

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish

May 10, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Mission Statement:

*Discover God's Love so we might Love God, Love Others, and
Grow as a Community of Disciples.*

*All non-essential meetings and programs in the parish
have been suspended until further notice.*

Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road
Salem, NH 03079

MASS:

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30am w/KidsChurch

Sun: 11:00am Livestreamed

Mon: 9:00am (May—October)

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

Sun 7:30am & 5:00pm

Rosary prior to daily mass 6:45am

Parish Office

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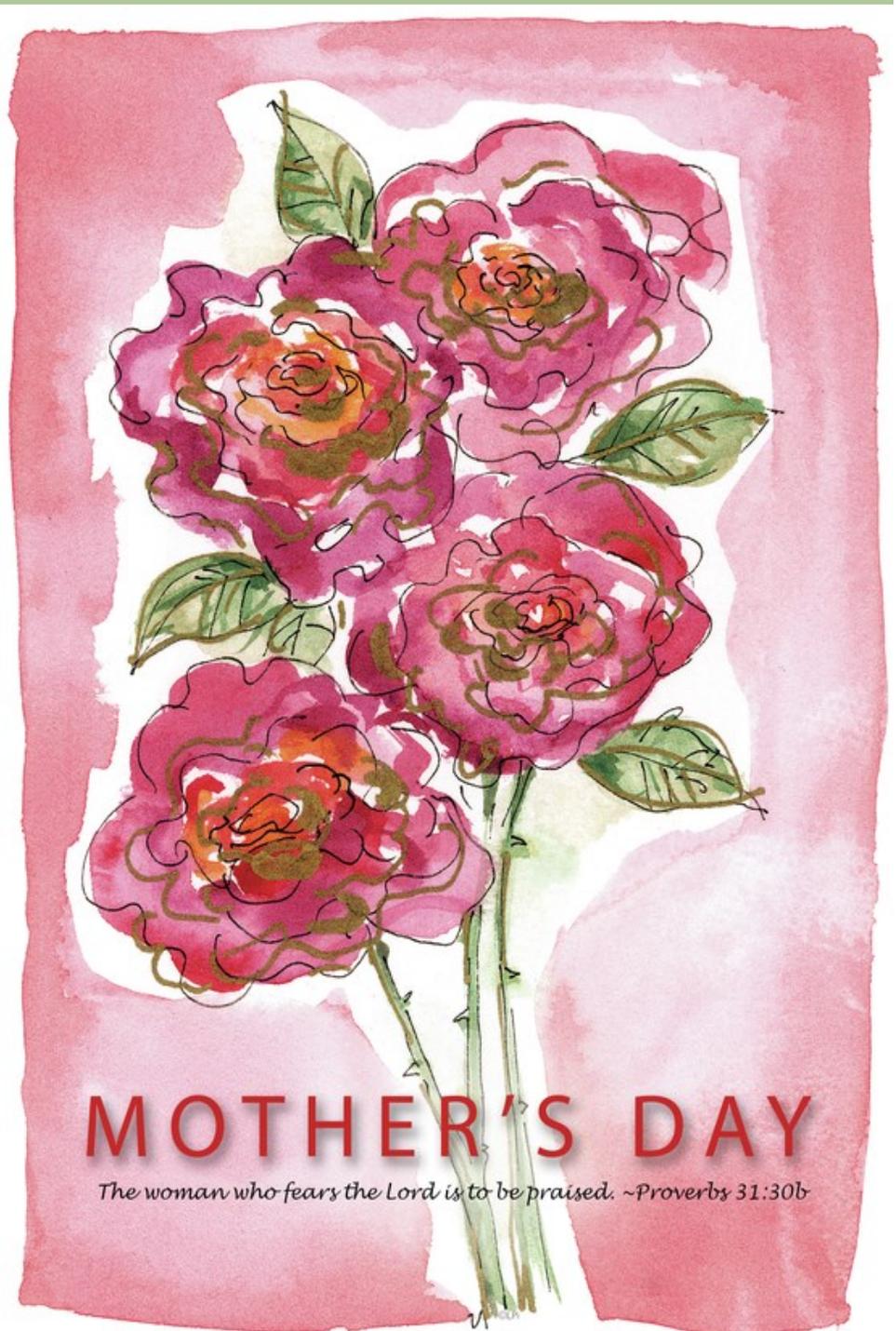
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MOTHER'S DAY

The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ~Proverbs 31:30b

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, trust also in me.”

(John 14:1)

Okay, are we going to take Jesus at His word or not?

With all that's going on, we are not to let our hearts be troubled?

Trust?!

