Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

November 29, 2020

First 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

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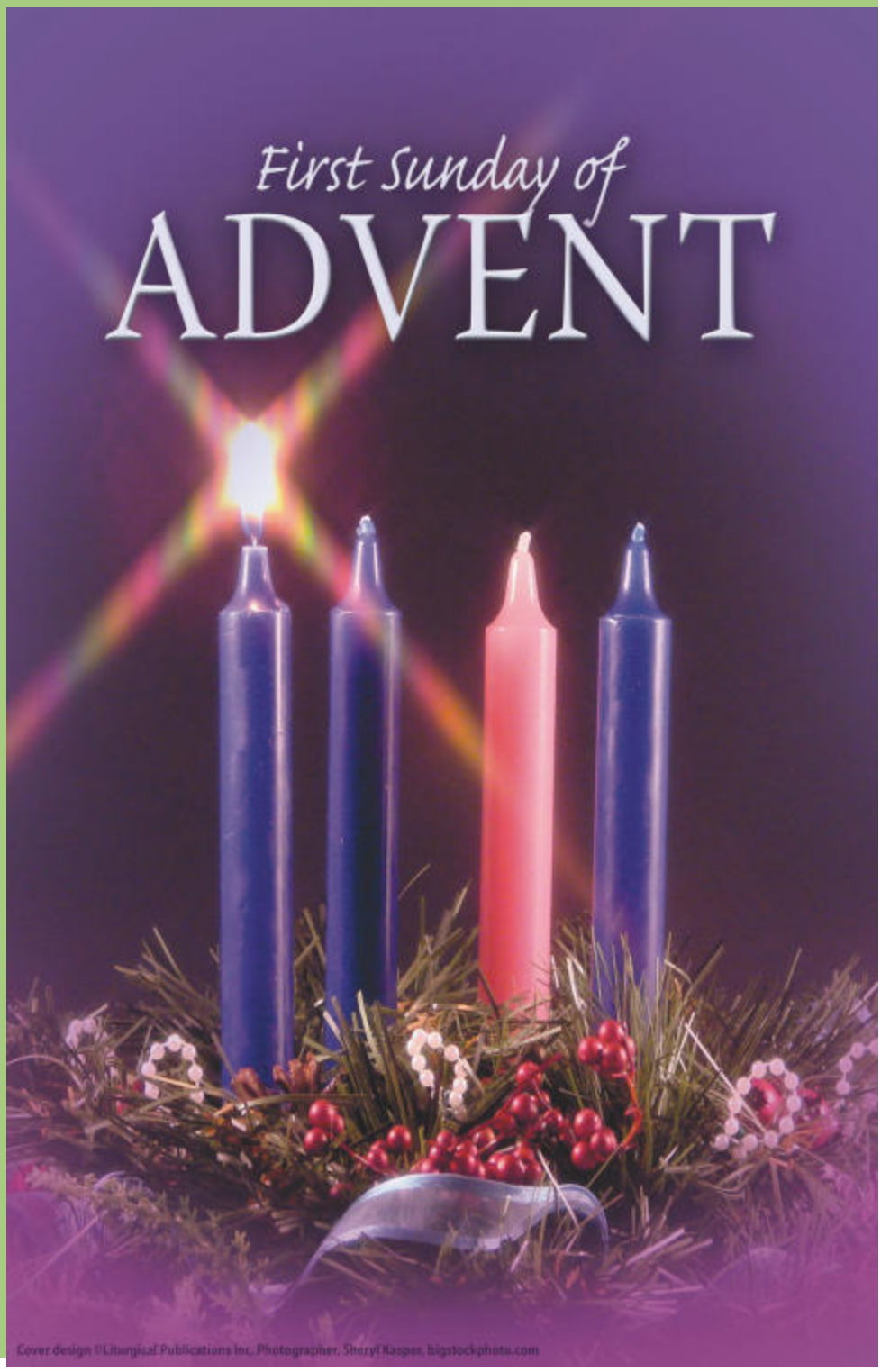

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Just in Time for Christmas! **Slice-of-the-Pie November Winners!**
Each receives a check for **$125.00……**

Matt Habinowski #83
Susan & Paul Knight #96
Robert Puglia #141

Congratulations!!

First Friday Adoration, St. Joseph Church
December 4, 2020 Noon-4:00 PM
Divine Mercy 3:00 PM, Litany of the Precious Blood and Rosary

First Saturday Devotion at Mary Queen of Peace
December 5, 2020 at 3:00PM Rosary & confession followed by the Mass at 4:00PM

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!

