

Saints Mary & Joseph Parish



First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2014

Food Pantry Needs


Please bring items to our Parish Office (Mon-Thu 9-5, Fri 9-12:30) or to either church at mass times. There are bags available at the exits at St. Joseph.

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| Beef stew | Corn (canned) | Jelly | Peanut butter | Soap |
| Carrots (canned) | Crackers | Mac & cheese | Peas | Soup (canned) |
| Cereal | Fruit (canned) | Maple syrup | Pork & beans | Tea bags |
| Chef Boyardee | Fruit Juice | Pancake mix | Potatoes-box, canned | Tissues |
| Chicken (canned) | Green beans (canned) | Paper towels | Pudding | Toilet paper |
| Chili | Hot chocolate | Pasta | Rice | Tooth - |
| Coffee | Jell-O | Pasta sauce | Shampoo | |

Thank you!

Honduran Mission Team Update

We are back and we are all reflecting on our time with the people of Honduras – those who we see each year and the new friends we made on this trip. Our days were filled with things to do, unpacking and sorting of over 3,000 pounds of supplies, the tour, and visits to all of Padre Donahue’s school projects, planning and setting up for our clinics, meeting the long-term volunteers and watching them with the children in the schools, visits to two public schools in the community, play time with the children of the orphanage, a tour of the hospital, a side trip to the caves (close to 3,000 years old) and a very emotional first-time visit to a new disability center in a neighboring town. We also threw a big birthday party for all the children of the orphanage at the Volunteer house filled with party favors, costumes, gift bags, a piñata, milk and of course cake. All the kids had a wonderful time as did each and every one of the team. The house was filled with happiness!!!! The entire team would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and donations that made this trip a huge success. We get to do all of this because of our family, friends, and you!!!! Muchos Gracias!! Padre will be coming to visit us here in Salem the end of April to thank you as well.



We had the blessing of our prayer shawls at all the masses last weekend and gave out twenty-nine prayer shawls and lap robes. Several people shared about their loved one’s illness and they were glad to bring a shawl to help comfort them. Now that they have received a shawl, they will be remembered in prayer each month when we get together for our meeting. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm in the Emmaus Room. Come join us!

Family-to-Family Easter Basket Project

If you would like to provide an Easter dinner for a struggling family, please contact Mary at 893-8661 or senoraroy@comcast.net. The family’s information and a suggested grocery list will be emailed to you. All food must be dropped off at MQP on Saturday, April 12, by 11:00am. Share your blessings and make Easter special for a family in need. Thank you.



Christian Service Assistance

In the last 14 months, our Parish community has been instrumental in providing \$47,473.50 in assistance to needy individuals and families in the area. This was made possible through fund-raising by several civic organizations in Salem that trusted us to pass those funds on to people in need. The remainder came from faithful parishioners in the pews who were moved to contribute to our fund this past year. The staff of our parish is deeply grateful and humbled to be your hands in meeting some of the shelter, heat, electricity and food needs in the Salem community. The following was provided: \$21,455.65 (shelter), \$9,020.00 (fuel oil), \$3,919.14 (electricity), \$5,640.35 (transportation), \$540.00 (prescription drugs), \$600.00 (gift cards), \$4,599.86 (pantry food), and \$1698.50 (miscellaneous service projects).

A Tough Winter. Please help.

As you well know this has been a tougher winter than usual. Both you and the parish have had to face frigid temperatures and numerous snow storms. This has strained the parish finances. In January and February we spent over \$10,400 on plowing. The cold and the snow have hurt Mass attendance which has resulted in our offertory collection being nearly \$5,000 below what was brought in last year.

Your help is needed. We will have a second collection on March 15-16. Please try to be as generous as possible. Even an extra \$10 or \$20 would be of great help.

Thank you.

Peace in the Lord Jesus,
Fr. John

Faith Formation 6-12

Sunday Night Mass at MQP at 6:00pm!

on **March 16; April 6** All Welcome!

If you are a Lector or Eucharistic Minister and would like to serve, please let Sue Levesque know.