Let us be reminded of what St Paul says in Romans 8:28: “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him“. Do we believe that? Consider how God has been trying to get us to see that truth:

What happens to a seed when buried under ground? It breaks open and life grows!

What happens after plants and trees shed their leaves and blossoms in Fall and Winter? New life bursts forth in Spring and Summer!

What happens after a land is destroyed by fire? Regrowth!

What happens after volcanic eruptions? Islands are made and continents grow!

What happened to Jesus after suffering a brutal death? God resurrected Him to a NEW LIFE!

All around us God is giving us examples of how suffering and death give birth to something new and wonderful! Our new way of living in the midst of this pandemic is certainly a challenge! A lot of things that were taking our time and energy have been suspended or canceled. Let us take quiet time with God and consider what in our lives needs to die... Let us trust God and let go, so that something new and wonderful.... Something life-giving, can now be born!

May we continue becoming the Body of Christ!

Sue

QUARANTINE

The root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". The word quarantine comes from a seventeenth-century Venetian variant of the Italian quaranta giorni, meaning forty days.

So what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years Moses fled Egypt.

40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.

Exodus lasted 40 years.

Jesus fasted for 40 days.

Lent is 40 days.

40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ.

The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing.

Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision.

May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand (Isaiah 49:16).

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.

The best is yet to come!

Unknown

May 10, 2020—Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to update you on the COVID-19 situation as it applies to the liturgical life of our Diocese.

There have been many developments in New Hampshire since I wrote to you on March 17 and announced that the public celebration of the Mass would be suspended due to the increasing presence of the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. In New Hampshire as of this writing, 81 of our citizens have died due to the virus. Families have had to leave a loved-one at the door of an emergency room because of the necessary safety precautions at hospitals. Healthcare workers are under enormous pressure as they seek to avoid this virus, provide the highest levels of care, and also comfort patients at the end of life when family cannot be present.

The priests of our Diocese continue to celebrate Mass for you and for your intentions every day. I am grateful to our priests who have so quickly adapted the manner in which they offer pastoral care in these difficult times. And I am grateful to you for your continued dedication to your pastors and your parishes, and for turning to your faith in a time of uncertainty. As we have been doing since the beginning of the pandemic in New Hampshire, we have utilized all available information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to guide our decisions in the Diocese of Manchester.

Yesterday, Governor Chris Sununu extended the State Stay-at-Home Order until May 31, 2020. Though positive signs indicate the virus has not spread to the same level as it could have if a stay-at-home order not been in place, the data shows that significant numbers of our fellow citizens continue to test positive for, and die from, COVID-19. Our neighbors in Massachusetts also are experiencing a greater impact as the virus spreads far faster in our more populous bordering state. Given this information, for the time being I am keeping in place the decisions already implemented in this Diocese, specifically those pertaining to public celebrations of the Mass. I make this decision knowing how difficult it is to continuously be separated from the Eucharist. The decision to suspend the public celebration of the Mass was very difficult, and I am still in pain alongside you today.

As Catholics, however, we must have a heightened sense of responsibility to act prudently and to be mindful of the safety of others, especially those who are most vulnerable. Though some among us may feel they can participate in the Mass because they do not have symptoms of the virus, the medical evidence is clear that even a person who appears healthy may carry and spread the virus and put others at risk perhaps days later. I speak several times each week with the team

directing our Catholic Charities nursing homes and I am proud of the work they are doing to provide the highest level of protection for residents. I know we must remain vigilant, especially to safeguard the most vulnerable who are entrusted to our care, as well as all those who are working 24 hours per day to keep our brothers and sisters safe and well.

The Eucharist is the sacrament of the enduring love of God. Were we to gather together because of how much we ourselves want to share in this sacrament, even though we knew that we might be putting other people at risk, we would be serving as a *counter-sign* to what the Eucharist is about. The early Christians were willing to die to receive the Bread of Life, but they would not have been willing to send innocent people to their deaths in the process.

While I am not prepared to resume public celebration of Mass at this time, we are actively planning for that day in the future, for it will come. Together with the priests of the Diocese and my staff, I have been considering when and how Catholic churches in the Diocese will begin public gatherings again. The preparations include how to maintain social distancing in pews, how to limit capacity as we gradually gather back together again (such as adding additional Masses, as needed), and the procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion. These are preparations for a gradual re-entry attentive to public health, but I also envision a call to re-enter into the Mystery of Faith with a renewed fervor. Not unlike Advent's active "waiting," I have commissioned our priests to re-read the General Instruction of the Roman Missal so that they can engage you, our Faithful, in a deeper reverence, a spiritual rather than emotional fulfillment, a true Holy Communion of the soul's deepest awareness of the Divine Presence for when we do return. So while the time is not yet right, and I cannot tell you the hour or the day, please know that I am planning for when we will join together once more and the glorious reunion we will have.

