## Saints Mary & Joseph Parish May 3, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Easter

# fifth sunday of EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2



#### SAINT PAUL, THE GREATEST APOSTLE

The second reading of today's (the 5th Sunday of Easter) Liturgy of the Word narrates the arrival of Saul (Paul) in Jerusalem and is met with fear by the disciples but with the help of Barnabas, he is able to speak of his experience of the Lord. We first met Saul at the time of Stephen's martyrdom (Acts Chap. 9). "They laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul." "Now Saul was consenting to his (Stephen's) execution." Acts Chap. 9 also narrates Saul joining in the persecution of the disciples of the Lord and his plans to travel to Damascus to further the persecution. Saul was a highly educated young man and probably a Pharisee. For three or four years, he had studied the Torah under the guidance of Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, a well respected Rabbi and member of the Sanhedrin.

Chap. 9 of Acts goes on to narrate the Conversion of Saul, one of three accounts of this conversion in Acts. As Saul nears Damascus ". . . a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him and he fell to the ground and he heard a voice saying: 'Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me?'" Modern interpreters of Paul's Letters as well as the Acts of the Apostles raise the question whether Paul's experience on the road to Damascus should be labeled a "conversion" or a "call." In comparison, St. Augustine underwent a real conversion experience but Paul's experience is quite different.

We have no insight into what actually happened to Paul on the road to Damascus. Luke does not try to analyze Paul's experience in any of his three different accounts. What we do know is that Paul not only became the Apostle of the Gentiles but it would not be an exaggeration to state that Paul was the greatest Apostle of Christianity. Almost two-thirds of the Acts of the Apostles centers on Paul's missionary work, his three missionary journeys traveling through the known world and his suffering many hardships.

Fr. Bill



#### **Sing and Shout & Adoration St. Joseph Church–May 3rd** First Sunday Adoration on April 12th,

2015 was completely different from traditional forms of Eucharistic Adoration that we've had at our parish.

The night of worship was filled with song and prayer in a creative contemporary environment. The night started at St. Joe's church with some upbeat, contemporary worship songs led by Kyle Ericksen and then moved into Kyle speaking about how he feels the passion of the Lord. He gave an amazing testimony to God working in his life. There was a slide show with inspirational pictures along with the lyrics to the songs we sang. During Adoration there was quiet meditative music and also silent prayer time. It was a wonderful experience! If you would like to join us for the next Sing and Shout, please come to **St. Joseph Church** on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**.



#### A Welcoming Community

We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the many parishioners who prayed for us, encouraged us and shared our joy at the Easter Vigil. The many cards, gifts and welcoming wishes were beyond our expectations and are very much appreciated. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Mitchell Clohecy, Richard Gomez, Kelsey Hamblen, Shelby Nicholaou, Sarah Taylor and Tanya Vallario

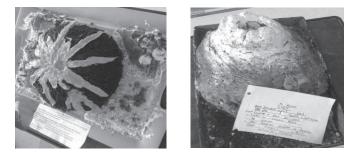


American Cancer Society –Relay for Life 2015 The Salem Relay for Life Event will be held on **Saturday, June 20th** at the Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH from 11am-11pm. As part of our fundraising event, please join us **Saturday, May 2nd** for the Ham & Bean Supper at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Rd., Salem, NH from 5pm-7pm. All profits will go to the Relay for Life through the Knights of Columbus-Kiwanis Team.



#### SJRCS Science/Academic Fair and Open House

On Wednesday, May 6th St. Joseph Regional Catholic School will be holding their Annual Science (grades 6-8)/Academic (grades K-5) Fair from 6:30pm until 8:00pm and an Open House from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. We will begin with a presentation with Kate Baker from NEO at 5:30pm. She will explain how to get scholarships for St. Joseph elementary school from her organization. Please come and view the talents of our young, bright students in their academic exhibits. The students are the great minds of our future. While there you will have the opportunity to take a tour of this wonderful school. There will also be a cake walk to support the 8th graders for the New York graduation trip.





