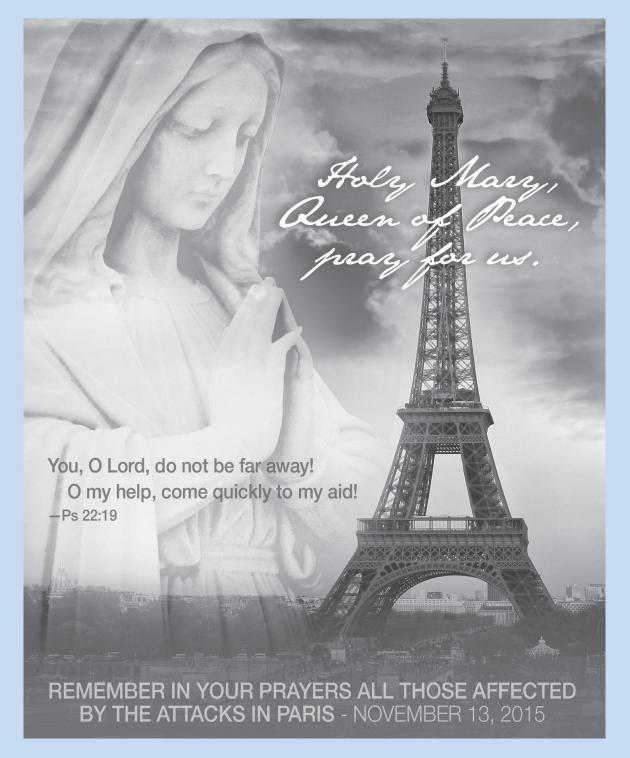
# Saints Mary & Joseph Parish November 22, 2015



**Our Mission Statement:** Discover God's Love so we might Love God; Love others; and Grow as a community of Disciples.

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe–November 22, 2015

#### **Reflection 11-22-2015**

This past week saw the passing of the Catholic thinker Rene Girard, whom Fr. Robert Barron calls "one of the most influential Catholic philosophers in the world." Girard spent his academic career in this country, but was born and educated in France, and his work has great relevance to the recent, violent events in France. Girard's basic insight, inspired by the literary works of authors like Shake-speare and Dostoyevsky, is that we human beings learn what to desire by seeing what other people desire. Fr. Barron notes, "I come to want those gym shoes, not because of their intrinsic value, but because the hottest NBA star wants them." This is problematic if two (or more) people come to focus on the same object, because each person's desire enhances the desire of the other in an escalating spiral. Thus, arguments over trivial matters can escalate into even deadly fights. The French say, "Violence calls to violence." Jesus' exhortations in his Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7) are directly opposed to conflicts caused by escalating desire, and his approach is the only one that can defuse the escalating global violence of our day. The following excerpt is from a thoughtful reflection by Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, on Jesus' call to us at this crucial point in time:

Yes, Jesus did command us: "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." "Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." (Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27). Really? Yesterday several terrorists killed at least 128 people in six separate but coordinated attacks here in Paris. According to the Islamic State group, Da'ech, this was planned in advance and ordered from their base in Syria, in retaliation for the French involvement there.

The French president, François Hollande, has promised to reply in kind: "We will be merciless." Meanwhile, hundreds of families are mourning their dead and wounded. "Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." Doesn't that just "enable" them? Here is where our baptismal promise to "follow and obey Jesus as Lord" cuts into our lives. We should do good to those who hate us, because Jesus has told us to. So how can we?

Jesus asks us to follow his way, as love is the only power in this world that can literally and figuratively save us. In the short term, we need the police and the military, but the question of the terrorists concerns not only us here and now, but the whole human race. What word do we have for these people? Our first instincts are to demonize them, to label them as "Islamic fundamentalists" or some such, and cheer as the Rafale bombers carry out a massive campaign in retaliation. But this is too simple. It is not what Jesus would have us do. What he wants is harder. When we baptize or confirm people, Episcopalians always repeat the promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people"... We need therefore to chart a way to make peace. Peace, not appeasement or total war. In order to be able to do that, we first need to turn back to Jesus and ask for help, like this: O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, p. 818.).

