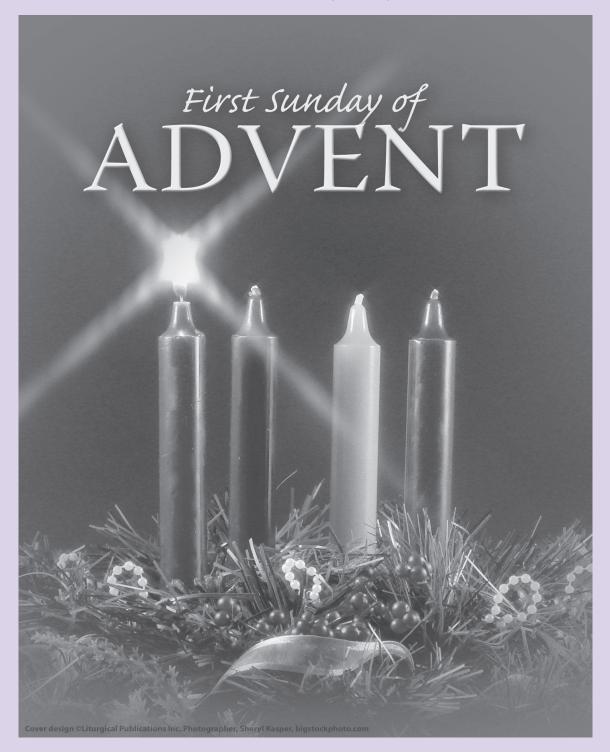
Saints Mary & Joseph Parish November 29, 2015



Our Mission Statement:

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

Reflection 11-29-15

What if?

What if... this Advent we were to "increase & abound in love for one another?"

(1 Thessalonians 3:12)

What if... this was your BEST ADVENT EVER?!

What if... we fed the hungry?

What if... we stopped ourselves from gossiping at the office?

What if... we smiled at our fellow shoppers? Stopped to talk to a stranger? Bought a cup of coffee for the person behind us in line?

What if... we lit our Advent Candles at home and prayed daily for Hope, Love, Joy & Peace?

What if... we talked to our children about God at our dinner table? In the van on the way to hockey? At the mall?

What if... we were joy-filled this season, rather than stress-filled? Called our friends and met for coffee instead of buying them gifts?

What if we anticipated the Birth of Jesus, Christmas, the way we did as a child? Do you remember?

What if... I made a point to say something kind to someone in church this Sunday? I offered my seat to someone who only comes to Mass on Christmas and Easter?

What if... I was the difference I want to see in the world?

What if... this was my BEST ADVENT EVER?

What if...

Justine Dufour

Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Presents



Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 4, 2015 7:00pm St. Joseph Church 40 Main Street Salem, NH

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a Christian service celebrating the birth of Jesus in nine Bible readings interspersed with Christmas hymns.

We warmly invite all to come together in prayer and song as we deeply experience the miracle of His coming!

This presentation is FREE and open to public.

Refreshments will follow in St. Joseph Family Room.

Giving Tree Time!!

This year we have an opportunity to help make Christmas merry and bright for many children in our community. Just take a tag off the *Giving Tree* and return the gift WRAPPED with the tag safely attached to the church you got the tag by December 13th. If you have any questions call Justine Dufour at 893-8661.





Cluster Advent Penance Service Sunday, December 6, 2015 2:00pm St. Patrick Parish 12 Main St., Pelham, NH



The holy season of Advent begins the Church's Liturgical Year; this year it begins on November 29. It celebrates the two comings of Christ, who came once to save the world and will come again to judge the world.

A Pastoral Catechesis from Bishop Peter A. Libasci

t. Cyril of Jerusalem instructs us "We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first.... His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This [second] time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity."

Advent, prior to the Second Vatican Council, was marked by days of fast and abstinence. Great emphasis was placed on Christ's second coming: decorations were banned, Christmas parties were strongly discouraged until the "Twelve Days of Christmas" and Christmas carols were also banned until Christmas. Advent was a very subdued and quiet season. While we were, in fact, preparing to celebrate a Holy Birth that (in a make-believe way) hadn't happened yet, all the while we were focusing on the second coming. At the same time there was a gradual "Christmas creep" that led to Christmas parties and colorful decorations that emphasized the anticipation of the celebration of the first coming of Christ, with little or no emphasis on his second coming. This attempt at catechesis is missing something.

Through emphasis on the Parousia (Christ's second coming), the beauty of the Incarnation has been dulled. The reality that "for a time he was lower than the angels" and now he "is seated on high yet dwells here on earth" needs to be better appreciated, not only during this Holy Year of Mercy but as basic tenet of our faith. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14) and He continues to dwell among us. For this reason, I have laid out the following guidelines, so that this approach to the holy season of Advent and the Holy Year of Mercy will be better understood and more easily carried out.