#### May crowning of Our Lady Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Please join us on Wednesday, May 13 at St. Joseph Church, 40 Main St., Salem, NH from 6:30pm to 7:45pm for the Marian Mass, Crowning, Exposition, Fatima Story, Rosary with the Children, Benediction and refreshments to follow.

#### Growing in Faith (GIF)

SCTV-17 Series—Week of: April 19 *The Son of God Became the Son of Man* TV17 Mon-Sat 9:00pm, Tue & Wed at 2:00pm

#### Parish Sacrificial Offering April 25 & 26, 2015

Loose: \$4,013+Envelopes: \$7,530=\$11,543 +Easter: \$25+Cap.Reserve: \$60=\$11,628 Needed Weekly: \$14,754 Wkly Deficit (\$3,126) YTD Deficit: (\$18,267)

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Middle School and High School remaining Faith Formation Schedules Options A and B meet May 17th.

Confirmation Prep Option 5 meets May 3rd and 17th.

#### NH Catholic School Scholarships!!

"I'd love to send my kids to Catholic school, but I just can't afford it!" Have you ever said this? Have you ever heard a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative say it? You, or someone you know, may have heard about the benefits of Catholic schools which include a challenging curriculum and faith-based education, but such advantages might have seemed to be beyond financial reach. Now, however, there is aid available to NH residents to help finance educational options such as Catholic schools. The Network for Educational Opportunity (NEO) offers need-based Education Tax Credit Scholarships for those families whose income does not exceed three times the federal poverty level. These scholarships can be used at Catholic schools as well as other educational institutions that provide alternatives to public education! Kate Baker, the Executive Director of NEO, will explain how these scholarships work at a presentation to be held at SJRCS, 40 Main St., Salem, NH on Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend this presentation including interested parents as well as small business owners who would like to support expanded educational opportunities while enjoying a big tax break. Any questions...contact the SJRCS office at 603-893-6811.

#### Faith Formation Registrations going on now until June 1<sup>st</sup> for 2015-16 for the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! After June 1st the registration fee will be increased, so register now!

Because a Summer Option is offered, we need to do registrations in the Spring...Handbooks and registration forms are available at the church entrance and the parish website! God is wanting to do something so incredibly LIFE-GIVING for us and through us in the Salem area!!!

#### St. Joseph Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2
4:15p Francis LeBeau by Family
Sunday, May 3
8:00a Donald Pelletier by Louise & Jeff Pelletier
11:00a Michael Pandelena by Wife & Children
5:00p John LaPlante by Family

#### Monday, May 4

7:15a Anthony Suszek by Wes & Marilyn Suszek
Tuesday, May 5
7:15a Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday, May 6
7:15a Eucharist Service
6:30p People of the Parish
Thursday, May 7
7:15a Intentions of Lee Alphen by Al & Carol Righini
Friday, May 8
7:15a Amanda Albee by Joe & Martha Lessard

#### Saturday, May 9

4:15p Ronald Eyssi by Wife & Children Sunday, May 10

8:00a Sean T. Bryant by Bob & Karen , Parents 11:00a Anthony Dionisio, Jr. by David & Melanie Costello 5:00p`David Richard by Sandy & Alice McDonald

#### 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.

#### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for all who died recently, especially Bob Touzet, Mildred Sousa, Mario Matos, and Donat Guay. May their families be comforted by loving memories of them and by hope in Christ's promise of the resurrection.

#### Bike Blessing at MQP Sunday, May 17th at 12:15pm

There will be a Bike Blessing for trikes, bikes, and motorcycles. Please join Fr. Bill for a blessing and have a safe and fun summer riding the streets and hills while exercising on your bike or just enjoying the open roads!

