

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH 03079



Mary Queen of Peace Campus
200 Lawrence Road
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St. Joseph Campus
40 Main Street
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Dear Fellow Parishioner,

The parish is now introducing the “**Memorial and Tribute Giving Program**”. It has long been a tradition to memorialize or pay tribute to someone special by making a donation to the parish. When faced with a personal loss, family and friends often want a way to honor a loved one in a special and meaningful way. Many families and friends choose to give memorial gifts. A memorial gift is a monetary donation to a charity, organization, or the family in lieu of a traditional floral arrangement.

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish would like to give you the opportunity to participate in this type of program. We have identified several options for *Thoughtful Giving*, and offer multiple ways you can support our needs!

Memorial Gifts

While cards and flowers are always appreciated, a memorial gift to the parish makes a difference in our parish community in a variety of ways. Individuals and families may choose to remember and celebrate a loved one’s life by making a special contribution in his or her name. Memorial gifts may also be given on behalf of groups, such as neighbors or co-workers. (Families wishing to establish a special memorial fund in their family name or in the name of a deceased family member should contact the parish office.)

Gifts to Honor

Make a gift to recognize or pay tribute to someone special in your life - - family members, friends, perhaps someone who has provided you special care, rendered you a special service, or someone who has achieved a special goal.

Planned/Estate Giving

Planned giving allows donors to make a gift to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish as part of their personal long term financial and estate planning. Bequests enable donors to leave a lasting legacy when remembering Saints Mary and Joseph Parish in their will or trust.

Special Occasion Gifts

Make a gift to acknowledge and celebrate special life events:

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage

Mother’s and Father’s Day (For both living and deceased parents), birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a child or grandchild, graduations, promotions, retirements, or other milestones.

Gifts ‘Just Because’

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish gratefully accepts monetary gifts of any size for any (or no particular) reason. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are committed to careful and responsible stewardship of all funds.

As you are probably aware, the facilities at both parishes have reached major milestones: St. Joseph Church is close to 100 years old, and Mary Queen of Peace Church is 50 years old. To honor/memorialize a special person or milestone in your life by giving a monetary gift to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish is an important way for you to be involved in the continuing operation and preservation of these historic landmarks in Salem, NH. At each facility we have identified ways you can Support Our Needs. Below are several designated funds which represent important areas in the operation of our church facilities and service to our community.

Building Repair and Maintenance

Stained Glass Windows

Church Furnishings

Community Outreach

Environment and Music

Religious Education

Unrestricted Funds

At the parish office we have a book for each facility with specific gift ideas. We invite you to stop by and see if any of the suggestions would be appropriate for a gift that you are contemplating giving.

Gift Acknowledgements

All donors will receive a letter acknowledging their gift to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish. Additionally, an acknowledgement letter (without reference to the size of the gift) will be sent to the individual or family being honored/memorialized according to the information provided by the donor.

With the permission of the donor, names will be published in the donor book located in each church Narthex.

Depending on the nature of the gift item, there will be a plaque, engraving, or notation made on the item itself with your loved one's name and the donor name and date.

Obituary Notice

You can invite friends and family to join your lasting tribute by including these words in the obituary notice:

“In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saints Mary and Joseph Memorial/Tribute Program to benefit (state designated fund or special initiative here) at (either the MQP or St. Joseph Campus, or to the parish in general). Please send your gift to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, N.H. 03079 or go online to www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org“. (Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law).

We thank you in advance for your faithfulness and continued support of Saints Mary and Joseph Parish. Our parish holds a special place in the hearts of many generations of people. Most have worshipped here, or found solace from a busy and often troubling world, as they have visited and found a quiet moment with Our Lord. We hope that by formalizing the **Memorial and Tribute Giving Program**, we will enable you to honor the special people and moments in your life. If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact the parish office at 603.893.8661 or email us at memorial@saintsmaryandjoseph.org