Fr. Tom

#### Just a reminder...

The monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast will NOT be on November 28th due to the holiday weekend. It will be on December 5th at Mary Queen of Peace. Details will be in next week's bulletin. Cluster Advent Penance Service Sunday, December 6, 2015 2:00pm St. Patrick Parish 122 Main St., Pelham, NH

# Middle School and High School Faith Formation Schedules

#### **High School Emmaus Experience Year**

Options 1 and 2 have their final class November 22nd. Teens and parents have the Discipleship Workshop on December 6th at St. Julie Hall. (*Public and Catholic High School youth attend this day*)

#### **High School Confirmation Prep Year**

Our youth in the preparation for Confirmation phase are participating in a Faith Witness project. Teens met either on November 8th or 9th to interview a person of faith and will develop a presentation to share how and why faith is necessary. Presentations will be given next month.

#### Middle School Classes

The December class for both Options is December 13th.

#### What's Happening At Kids Church.... Last Sunday's Fruit of the Spirit: PATIENCE

We learned that Patience is another word for Waiting. When you have patience, you wait without



complaining. You don't whine or try to get your way faster. You wait quietly, trusting that God will take care of you. The little ones acted out the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The message that the little ones gained from this was: When we share God's love with others, we wait patiently for God's family to grow and grow just like the large tree grew from the tiny mustard seed.

#### November 29th: We will begin our new theme: KIDS CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES

#### **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.

Parish Offering November 7 & 8, 2015 Offertory= \$11,591+ All Saints : \$131+All Souls: \$160+ Build Fund: \$168=\$12,050 November 14 & 15,2015 Offertory=\$12,223 Thank you for your contribution to Saints Mary and Joseph Parish and our mission to serve the people of Salem.

#### **Pasta Night Success**

It was a great night with the team and so many of our regular "diners" who came to enjoy a Pasta/Meatball Supper ended with Apple Crisp. Thanks to all of you who came and wished us well with our mission and to tell us that you have missed us. There are 14 team members on the 2016 trip and we are looking forward to being with our Honduran friends in February, so we are all working hard to get the balance of the money needed. There is still time to help by purchasing your gift cards through us. Forms are at the office and once you have "shopped" you can turn it back into the office with a check made out to HMT-NH by **November 23rd**. Thank you to those of you who placed an early order, the team made \$697.00!!

#### Heartfelt Thank You!!

To our entire, holy community of Sts. Mary and Joseph, Dick and I offer our deepest, dearest thanks for countless prayers, cards of encouragement and hope, Mass intentions, yummy food, offers of rides and "babysitting" so Dick could get a break during the first two weeks when I couldn't be left alone. So, so much love so freely and openly given... We are profoundly humbled by your generosity and thank you with all our hearts.

Dick & Anna Willis

# **Thanksgiving Day Blessings**

Those coming to the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am at St. Joseph Church are invited to bring their bread and wine that they will be serving at their tables during their feasts so they can be blessed. We will be collecting that day for any non-perishable items for our food pantry...a basket will be provided at the Mass.

# Slice-of-the-Pie Club News

Our November winners are as follows: Albert Raymond, Viola Cirella, Richard Morgano and Kathryn Aletto. They have each won \$125. Our next drawing will be December 21st. Good Luck!!