March Family Faith Formation:

Option E 9:00am MQP March 9

Option B 10:45am MQP March 16

Option C 6:00pm MQP March 16

Option D 11:00am SJ March 23

Option E 9:00am MQP March 30

High School:

High School Emmaus Experience Option 3 will resume March 10.

Immediate Preparation for Confirmation Option 5 begins Sunday, March 9, 4:00-5:45pm at MQP.

Seder Meal Planning Committee Meeting: The high school youth working on this year's Seder will be meeting at 6:30pm on Sunday, March 9, at MQP. Any parishioners who would like to join us are more than welcome! The Seder Meal is scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Please contact Sue Levesque.

Mass with Those Involved with Sports: A group of our high school youth are planning a May 4 mass with those involved with sports. Their next planning meeting will be Sunday, March 9, at 6:00pm at MQP.

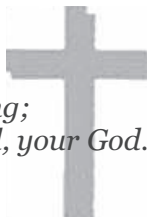
Mass with the Anointing of the Sick: High school youth planning the mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be meeting on Sunday, March 16, at 10:00am at MQP. A date for this mass will be chosen at this meeting.

Family Faith Formation Core Team: We will be meeting on Monday, March 10, at 7:30pm at MQP to review the evaluations from this past year as we continue to develop this approach. Is God calling YOU to be a part of this? Then come and join us! Please contact Sue Levesque for more information.

Purple Crosses for Lent

What are these purple crosses for? We invite you to hang them on your front door as a means of expressing the Ash Wednesday reading from the Hebrew Scriptures *Joel 2:12, 13, 15-16b*:

"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to Me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is He, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment."



In addition to displaying the cross, may we speak of God's great love, forgiveness, and invitation to grow as the people of God so that those driving by our homes will be reminded to make this a grace-filled Lent!

Parish Sacrificial Offering

March 1-2, 2014

Loose: \$1,857+ Envelopes: \$9,359 = \$11,216
Needed Weekly: \$14,386
Wkly Deficit: (\$3,170) YTD Deficit: (\$54,056)
Capital Reserve: \$2,743
Easter Flowers: \$60
Fuel & Plowing: \$142
Aid to Churches in Eastern Europe: \$75
Catholic Relief Services: \$40

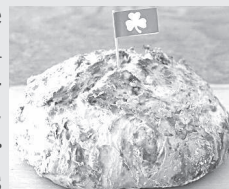
Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish, our community, and our world!

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of abstinence. FASTING is to be observed by all 18–59 years of age. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals can be eaten, sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed (unless work or health is affected).

Youth Ministry Update Homemade Irish Soda Bread

Our high school youth group will be baking home-made Irish soda bread for your St. Patrick dinner celebrations. After each liturgy next weekend these breads will be available for you and your families. All donations will be used for our up-coming Youth Ministry events. Plan to take home a fresh loaf of this Irish Soda Bread that has been made by our youth group leprechauns.



Check out our Facebook page:

Saints Mary and Joseph Youth Ministry

Feel free to learn more about our Youth Ministry Core Team by calling Shawn at 893-0144 or emailing youthminister@stjosephsalemnh.org

Do you Like to Paint?

With the help of the Arts and Environment Committee, the vestibule of MQP is in the process of becoming more welcoming. Several families have offered to donate cans of paint and/or to repaint that area. If you can help, please contact Sue 893-8661.



St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8

4:15p Esther Driscoll by Susan LaPlante

Sunday, March 9

7:30a Marie Gallant by Beryl Marchand

8:45a Michael T. Gorgol by Ken & Peg Akerley

11:00a Terrance Donovan by David & Melanie Costello

Monday, March 10

7:15a All Souls' Day Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 11

7:15a Grace Vachon by Beverly Fuller

Wednesday, March 12

7:15a Eucharistic Service

6:30p For the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 13

7:15a Mary Murach (Birthday Remembrance)
by Maryanne Murach

Friday, March 14

7:15a Micheline Dupuis

by Dennis McNeil & Lisa Madison

Saturday, March 15

4:15p Julie Boisvert by Family

Sunday, March 16

7:30a Eugene Comeau by Bernard Kenney

8:45a Sam Samataro by Lee Alphen

11:00a Rodney Kezer by Patrick & Monique Donovan
and Family

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day: On the first Sunday of our Lenten journey, God has invited us here to be strengthened in our resolve to change our hearts and our lives. We heard stories of temptation and responses to temptation. How do they echo the stories of our own lives? As we hear God's work and respond today in our celebration of the Eucharist, let us pray for the grace and strength to make the right choices, and for forgiveness and another chance when we fail.