Advent Practices and Guidelines

Beginning with the FIRST Sunday of Advent, in every rectory, convent, Catholic school, diocesan institution and Catholic home, display the image of the Christ Child in a suitably decorated place of prominence and approachability. Not the crèche, just the infant.

Beginning with the FIRST Sunday of Advent and throughout the Advent Season, the music at Mass should include Christmas carols that enjoy the quality of a lullaby and center on the great mystery of the Incarnation and birth that did occur in history. (Away in a Manger, O Come Little Children, The First Noel, Little Town of Bethlehem)

Though the decorations should not too loudly celebrate Christmas during Advent, throughout the season there should be evergreens of life and hope, the violet and rose colors of the penitential character of the season, and decorations to enliven the church that awaits the Bridegoom's second coming.

There should be open houses and celebrations of the reality of the Incarnation, sharing the warmth of gathering and hospitality as we look toward the Parousia and the fulfillment of His promise. Let home and diocesan institutions have warm hospitality —and make sure to share this with the poor in a personal, face to face way.

Avoid whatever may encumber you during this time. Instead, make the most of the Sunday liturgies. Share the mystery of the incarnation and the Parousia with a deep spiritual consolation that is different from what the secular culture considers "joy".

On the THIRD Sunday of Advent, the Holy Doors throughout the Diocese will be blessed and opened. Make pilgrimage to the Holy Door site. Bring the image of your infant Christ Child to carry and pass through the Holy Door. Make this an occasion to return to Him who is mercy.

First Sunday of Advent-November 29, 2015

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28

4:15p Joe Sciuto by Wife, Francine

Sunday, November 29

8:00a Kenneth & Leona Slack by Steven Slack 11:00a Gretel Spencer by Mother & Sisters 5:00p All Souls' Day Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30

7:15a Rose Masciarelli by Ken & Peg Akerley

Tuesday, December 1

7:15a Louis Baillargeon by David & Melanie Costello

Wednesday, December 2

7:15a Eucharistic Service

6:30p People of the Parish

Thursday, December 3

7:15a Evelyn LaChapelle by Lee Alphen

Friday, December 4

7:15a Edyth Armstrong by David & Melanie Costello

Saturday, December 5

4:15p Peggy St. Amand by Linda Pavlini

Sunday, December 6

8:00a Wilfred Pelletier by Louise & Jeff Pelletier 11:00a Peggy St. Amand by Al & Adele Raymond 5:00p`All Souls' Day Mass Intentions

Are you having a Mass said for a loved one?

If you would like to present the "gifts for communion" on the day of that Mass, please see the Greeter or Usher before Mass begins.

Parish Offering November 21 & 22, 2015

Due to early submission of the bulletin the offertory will be updated next week.

Thank you for your contribution to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish and our mission to serve the people of Salem.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday, **December 5th**, at MQP, 200 Lawrence Rd., Salem. Coffee's ready at 7:30am and breakfast is at 8:00am, followed by a short service of prayer and an informative or inspirational program. We wrap up at 9:30am. This month we'll hear from Rev. Al Hicks, SJ, who will share with us about his life experience and spirituality. All are welcome; just set your alarm and show up. The cost is whatever you choose to drop in the basket.

Mary Queen of Peace Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28

4:00p Alvin Huebner by Friends

Sunday, November 29

9:30a Horace Coco by Wife & Children

11:00a Collette Family by Joe & Marilyn Scionti

Monday, November 30

9:00a Shirley Moffat by 9am Morning Mass Group

Tuesday, December 1

9:00a Jose Elias by Family

Wednesday, December 2

9:00a Eucharistic Service

Thursday, December 3

9:00a Shirley Moffat by Terry Fuller

Friday, December 4

9:00a Mario Matos by Friend

Saturday, December 5

4:00p Sally Sullivan by Peter Sullivan

Sunday, December 6

9:30a Irene Lavin by Lavin Family

11:00a Rose Russo by Philip & Karen Russo

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.

Growing in Faith (GIF) TV Series

SCTV-17 Series—Week of: November 29
"Bringing New Life to Your Parish"
with Msgr. Charles Pope

TV17 Mon-Sat 9:00pm, Tue & Wed at 2:00pm

Eternal Light

Jesus is the Light of the World. Our Eternal Light candle is burning at MQP in memory of **Irene Lavin** by Lavin Family and at St. Joseph Church in memory of **Gretel Spencer** by Mother & Sisters.

"Cookie Walk"



The Honduras Team is having a fundraiser Cookie Walk on **December 6th** at MQP from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the big hall. With a container in hand, which you purchase at the door, you carefully

select enough treats to fill it to the top. A wonderful time for the entire family. Anyone wishing to bake and donate cookies would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Deb at 893-3932.