Seeking the intercession of Christ, the Divine Physician, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci

Vocation Awareness: "Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

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



Faith Formation Upcoming Schedules:

To help minimize the spreading impact of Covid-19, Kirschurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and Sunday and Monday youth ministry are suspended until further notice... As advised by the Bishop's office, we will be looking to provide you with at-home enrichment online. We have received word that Confirmation and First Communion scheduled with Bishop Christian for May 17th is being postponed. When it becomes safe to gather again he will reschedule with us.

Be safe and keep sending Sue your God-sightings to be posted on our parish Instagram!!! In the midst of our new reality, may you become more aware of God's life and love growing all around!!! Know that God is seeking to break through the suffering, sadness, loneliness, heartache, and death!!! May you recognize God's abounding love and life continuing to be poured out!!!! **Happy Resurrection Season everyone!!!**

Slice-of-the-Pie Raffle NEWS

Memberships are now open for our 2020-2021 **Slice-of-the-Pie Club**. It is a fun way to support our parish while also having a chance to win a cash prize yourself. Here's how it works:

Up to 300 people donate \$100 for a chance to win 3 monthly prizes of \$125.

In June there is a drawing for grand prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, and 10 winners of \$150. (Plus, we'll have pie and ice cream!)

The balance goes to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish.

Along with the monthly prizes we are still planning to have the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING on June 14, 2020 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Last year we had a festive event with pie and ice cream, and if the ban on gatherings is lifted by then we'll do it again. Otherwise, Fr. Vincent will draw the winners and the names will be listed on the parish website. Please watch the weekly Bulletin for the latest news.

Sign up for 2020-2021 Pie Club <https://saintsmaryandjoseph.org/slice-of-the-pie> (link to online form and payment.) or print out the mail-in form from the website if you prefer to pay by check.

For more information contact Diane Cormier at 300slices@gmail.com.



A Note about Holy Communion

If you prefer to receive holy Communion under "both kinds" - that is, the body and blood - it is important to note that "since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1390). It is also worth noting that, in the United States, Communion in the hand is allowed by permission of Pope Paul VI, but the decision on which way to receive (in the hand or on the tongue) ultimately is left up to the faithful, not the extraordinary minister or the pastor. However, the Code of Canon law states that, in view of the common good, "ecclesiastical authority can direct the exercise of rights which are proper to the Christian faithful," which means that, for reasons of the common good, the bishop may request and urge the faithful to receive holy Communion in the hand (see Canon 223).

Finally, reception of Communion is not a requirement for those attending Mass. Indeed, the sacraments are gifts generously bestowed upon us by our Creator, and sometimes we find reason that we should forego the gift for a time. The tradition of the Church has long held that the faithful unable or unwilling to receive the body and blood of Christ at Mass might instead participate in a "spiritual Communion" - what St. Thomas Aquinas described as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him." *Reprinted with permission of Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.*



Read Bishop Libasci's Op Ed piece in the Union Leader regarding "The Common Good" https://www.unionleader.com/opinion/op-eds/bishop-libasci-our-brothers-and-sisters-at-risk-are-not-anonymous/article_21e91da9-c66d-5cbb-a0b0-44329a0f30ff.html

Upcoming Parish Activities

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

SCTV #17: An appropriate topic

Airing 5/11–5/13/20 Mondays 8:00pm Tuesday & Wednesday 2:00pm

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 the parish office at 893-8661.

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!!!

Livestream of Daily Mass saintsmaryandjoseph.org

Beginning on Monday, May 4, Fr. Vincent will Livestream the daily mass from Mary Queen of Peace Church. The mass will be celebrated each weekday, Monday thru Friday, at 9:00am. This is a wonderful way to start your day during the pandemic. There is never a shortage of people and intentions to pray for, so please join our faith community in praising God for all of our blessings, and asking Him to intercede for all of our needs.

"Today we pray for the deceased who have died because of the pandemic. They have died alone, without the caresses of their loved ones. So many did not even have a funeral. May the Lord receive them into His glory."

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

The Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen has a CHANGE OF DATE. Once we resume sharing desserts, our pick-up day will be MONDAY by 10:00am at the parish office.

Due to the COVID19 virus all funerals are currently being handled as private by the family to comply with the President's and CDC guidelines of limiting the number of people gathering at one time..