#### Calling All Young Adults and Youth...

Are you looking for a great opportunity for stewardship...sharing your time and talent here at your parish? We are currently seeking young adults and youth to help serve at the 5:00pm Mass on Sundays at St. Joseph Church. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters. Please fill out one of the pew cards with your contact information and state that you are interested in helping at the Mass and someone will contact you. Mary Queen of Peace Mass Intentions Saturday, May 2 4:00p Alexander Zaccardi & Frank DeLucia by Family Sunday, May 3 9:30a Celebrant's Intention 11:00a Lorraine Cameron by Family & Lucas Mancini

#### Monday, May 4

9:00a Greg Hodsdon by Sue Levesque
Tuesday, May 5
9:00a No Mass
Wednesday, May 6
9:00a Eucharist Service
Thursday, May 7
9:00a Herbert Herron by Wife, Barbara
Friday, May 8
9:00a Micheline Dupuis by Mom

#### Saturday, May 9

4:00p Frank & Carmelina Mayer by Sons Sunday, May 10

9:30a Salvatore Azzarita by Wes & Marilyn Suszek 11:00a Eva LeClair & Leo LeClair by Lorraine & Jack Toto



Wedding Banns Matthew Mulligan & Mary Shea

#### New Catholic Book Club



All are welcome to attend a new book discussion group. Participants will read one book per month, then come to the book club meeting to discuss it. Book selections will be a mixture of fiction, spirituality, theology, biography, and Scripture. We will meet on

the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00pm, at MQP, in the Emmaus Room. Our first meeting will be on **May 20**, when we will share our thoughts on *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*, by Henri J. M. Nouwen. It is available for purchase at DeColores for 10% off the regular price, or at various online retailers including amazon.com. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Norma at normazimmermann@gmail.com or call 978-685-8501.



#### **Eternal Light**

Jesus is the Light of the World. Our Eternal Light candle is burning at MQP in memory of **Bob Touzet** by Friends.

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#### **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 Church

Beef stew (canned) Carrots (canned) Chef Boyardee Chicken (canned) 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 (box/canned) Pudding Rice Shampoo Soap Soup (canned) Toothpaste Tissues Toilet paper

CCHS Information Night Learn what Central Catholic High School has to offer you by attending our 6th and 7th Grader Information Night on Wednesday, May 13th with sessions beginning at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30pm. Tour the campus and meet with faculty and students in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, contact the office of Admissions at 978-682-0260 ext. 612 or admissions@centralcatholic.net.



ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL would like to invite the community to join us in the saying of the rosary on Thursday, May 7th (National Prayer Day) at

8:30am. The students will be on the side of St. Joseph Church. Please join us and begin your day with prayer.

Sunday, May 3	9:30am	Kids Church	MQP-Rooms 2 & 3
	6:00pm-8:00pm	RCIA	MQP-Room 3
Monday, May 4	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group	SJ-Family Room
Tuesday, May 5	10:00am	Bible Study	MQP-Emmaus Rm
	12:30pm-3:30pm	Quilt Group	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	7:00pm	Folk Group	SJ-Church
	7:30pm-9:00pm	Al-Anon	SJ-St. Julie Hall
Wednesday, May 6	8:00pm-9:00pm	AA	MQP-Hall
	5:30pm	Pot Luck Supper—All are welcome!!	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	7:15pm-8:30pm	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room
Thursday, May 7	3:30pm	FF F.E. Practice (St. Joseph class making F.E. on May 2nd or 3rd)	SJ-Family Room & Church
	7:00pm-8:30pm	Bereavement	SJ-St. Julie Hall
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Choir Practice	SJ-Church
Friday, May 8			
Saturday, May 9	8:00am-9:30am	Bible Study	SJ-Family Room

#### **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 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

#### **Our Mission Statement:**

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

#### What's Happening at Kidschurch?

Because Jesus knows His sheep and they listen to His voice, we played a game where one of us was blindfolded and had to find "Jesus" who said, "I'm over here!" Then we played "Jesus Says" (Simon Says). We each made a lamb to remind us we are Jesus' sheep. We learned a special prayer where we met Jesus in our Heart Room and we listened very carefully for what He wanted to tell us! We sang a special song that asked if we would be a friend to Jesus and we responded:

"Yes, Lord, Yes! Yes, Lord, Yes! Yes, Lord, I will come and follow You, Follow You wherever You go!"

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