First Sunday of Advent-November 29, 2015

First Friday Adoration with Family Holy Hour St. Joseph Church 40 Main St., Salem, NH Noon to 5:00pm December 4, 2015 First Saturday Devotion
Mary Queen of Peace
200 Lawrence Rd., Salem, NH
3:00pm
December 5, 2015
Confession and Mass following

Summer Mission Trip for Teens!!!

Hey High School Youth: Have you ever thought of spending a week of your summer with 400 other teens from around the country repairing homes of low-income and elderly residents?!!! We are inviting you to join us the week of July 10-16 to do just that in TIOGA COUNTY, NY. The cost of the week is \$467. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is needed *to* reserve your spot. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, November 30th at 7:30-8:00pm at MQP. If bringing your deposit then, please make it payable to *Saints Mary and Joseph Parish*. To get more of a sense of this Workcamp experience, watch this!!

The video is available for your viewing pleasure at https://vimeo.com/116807001

Group Workcamps sponsors camps all over the country. Some have already filled up, so don't delay in giving this some consideration! I've participated with Group Workcamps for 24 years...POWERFUL and FUN!!! Join us in making a difference!! Questions before November 30th meeting, contact Sue Levesque.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, November 30	4:00pm-5:15pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-4	MQP-Rm 2 & 3
	6:30pm-8:30pm	RCIA	MQP-Emmaus Rm
	7:00pm	Lessons and Carols Choir Rehearsal	SJ-Church
Tuesday, December 1	12:30pm-3:30pm	Quilt Group	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	10:00am	Bible Study	MQP-Emmaus Rm
	4:00pm-5:15pm 6:00pm-7:15pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-4 Faith Formation Grade 5	MQP-Rm 2 & 3 MQP-Rm 2 & 3
	7:00pm	Contemporary Praise & Worship Band	SJ-Church
	7:30pm-9:00pm	Al-Anon	SJ-St. Julie Hall
Wednesday, December 2	5:30pm	Pot Luck Supper-All are welcome!!	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	7:15pm-8:30pm	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
	8:00pm-9:00pm	AA	MQP-Hall
Thursday, December 3	6:00pm-7:00pm	We Connect-Young Adults	MQP-Emmaus Rm
	7:00pm	FF Grade 2 Parent Meeting-Penance	MQP-Hall
Friday, December 4	Noon	First Friday Adoration	SJ-Church
	7:00pm	Lessons & Carols	SJ-Church
Saturday, December 5	8:00am	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
	7:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast	MQP-Hall
	Noon-2:00pm	Christmas Pageant Practice & Costume Pickup	MQP-Hall
	3:00pm	First Saturday Devotion	MQP-Church
Sunday, December 6	9:30am	Kids Church	MQP-Room 3
	10:30am-2:30pm	Honduras Cookie Walk	MQP-Hall
	1:00pm-7:30pm	Emmaus Exp. Discipleship Workshop	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	6:00pm	SIA	MQP-Emmaus Rm



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Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road Salem, NH 03079 MASS:

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:00am

Wed: Eucharistic Service 9:00am

Sat: 3:00pm Reconciliation

Sat: 4:00pm

Sun: 9:30 & 11:00am



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MASS:
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 7:15am
Wed: Eucharistic Service 7:15am

Wed: Mass at 6:30pm Sat: 3:15pm Reconciliation

Sat: 4:15pm

Sun: 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Children's Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all the children in our parish who wish to be greeted by Santa. The party will be at our hall (37 Main St.) on December 20th from 1 to 3pm. There will be entertainment and food for all before Santa arrives.



Parents are asked to RSVP by December 10th to t_campbell59@hotmail.com with the expected number who will be attending. Parents must accompany their child throughout the event. To help out Santa, parents are to bring one wrapped and labeled present for their own child, of modest cost (\$10-\$20). Any questions, please email or call the Chairman, Tom Campbell at 893-1372. Thank you.

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Middle School and High School Faith Formation Schedules

High School Confirmation Prep Year

Our youth in the preparation for Confirmation phase are participating in a Faith Witness project. Presentations will be given next month during Faith Formation classes and the Discipleship Workshop Day.

Middle School Classes

The December class for both Options is December 13th.

Discipleship Workshop Day for High School teens and their parents

Teens and parents have the Discipleship Workshop Day on December 6th at St. Julie hall. (*Public and Catholic High School youth attend this day*)

We have a very special guest speaker: Leonard Tshitenge, who is a dynamic and engaging Poet, Master of Ceremony, Speaker, Youth Worker, and dedicated father and husband.

What's Happening at Kids Church...

Last Sunday we concluded our Fruit of the Spirit lessons. Our focus was on: SELF-CONTROL The little ones learned that self-control means: CONTROLLING YOURSELF when you feel like doing something that isn't right, you stop yourself.

November 29th: Advent Begins

(A Righteous Branch of David Will Spring Forth)

December 6th: John the Baptist

(Opening Our Hearts to Jesus)

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