EM Coordinator Needed

We are in desperate need of EM Coordinators for the 7:30am Sunday mass at St. Joseph. Presently we only have one. If you are able to step forward, please call Dan Downey 893-1775, Ellen Corning 560-4937, or the Parish Office 893-8661. Thank you and God Bless!

Comedy Night Thank You

Comedy Night was a great success. It was a wonderful time to relax together, to share a meal and to laugh out loud. Between Comedy Night tickets and the raffle, it also raised over \$5,000 for the parish. Special thanks to Steve Goddu, Joe Balzano and Jamie Thompson for being the hard-working team that made the night such a success.

Mary Queen of Peace Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8

4:00p Peter J. Hutnick by the Applebee Family

Sunday, March 9

9:00a Barbara Fitzell by Roberta Kelly

10:45a Deceased Members of the Liwanag Family
by Butch Liwanag

Monday, March 10

9:00a Evangelina Melo & Telma Borges
by Melissa Melo

Tuesday, March 11

9:00a Cynthia Graham by Maria & Ted Dzialo

Wednesday, March 12

9:00a Eucharistic Service

Thursday, March 13

9:00a Tammy Bogdan by Tracey Brogan

Friday, March 14

9:00a Frances Devito by Frank Jacobs

Saturday, March 15

4:00p Richard J. Hassett, Jr. by Dick & Ruth Hassett

Sunday, March 16

9:00a Timothy & Ann Wisneski by the Sessa Family

10:45a Alan Barretto by Maryanne Murach

Eternal Light



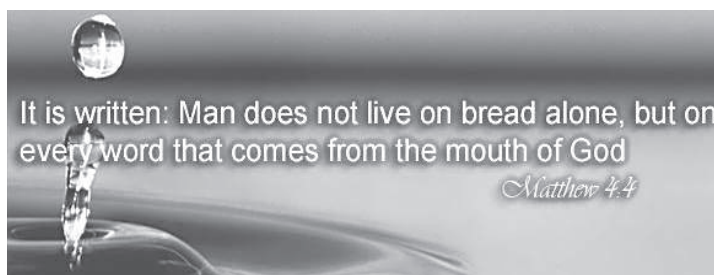
The Eternal Light Candle is burning this week at Mary Queen of Peace in memory of **Denise Kelly** by Roberta Kelly.

Growing in Faith (GIF)

SCTV-17 Series—Week of March 9:

Slavery to Freedom: Ralph Martin & Peter Herbeck

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Question of the Week: In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign of God's care for someone else?

Housekeeper Sought

A family is seeking someone who could help them with light housekeeping for about 3 months. Call Janine at 912-5697 if interested.



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Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road
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MASS:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:00am
Wed: Eucharistic Service 9:00am
Sat: 3:00pm Reconciliation
Sat: 4:00pm
Sun: 9:00 & 10:45am



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Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:15am
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Wed: Mass at 6:30pm
Sat: 3:15pm Reconciliation
Sat: 4:15pm
Sun: 7:30, 8:45 & 11:00am

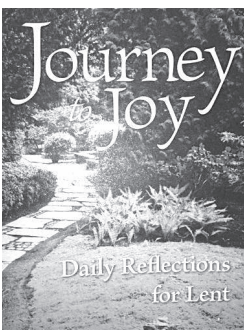


Our Mission Statement:

Discover God's Love so we might Love God; Love others; and Grow as a community of Disciples.

Pray for Vocations

“Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.” Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Jason Jalbert at 663-0132 or write: jjalbert@rcbm.org.



Be sure to pick up your free copy of *Journey to Joy* by Sr. Joan Mueller at the exits of our churches. *Journey to Joy* marks the Lenten season with scripture readings, spiritual reflections on these readings, and a spiritual practice that each day invites us to live these Lenten reflections in our everyday life.

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Cursillo: Adele Raymond 893-9342

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