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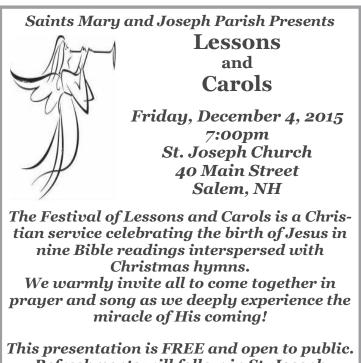
St. Joseph Mass Intentions Saturday, November 21 4:15p Tony, Winnie & Joseph Langone by Tina Sunday, November 22 8:00a Theresa Dion by Family 11:00a Kathy Torres by David & Melanie Costello 5:00p All Souls' Day Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23
7:15a Luis Garcia by Dennis & Joyce Shea
Tuesday, November 24
7:15a Ed & Mary Murach by Maryanne Murach
Wednesday, November 25
7:15a Eucharistic Service
6:30p People of the Parish
Thursday, November 26
9:00a Thanksgiving Day Mass
Friday, November 27
7:15a Larry McDonald by David & Melanie Costello

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

# 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.



Refreshments will follow in St. Joseph Family Room. Mary Queen of Peace Mass Intentions Saturday, November 21 4:00p Stephen M. Daniel by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Daniel Sunday, November 22 9:30a Alvin Huebner & Robert B. Taplin by Family 11:00a Floyd & Gaetana Dolce by Family

Monday, November 23 9:00a Virginia Vostorino by Bill & Marie Mullen Tuesday, November 24 9:00a Aleksandra Baika by Regina Baika Wednesday, November 25 9:00a Eucharistic Service Thursday, November 26 9:00a No Mass Friday, November 27 9:00a Ma Angeles Corpin by Ethel Butler

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

#### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for all who died recently, especially for **Cecile Lavallee, Ray Perreault, Susan DeCotis** and **Richard Dube**. 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 22 *"Spiritual Armor" with Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck* 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 **Stephen M. Daniel** by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Daniel and at St. Joseph Church in memory of **Theresa Dion** by Family.

# "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.

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**Food Pantry Needs** 

Please bring items to our Parish Office (Mon-Thu 9:30-2:30) **OR** to either church at mass times. There are bags available at the exits at St. Joseph Church

*Beef stew (canned)			
Carrots (canned)			
Cereal			
Chef Boyardee			
*Chili (canned)			
*Coffee or Tea bags			
Corn (canned)			
*Crackers			
Fruit (canned)			
Fruit Juice			
Green beans (canned)			

\*Hot chocolate \*Jell-O Jelly \*Mac & cheese Maple syrup \*Pancake mix Paper towels Pasta Pasta sauce Peanut butter \*Peas (canned) Pork & beans \*Potatoes (canned) \*Pudding Rice \*Shampoo Soap (bar) Soup (canned) \*Toothpaste Tissues \*Toilet paper

We are in desperate need of flagged items!!

#### 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.

Monday, November 23	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, November 24	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, November 25	8:00am-10:00am	Men's Cursillo Group	SJ-Family Room
	7:15pm-8:30pm	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
	8:00pm-9:00pm	АА	MQP-Hall
Thursday, November 26 Happy Thanksgiving	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Mass	SJ-Church
Friday, November 27	Office Closed		
Saturday, November 28	8:00am	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
Sunday, November 29	9:30am	Kids Church	MQP-Room 3
	6:00pm	SIA	MQP-Emmaus Rm

# **EVENTS CALENDAR**



Parish Office: 603-893-8661 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH Fax: 603-890-0292 Mon-Thu 9:00am-5:00pm Fri 9:00am-12:30pm by appt. Email: st.josephs@comcast.net www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org Facebook: Sts Mary and Joseph

# Mary Queen of Peace Church

200 Lawrence Road Salem, NH 03079 MASS: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 9:0 Wed: Eucharistic Servic



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St. Joseph Church 40 Main Street Salem, NH 03079 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

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Over the past year some parishioners have saved their coins and donated them for our sister mission in Mexico. As I stood in front of the coin machine I watched those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters add up to \$161.00. That money will be given to our friend, Lucas, who is a true missionary in the remote village of Colonia Benito Jauez. He will, in turn, be able to help feed 16 families for a month. Over the next few weeks we will let you know of other ministries and successes taking place in Mexico and how you might help in this missionary endeavor. Lee Alphen and Peter Klecan are preparing for a visit in January. Contributions through the Racetrack Ministry will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute coins at any time you can give them to Ann Halloran, Peter Klecan or Lee Alphen.



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