RESOLVING the LIVESTREAM Issues

Yes, it's just settings on the computer or phone--we have never lost the audio. Currently, we are trying to mitigate the echoing issue, and hope to have it resolved before Saturday, God willing. To "UNMUTE", there are icons at the bottom-left of the Livestream viewing box. There is an icon that looks like an old-fashioned speaker. If it has a slash thru it then that means that the sound is being muted. Just click on the icon and you should be all set! The reason that livestreams and other videos are muted is because the government has ruled that they should now open in the muted mode. This is because advertisers were blasting their ads when people searched for something in Google, etc., and the consumers were hit with all kinds of loud advertising that did not relate to their searches. Now the ads appear but are muted by law. And so it has to be with our Livestream because it is technically a video.
So, ! Just keep going to the bottom left of the box that opens-up, and make sure that you unmute that little speaker thingy if you don't hear any sound.

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. The tree at each Church will be up the weekend of 28th but **all cards should be brought back to the Church 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 Ind**. and sent to PO Box 1234, Salem NH.

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

In reflecting on Pope Francis' third encyclical, I found this prayer that I feel is perfect as we begin the Season of Advent. May we seek to be reborn in the Spirit so we may give birth to God's Love more purely… may we come to really know, desire and be the Jesus Difference for our families, work places and world!!!

Sue Levesque

Learn about the "new" Trinity/St. Joes and its Campus Expansion Project!

The design phase of the Trinity High School/St. Joseph Regional Junior High School Campus Expansion Project is in its final stages! We are hoping to break ground in the spring 2021. We are very excited to share our progress and plans, so please consider attending one of the virtual conferences listed below. Visit www.nhcatholicschool.com/ongoing-projects for two videos that will provide an excellent overview along with the plans!

VIRTUAL UPDATE SESSIONS:

Wed, Dec 2, 2020 7:00 PM
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/551327677
(669) 224-3412 **Access Code:** 551-327-677
Thu, Dec 3, 2020 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (EST)
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/216700685
(646) 749-3122 Access Code 216-700-685
Mon, Dec 7, 2020 7:00 PM (EST)
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/206901917

spirit & verse

Prayer for Living Fratelli Tutti

When our lofty words of love have been emptied of their meaning,
When our borders and computer screens have erected impenetrable walls,
When our minds are so quick to conflate "other" with "enemy,"
How will we find our common humanity?
It's never too late to make an earnest and tender start.
May we remove from our pockets the stones we intended to throw
And cement them together to build a home that welcomes all.
May we repent of our indifference and move into genuine encounter.
Instead of drawing battle lines,
May we draw our chairs up to a communal table,
Where we can feast in the knowledge of our shared dignity.
May God grant us the holy vision
To see in every human being a sacred mystery,
And may we love each mystery not abstractly, but concretely.
Just as Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus,
May we be unafraid to touch the wounds of our suffering neighbor.
May we lay down our arms and offer our outstretched hands,
Until there is no "them," but only "us,"
Until we are, at last, sisters and brothers, all.
Amen.

Cameron Bellm

Catholic Charities Update

Your support of Catholic Charities NH has provided healing and hope for those who especially need it most during this difficult time. Since the crisis began:

1549 New Hampshire residents have received assistance around food, transportation, housing and other essential needs

42,685 pounds of food have been distributed to homebound seniors across Greater Manchester and Greater Nashua

1040 reassurance and check-in calls have been made through the CareGivers program

$43,130 in critical emergency assistance funds has been distributed to New Hampshire residents facing intense hardship

These are just a few of the ways your gift to Catholic Charities helps decrease the burden for those in need of guidance and support. Thank you for your generosity!

Vocation Awareness: "Father, we are the work of your hands." Is God's work in you to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

"Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love. An outstretched hand can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples."
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

Physical gatherings of Options 1-6 are completed and they will continue with online lessons.
Mass cards will be published in the bulletin and the parish website each week.
Middle School and High School Classes will begin meeting On Wednesday, Dec 2nd.

November 29, 2020 — 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 • 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 • Mark 13:33-37

"What I say to you I say to all: 'Watch!'" —Mark 13:37

Whenever something exciting is coming in our lives, we wait for it with great anticipation. If it is a birthday or a holiday, there is a lot to do to prepare for it. We put all our energy into the preparations without hesitation because we know how much fun it will be when the day comes. Today's scripture reminds us to prepare ourselves with this same excitement and anticipation for Christ's coming. Since it is the season of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate Christ's birth. But we are also called to be prepared every day of our lives. Jesus wants us to be ready to meet him any day, any time, anywhere.