Please keep all the faithful departed and their loved ones in your prayers. This is an especially difficult time for those grieving.



The Bereavement Support Group meeting is suspended until further notice. If "one on one" bereavement support is needed, phone support is available Contact Linda at 603-893-6061.

Mass Intention Openings Now that Father Vincent will be celebrating daily mass via livestream, there are many daily masses without announced intentions! If you would like to have a mass offered for someone's intentions (living) or in memory of someone (deceased), please call the office. We will try to accommodate the dates you prefer.

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Maryanne Murach....Bulletin/Admin x101 bulletin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org officeadmin@saintsmaryandjoseph.org

Watching the Saints Mary & Joseph Mass on TV Channel 17 on Comcast will broadcast the parish mass, with a one week delay, on Sunday at 9:00am and 5:00pm, and on Tuesday at 8:00am. If you were unable to livestream the Sunday Mass, then you can view it on TV, but be advised that it is always one week behind the actual date. It is definitely worth watching!!

Upcoming Neighboring Parish Masses

Diocese of Manchester home page https://catholicnh.org

Listing of livestream masses by Parish. Find heading "Livestreamed Masses", scroll down until you see Find Your Parish or See Our Listing Select one

https://www.catholicnh.org/community/outreach/health-care/coronavirus/livestreamed-masses/

At the assigned time, view the Mass for that day LIVE by going to the website of the parish you want.

Mass Intentions Father Vincent will be celebrating Masses via **LIVESTREAM** (saintsmaryandjoseph.org) from Mary Queen of Peace Church until further notice. There are **NO PUBLIC MASSES**.

St. Joseph

Sunday, May 10

7:30a Amanda Albee r/b Martha & Joe Lessard; Ed Kulesz r/b Janet & Jim Frahm
5:00p Kenneth & Leona Slack r/b Stephen Slack

Monday, May 11

9:00a Dana Clarke r/b Diane Faucher

Tuesday, May 12

9:00a Intentions of Carol Dillon Downey r/b David & Kathleen Dillon

Wednesday, May 13

9:00a All Soul's Intentions

Thursday, May 14

9:00a Nancy Kirby r/b Maryanne Murach

Friday, May 15

9:00a All Soul's Intentions

Sunday, May 17

7:30a Beatrice M. Lessard r/b Martha & Joe Lessard; Frank Worthy Sr. r/b Laura & Lisa
5:00p Janis Conlan r/b Her Family

Mary Queen of Peace

Saturday, May 9

4:00p Jim Jacobs r/b Melanie & David Costello; William Bertholdt r/b Susan LaPlante; Joe Quadros r/b Joseph Melo

Sunday, May 10

9:30a Pro-Populo—People of the Parish

11:00a Ronald LaPlume r/b Lavin Family

Monday, May 11

9:00a All Soul's Intentions

Saturday, May 16

4:00p Mayrna Cortez r/b Pura Caya-byab; Michael Pandelena & Agnes Spohr r/b Rita

Sunday, May 17

9:30a Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

11:00a Pro Populo—People of the parish

Rest in Peace

We pray for **Wilfred "Bill" Bamford, Harold Bamford, Jessica Miele & Cynthia Ouelette** 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 **Paula Pelletier Novello** by Louise Pelletier and at Mary Queen of Peace for **Intentions of Kay Barretto** by Parish Staff.

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

Parish Events

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

Sunday May 10

KidsChurch, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation classes and **Sunday & Monday youth ministry programs** are being suspended until further notice. As advised by the Bishop's office, at-home enrichment opportunities will be provided.

Monday May 11

Choirs, Choruses, multiple musicians are suspended at all Masses till further Notice.

Tuesday May 12

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Wednesday May 13

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Thursday May 14

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Friday May 15

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Saturday May 16

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

All non-essential programs & activities are suspended.

Vigilance is necessary regarding the Coronavirus:

Wash your hands often & wear a facial mask/covering when out!



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Watch for more details.

Parish Giving

May 2 & May 3, 2020

(*Our goal is \$11,000.00 each week.)

Envelopes \$7,144.00

On-Line \$1,344.00

Total \$8,488.00

2nd Collections for May

5/21 Ascension

5/24 Catholic Communication

Please consider adding Saints Mary & Joseph Parish to your will, or in your annual tax relief.

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

Did you know? If you are 72 or older and need to take a "required minimum distribution (RMD)" from an IRA retirement account, a direct distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as our parish, can save you money on your taxes. Such a donation will count toward your required minimum distribution but will be excluded from taxable income. Ask your tax preparer or IRA trustee for the details.