

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,

Over the past five weeks I have been involved in thirteen Penance services and opportunities for Confession. These have ranged from third grade religious education students to adults and from students at St. Joseph Regional Catholic School to Central Catholic High School students. It is interesting to see the growth in moral awareness and sensitivity as a child grows into a teenager and then into an adult. The experience also renews my faith in Catholic education. Although individual students in the public schools do grow in awareness, students in Catholic schools generally know more about Jesus and his teachings and are encouraged to grow in moral sensitivity and in compassion toward their neighbor. They are encouraged to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ - something that can't be talked about in public schools.

The most important influence on a young person is his or her family, but a Christian and Catholic school comes in a close second. Although I am delighted that the public schools will now be offering half-day kindergarten, it saddens me to think that the name of Jesus will be kept from these children, as if it were wrong to know the one who told us to love God and neighbor. Over the past couple of years, I've gone to the kindergarten graduations that Mrs. Byron has coordinated and I've been delighted by the songs about Jesus and country that the little children have sung. In the future, the children will be able to keep their love of country, but their love of God will have to be suppressed during the school day. It is sad that the U.S. is one of the few democracies where this is the case.

Let us remember to keep all children in prayer and may all families strive to keep Christ in the lives of their children.

Peace in the Lord Jesus, Fr. John

EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCE...

Parishioners are invited to make a donation in memory or honor of loved ones this Easter. There are envelopes near the exits for you to make your remembrance gift and also with your envelopes. The names of our loved ones will be published in the Easter bulletin and the 9:00AM Mass in Church on Easter Sunday will be offered for those whom we lovingly remember. Donations must be received by Monday, March 30th.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



We will have First Friday Adoration on April 3rd from Noon - 5:00PM in St. Joseph Church. Sign up sheets are near the church exits so that we can ensure that He will never be left alone. For questions, call Carol Righini at 893-4645.



We invite all Catholic men and their families to our

OPEN HOUSE on Monday, March 30th, 7:30PM to 8:30PM, at our council hall, across the street from St. Joseph Church. Light refreshments will be served. Come find out who we are and what we do for our church and community! Join our Council, which includes both MQP and St. Joseph parishes.

Lenten Evening of Reflection
at St. Jude Parish, Londonderry

Rev. Martin Hyatt of St. Basil
Sunday, March 29th at 7:00PM.

The evening is open to the public. Bring a friend.

ETERNAL LIGHT



Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and the Sanctuary Candle reminds us of His True Presence. **Our Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in memory of Kathleen Kellet** requested by her parents, Edward and Margaret Krauss.

Your Sacrificial Offering

March 21-22, 2009:

Envelopes	\$3915.74
Loose	1251.00
TOTAL	\$5166.74

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services: \$1048

LENTEN CONCERT

Rev. Andre Patenaude (Fr. Pat) will present a concert: At the Foot of the Cross on **April 5 from 2-5PM** at the **Andover Country Club**, 60 Canterbury Street, Andover, MA. Admission is \$20/person. Refreshments will be served. For tickets call Fran at (978) 851-2186.

GROWING IN FAITH TV SERIES - SCTV 17

- Week of Mar 29 St. Joseph's Mission 1&2-Fr. John Michalowski
- Week of Apr 5 St. Joseph's Mission 3&4-Fr. John Michalowski
- Week of Apr 12 Go Deep! Not My Will, But Yours Be Done

Growing In Faith airs on SCTV17 Mondays at 9:00PM, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:00PM. Occasionally show times may vary, so please consult the latest schedule at www.sctv17.com.

JOINT TOWN MEETING:

Mary Queen of Peace Church
and St. Joseph Parish

DATE: Sunday, April 5, 2009

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00PM

**PLACE: Saint Joseph School Gym
40 Main Street
Salem, NH 03079**

**SPONSORED BY: Twinning Committee &
Pastoral Councils of both Parishes**

**TOPIC: Proposed Changes in Mass Schedules
as follows:**

**+++PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION FOR
ST. JOSEPH'S MASSES:+++**

<u>St. Joseph</u>	<u>Mary Queen of Peace</u>
4:00 PM Saturday	4:00 PM Saturday
8:00 AM Sunday	9:30AM Sunday
10:30 AM Sunday	11:00 AM Sunday

**(This is only a proposal – we need and value
your input.)**

REASONS FOR PROPOSAL:

1. Health and Welfare of our Priests;
2. Religious Education schedules;
3. Music Ministries schedules;
4. History of the Parishes

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
WE LOOK FORWARD
TO YOUR PARTICIPATION.**

BLOOD DRIVE

**Boys & Girls Club, Salem
Tuesday, March 31st, 12:30-6:30PM
Good Cause/Free Food!**



Join us for
His Last Days

St. Joseph and Mary Queen of Peace's

PASSION PLAY

25th Anniversary Performance

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009 at
7:30PM, St. Joseph Church

Good Friday, April 10, 2009 at
7:30PM, Mary Queen of Peace

The youth of both parishes invites
you to witness the power and
majesty of Christ's last days on
Earth. We encourage past cast
members to come celebrate 25 years
of this living prayer.

