ones were shouting "I Do! I Do!" without hesitation at all! What an amazing and joyful answer to this question.



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Miss Dawn had a pitcher filled with colored Kool-Aid and three clear glasses with hearts in front of them labeled: *Heart, Soul, Mind*. The Kool-Aid was poured into each cup a little at a time. Each time the question was asked: Was this enough for God?

Each time the answer was "No". It wasn't enough until all three glasses were filled to the top showing that this is what God wants from us. He wants us to love Him with all of our *Heart, Mind and Soul!* The Bible story of Saul's (Paul) change of heart brought forth the message that Jesus' love never ends! It Perseveres!

February 24th: The Road To Damascus

Dawn Pavlini, Director of Kids Church

Kidschurch@saintsmaryandjoseph.org

Join the L.O.L. Love Out Loud: teens in action!

5:00pm Mass at St. Joseph Church

6:00pm Dinner in Youth Center 6:30pm LOL Time

February 24 Bowling & Pizza

As we transition to the Restored Order of Baptism, Confirmation and then First Communion, youth in grades 3, 7-12 and their siblings are being prepared for Confirmation this Spring. Next year we will prepare the remaining youth.

Confirmation Retreat/Prep Days at MQP for youth only

Grades 7/8: Saturday, March 16, 1-5pm

Grade 3 (& siblings in gr 4): Saturday, March 23, 2-5pm

Siblings in Grades 5/6: March 30, 2-5pm

High School Youth Option 1: Saturday, March 9, 1-5pm

HS Option 2 in youth center: Sundays youth group, March 10 and 17

Date for Confirmation: TBA at MQP (*we've requested 3 celebrations*)

Rehearsal for Confirmation: TBA

(When we get the date from the Bishop's Office, we will notify registered families.)

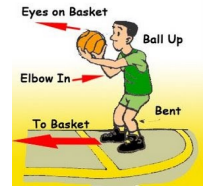
A Very Generous Youngster!

A sixth grade student from Saint Joseph Regional School saves her change every year. Last week end she generously made a cash donation to the parish that totaled \$385.00!! She does this a few times a year! Oh, that we could all be so faithful and thoughtful! May God Bless her in the same measure that she so generously gives!



Annual Basketball Free Throw CONTEST

Once again we have a friendly basketball competition open to ALL children, ages 9-14. The event is on **Sunday, March 10 from 1:00pm—3:00pm** at St. Joseph School Gym. The competition is the best of 25 free-throws. Winners will move on to the NH State Free Throw in April in Bedford. All participants have to show their birth certificate in order to participate.



Taking Stock of our Prayer Life

February is the month of transition from the feasts of Christmas and Epiphany to Ash Wednesday and Lent. This is the perfect time for us to pause and think about how we pray. Taking stock of our prayer lives is a good way to prepare for Lent. Prayer is a raising of our mind and heart to God. Jesus stands beside us every day. He offers us the grace of his Father's love, and the power of the Spirit, and the incredible gift of forgiveness. Jesus is with us even when we are selfish and sinful.

If you think back over your own life, you can likely remember many times when you chose to say a cruel word to someone rather than to comfort them with kindness. You recall times when you used people, hurt them, gossiped about them or excluded them. Sometimes your judgments of them have been harsh and your decisions have been hurtful and mean.

We know this is true. And yet, and this is the really good news of the gospel, we are forgiven. God in Christ has forgiven us. The cross is the sign of this. Jesus taught us by his own sacrifice that God's love never ends. God is love, after all, and God's love is larger than sin. As Christians, this is our identity: we are all sinners whom God has forgiven. But in order for us to allow God's forgiveness to change our lives, we must turn to God every day in prayer.

Welcome God into your life.now is the time to say, as Pope Francis wrote, "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace."

Bill Huebsch, *Living with Christ*, pg.20-21, February, 2019



Kidschurch

Our Kidschurch preschool ministry during the 9:30 Mass continues to grow, YIPPEE!!!! Their parents are able to more prayerfully attend Mass and the kids are provided an opportunity to learn and

praise God at a pre-school level!

But... we are short-staffed.

Could God be calling you or your teen to help with this pre-school ministry? We are looking to be staffed with 3 adults each week who will assist the kids as they play at the learning centers, are led in singing or prayer, make a craft, etc.... Could you help one week a month?

Please contact Sue Levesque at the parish office if you are interested in joining our team! Thankyou!!!!

"Those who love use their imagination to discover solutions where others see only problems. Those who love help others according to their needs and with creativity, not according to preconceived ideas or common conceptions."

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

Help needed to organize a Parish

Octoberfest event... Bishop Libasci has asked that our parish bring back the Parish Picnic this year in the form of an Octoberfest event. Many of you have commented on missing the picnic that we have had in previous years, and yet some of you may just think it sounds like a lot of fun! We are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to help organize this event. If you have any questions or can help please contact Kay Barretto at 603-893-8661 X 109 or kbarretto@comcast.net.



First Friday Adoration

St. Joseph Church
12:00Noon-4:00PM
March 1, 2019
Divine Mercy 3:00PM
With Litany



First Saturday Devotion

Mary Queen of Peace
March 2, 2019 at 3:00PM
With Rosary and confession
Mass at 4:00PM



Parish Information:

New Parishioners If you have just moved to the Salem area, we welcome you to our Parish. Please register on our website or at the Parish Office.

Baptisms Please call Justine Dufour 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 Justine Dufour 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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Slice-of-the-Pie Winners Each Receive a Check for \$125.00
Mary Wilson #176
Vito D'Amico #53
Georgette Croteau #48 CONGRATULATIONS!!