Dear Lord, show me how I can best prepare my heart and mind
to meet You whenever You come.

An Advent wreath helps us count the four weeks of preparation for Christ's birth. As a family, choose an Advent tradition, like an Advent Wreath or Calendar, that will help you prepare and recognize God who comes to you every day…. The more you prepare, the better able you will be to recognize these "God-sightings"!

Record what tradition your family is choosing: _____

Children's Ministry Newsletter!!!

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

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!

Honduras Gift Card Sale

Thanks to our Saints Mary and Joseph friends who placed an order from our gift cards fundraiser. Because of your order we will be able to help all our Honduran friends. The first order has been sent in and is already on it's way. I will call if there is a phone number on the form.

Due to those who got a jump on their Christmas shopping, we have already realized almost $700 that will go to help our friends in Honduras. They are suffering greatly because of Covid, the effects of 14 months of drought, the ongoing issue with dengue fever and now the devastating effects of hurricane Eta. There's still time to place an order for December -pick up a form at the office and get some of your shopping done. **Be sure to include your phone number** so we can let you know when your order arrives.

Thank you

Orders with payment **must be returned by December 4th**. Questions call Mary 603-899-9548.

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 11/30– 12/2/20 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!**

The **Baby Bottle Campaign for St. Gianna's Place** was a huge success and we are so grateful for the generosity of the people of Saints Mary and Joseph parish. The **total of donations was $4764!** These funds go towards things like education for the moms and more basic needs like the costs of food and utilities. Thank you for helping us to care for this most vulnerable population.
Sincerely, Kathy Mahoney Saint Gianna's Place

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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.
Refreshments and coffee will be available. Wear a mask and bring a friend!

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, November 28
5:00p Kenneth & Leona Slack r/b Stephen Slack

Sunday, November 29
7:30a Wilfred Pelletier Jr r/b Louise Pelletier; Anna Willis r/b Pat Kulesz
10:00a John Uzdavinis 1st Anniversary r/b The Family

Monday, November 30
7:15a All Soul's Intentions r/b Mr & Mrs Larry Dolan

Tuesday, December 1
7:15a All Soul's Intentions r/b Jacqueline Baillargeon

Wednesday, December 2
7:15a Intentions of Wayne & Adele Jeffrey

Thursday, December 3
7:15a Intentions of Lavoie, Pelletier & Chouinard Families r/b Camilla

Friday, December 4
7:15a All Soul's Intentions r/b Mr & Mrs Joseph Scott

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

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, November 28
4:00p Pro Populo—People of the parish

Sunday, November 29
9:30a Harold Bamford & Grace Hatem r/b Melanie & David Costello; Paul Knox r/b Charles & Eleanor Wheeler
11:00a Intentions of Wayne & Adele Jeffrey

Monday, November 30
9:00a Robert F. Fuller r/b wife, Terry

Tuesday, December 1
9:00a Sandra Saunders r/b Sandie Dawaliby

Wednesday, December 2
9:00a Siony Otanes r/b Brian & Ofelia Curley & Family

Thursday, December 3
9:00a Richard LaChance r/b Jackie Provencher

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

Parish Events

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

Sunday November 29
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 November 30
4:30pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr
6:00pm Youth Gr. 1-5/SJ-Youth Ctr.

Tuesday December 1
10:00am Bible Study/MQP-Emmaus
5:30pm Middle School Youth Group/ SJ– Youth Ctr.
6:30pm Walking With Purpose virtual meeting www.wwpsalem.weebly.com

Wednesday December 2
9:30am Theology over Coffee/MQP-Emmaus Room
5:30pm Pot Luck Supper-Pizza Nite/ SJ-St. Julie Hall

Thursday December 3
10:00am Rosary/SJ-Church
10:30am RENEW Group/Sj-Family Room

Friday December 4
Noon Adoration/SJ-Church

Saturday December 5
7:30am Men's Group/SJ-Family Room
8:00am Bible Study/Virtual meeting via computer/online
3:00pm 1st Saturday Devotion/MQP -Church

All will be asked to social distance & wear masks for scheduled events.

Parish Giving

November 14 & November 15, 2020

Offertory	$ 6,924.00
On-line	$1,803.00
TOTAL	$8,727.00

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 **Joseph Crocco** by the Crocco Family and at Mary Queen of Peace for **H. Raymond Arsenault** by the Fenlon Family.
The candle burns for one week. If you would like to specify an intention, call the office.

Rest in Peace We pray for **Sister Katherine St. John** who died recently. May her family be comforted by loving memories of her and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

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