For more information please feel free to
contact Cathy or Shawn at 893- 0144 or
youthminister@stjosephsalemnh.org

**Mary Queen of Peace & Saint Joseph
Youth Ministry Events**

Youth Group Meeting

Fr. John and Vocations

Monday, March 30th, 7-8:30PM

Family Room, St. Joseph Church

Fr. John will share with us a Jesuit priest who does a
RAP video on vocations. Very funny and informative.

Passion Play on Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5th, 7:30PM, St. Joseph Church

A group of young people present through music and
mime the last days of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28

4:00 Ryan Patrick McGrath r/b Peggy & Jim Nesdill

Sunday, March 29

7:30 Kathleen Kellett r/b Edward & Margaret Krauss

9:00 Normand Proulx r/b family

11:00 Theresa Gagnon r/b David & Melanie Costello

Monday, March 30

7:15 Intentions of Fr. John r/b John & Jackie Provencher

Tuesday, March 31

7:15 Paul Bauer r/b Jim & Janet Frahm

Wednesday, April 1

7:15am Eucharistic Service

6:30pm Mass for the People of the Parish

Thursday, April 2

7:15 Sr. Irene Turgeon r/b David & Melanie Costello

Friday, April 3

7:15 Intentions of Sam & Dorothy Arivella r/b Yvonne Greenwood

Saturday, April 4

4:00 Thomas F. Ruffen, Sr. r/b Al & Carol Righini

Sunday, April 5

7:30 Clara B. LeVallee r/b her husband Charles & Family (Birthday Remembrance)

9:00 Yousef Kassis r/b the Kassis Family (1 yr Anniv.)

11:00 William MacDonald r/b David & Melanie Costello

RCIA NEWS

Please keep Amanda, Adam, Winona ("Nona") and Emmah in your prayers as they make final preparations for entrance into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

CD NEWS

As we enter the final weeks of Lent, you may want to take advantage of the CD's at the front entrance of the Church that remind us of what Christ has done for us. Listen to the message at home, or while traveling in your car. During these difficult days, it is good to hear a positive message.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

OUR FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF LARGE BROWN PAPER BAGS. IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA, COULD YOU PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH BASEMENT OR TO THE RECTORY DURING THE WEEK? THANK YOU!

Our Parish Potluck will be on Wednesday, April 1st at 5:30PM in St. Julie Hall. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good food and friends! All are welcome!

JOIN US FOR

"LENT – IN STORY & SONG"
THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD

7:00PM



To celebrate and more deeply experience this year's Lenten season, the music ministry is preparing "**Lent – In Story & Song**" for the evening of **Friday, April 3rd at 7:00PM in our Church.** The choral ensemble with lectors will offer sacred readings about the coming Passion of Christ punctuated by hymns and sacred songs appropriate to the Paschal Mystery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

THIS WEEK – (March 29th)

10:00	PK – 6 th classes
6:00	Jr. High Seminars
6:00	Confirmation I & II Sessions "Circles of Care"

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT: Our First Eucharist parents and children will participate in the First Eucharist Retreat take place this Sunday morning, March 29th. Each candidate must be accompanied by a parent(s). The retreat will begin with the 9:00AM Mass in the church and continue in the auditorium immediately after. First Eucharist Banners must be handed in at the retreat if you have not already done so.

NEXT WEEK (April 5th)

10:00	PK – 6 th classes
6:00	Jr. High Seminars
7:15	Confirmation I & II (Meet in the auditorium prior to the Passion Play)

"GLORIA" - Interfaith Choir's Spring Concert, along with the Windham Flute Ensemble, will be held Saturday, April 4th at 7PM at First Parish Church, 47 E. Derry Road, East Derry, NH. All are welcome.

"WRITTEN IN RED"- Easter Cantata performance on Sunday, April 5th at 3PM at St. Anne's Church, 26 Emerson Avenue, Hampstead, NH. All are invited.