Upcoming Parish Activities

NH Knights of Columbus: "In service to one, In service to all."
SCTV #17: The Lost Tribes of Israel
Airing 02/25– 02/27 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

Please join **40 Days for Life Manchester** at their kick off rally on March 3rd at 2PM at Ste. Marie's Church (lower level) in Manchester. Fr. Jeff Paveglio will speak about what it means to live our call to protect the lives of the unborn. Music and refreshments will be available. See 40daysforlife.com/manchester for details about signing up for the vigil or call Sheila DePuydt 978-226-3240 with any questions.

Can you help **stock our library** in the Family Room at St. Joseph? Volunteers are needed to prepare donated books and DVD's for the shelves. Please Contact Terry Austrew at taustrew@gmail.com if interested.

Selections for Lenten Reading (Ash Wednesday is March 6th this year). Many books to choose from. Discussion, recommendations, handouts and encouragement. Presented by St. Joseph Library, Terry Austrew. **Saturday March 2nd at 10AM** St. Joseph's Family Room. Questions or suggestions to Terry Austrew taustrew@gmail.com

Year-End Tax Statements

It's almost tax time again! If you would like to receive a copy of your contribution statement, please provide the following information via email or phone message: Name, Address, Envelope number, phone number. Call 893-8661 x101 for Maryanne, or email officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org Statements will be mailed out on Fridays for requests made during that week. Mailings will begin mid-January. Thank you for your cooperation!

Neighboring Parish Activities

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, 37 Lee Street, Lowell, MA 01852	Adult Faith Formation Program: Soup & Substance	Begin Ash Wednesday and every Wed during Lent 6:00pm	Call 978-458-6346 or go to info@stjosephshrine.org
Holy Family Academy, 281 Cartier St., Manchester, NH	Open House for Jr. High and High School	March 13 & March 27 from 9:00am-10:00am	Call 603-644-7247 or visit holyfamilyacademy.org
St. Marie Parish, Montminy Hall, 376 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester NH 03102	BE INFORMED : How to protect Families in the Internet Age	Series of workshops for various audiences March 23 thru March 25	For specifics go to: Enterthenarrowgate.org/protecting-our-families-in-the-internet-age

Mass Intentions

Parish Events

St. Joseph

Sunday, February 24

7:30a Randy Holmes
5:00p Margaret & Harold Webster

(Fr. Vincent will privately offer a mass for each intention listed below.)

Monday, February 25

No Intention

Tuesday, February 26

No Intention

Thursday, February 28

No Intention

Friday, March 1

Barbara Finnerty

Sunday, March 3

7:30a Paula Pelletier Novello
5:00p Pro Populo (For the People of the Parish)

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, February 23

4:00p Pro Populo (For People of the Parish)

Sunday, February 24

9:30a Laura Chandonnet
11:00a Joseph Aiello

Saturday, March 2

4:00p Ruth Ginchereau

Sunday, March 3

9:30a Deceased Members of the Liwanag Family
11:00a Pro Populo (For People of the Parish)

Rest in Peace

We pray for all who died recently. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.



Eternal Light/Sanctuary Candle is burning this week at St. Joseph for the **Melanie Costello** by Morning Mass Community and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Viola Sullivan** by the Lavin Family.

Thank You for your continued support and generosity!

Your regular financial support of our parish community is essential to our continued viability and vitality!



Have a fun, safe Winter Vacation!

Sunday February 24

9:30am KidsChurch/MQP-Classroom
12:30pm Baptism Preparation/MQP-Emmaus Room
6:00pm LOL Youth Group/SJ-Youth Center

Monday February 25

7:00pm RCIA—call Justine

Tuesday February 26

10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus Room
12:30pm Quilting Group/SJ-St. Julie Hall
6:30pm 11am Mass Choir Rehearsal/MQP-Church
6:30pm EM Handbook Planning Session/MQP-Emmaus Room
7:30pm Al-Anon/SJ—St. Julie Hall

Wednesday February 27

8:00am Men's Cursillo Group/SJ-Family Room
10:00am 7:30am Mass Choir Rehearsal/SJ-Church
7:00pm AA/MQP—Main Hall

Thursday February 28

6:00pm Atonement Band rehearsal/MQP-Church
7:00pm Bereavement/SJ-St Julie Hall

Friday March 1

NOON Adoration/SJ-Church
6:00pm NarAnon /MQP-Main Hall

Saturday March 2

8:00am Bible Study/SJ-Family Room
10:00pm Lenten Book Selection/SJ-Family Room
6:00pm SIA/MQP-Emmaus Room

Parish Giving

February 9 and February 10, 2019

(*Our goal is for \$11,000 each week.)

Envelopes	\$7,760.00
Loose	\$1,248.00
*Total	\$9,008.00

Winter Fuel & Plowing \$2,981.00

2nd Collections for February

February 3 Development Fund**
(** Our goal is \$3,500.00 each month.)
February 10 Catholic Schools
February 17 Winter Fuel & Plowing



Are you a shutterbug? **SMJP is looking for a few photographers**, amateur or professional, who could help on occasion to take some photos of parish programs or events. You would be contacted when needed. If you could help please contact Kay Barretto at kbarretto@comcast.net or call (603) 893-8661 X 109.

Food Pantry Requests

Our food pantry is in need of the following items that they cannot get through the food bank.
Canned potatoes Beef Stew Canned carrots Jello
Pudding Maple Syrup Juice Shampoo & Toiletries
No time to shop? Gift cards from Market Basket are always a great option! Thank you for your generosity!