



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 for a Special Intention.**



Mary Queen of Peace & St. Joseph Parish Youth Group Meeting

Monday night, April 20th, 7-8:30PM

Family Room, St. Joseph Church

Night to share your faith, to laugh and make new friends. Join us.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Readings for the week of April 19, 2009

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS...

THIS WEEK – (April 19th)

10:00 PK – 6th classes

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Rite of Confirmation for St. Joseph Parish will be celebrated this Sunday, April 19th, at 5:00PM in MQP church. Most Rev. Francis Christian, DD will preside. All parishioners are invited to join our candidates and their families in celebrating this special occasion of community and personal grace.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Several of our children will celebrate their First Communion at the 4:00PM and the 11:00AM Liturgies next Saturday and Sunday. There will be approximately ten first communicants participating at each Liturgy.



These special Liturgies will be repeated on the weekends of May 9th & 10th and 16th & 17th.

OPEN HOUSE

ST. JOSEPH PRESCHOOL TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2-7PM



Located behind St. Julie Hall, our preschool is based on living out the gospel by preparing preschoolers through prayer, crafts, reading, playing and service to others. We extend an invitation to all families to come to our

Open House and register for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a morning and a full-day program. If you have any questions, please call Cathy McDonough, Director, at 893-5232.

Divine Mercy

THIS SUNDAY is Divine Mercy Sunday. We invite you to join us for the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy which will be sung in St. Joseph Church at 3:00PM TODAY.** All are welcome to come before the Lord and receive His Grace and Mercy!



GROWING IN FAITH TV SERIES – SCTV 17

- Week of Apr 19 Tour of Lazarus House
- Week of Apr 26 Reaching out to Catholics who are Dormant;
Fr. Thom Fitzpatrick, SJ
- Week of May 3 Return to Mexico; Lee Alphen
- Week of May 10 Called to Mission; Peter Herbeck

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.

St. Joseph Parish
Centennial Celebration



Plans are underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph Parish in 2010. A group of parishioners, Father John, Deacon David, Claire Simensen, Mike Courtois, Edie Shea, Brian Grady, Marty McDonough and Cathy & Shawn McDonough, have come together to begin the process of planning the 100th celebration of our parish community. We are looking into the following possible centennial events: *Celebration of the Eucharist, Social Hour and a Dinner, St. Joseph Day at Canobie Lake Park, A Parish Talent Show, Display of Pictures on the Story of our Parish, A Centennial Memento to Remember the Celebration, and Production of a DVD to honor and remember the people and events of our parish.* We are looking for more individuals to serve on the committee to assist with the planning and the celebration of our parish centennial. If you would like to be part of the Centennial Committee, or have pictures or stories that recall the history of the parish, please feel free to call Fr. John or Deacon David at 898-4933, or Cathy or Shawn McDonough at 893-0144.

Crafters...



Saturday, October 3rd is the date for our big craft fair in the Auditorium. Call Annette Smith at

898-4246 to reserve your table. The Parish will also have a table to sell donated crafts. Most of the key positions are filled, but we still need a few good people to round out our team. If you are willing to serve as Advertising Manager, Bake Sale Manager or Parking Director, please call Lee Alphen, 898-1927.

QUILT GROUP

Meets in St. Julie Hall every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00PM and every third Wednesday 6:30-9:00PM.

All are welcome to make quilts to warm the hearts and bodies of those in need. **Call Anna Willis for more information at 898-5729.**

PAPER RECYCLING AT SJRCS

St. Joseph School has begun paper recycling! Please drop off your newspapers, catalogues, and all paper recyclables (NO cardboard and NO phonebooks) in the bins in our parking lot. All proceeds will be used by our Student Council to fund programs at St. Joe's School. All your paper donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Salem Knights of Columbus is holding its ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE on FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, SATURDAY APRIL 25TH AND SUNDAY APRIL 26TH. All proceeds will go to the Greater Salem Mentally Challenged & Handicapped Population. Please be as generous as you can. Contact Ken Akerley, Grand Knight, Council #4442 at 893-9682.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next breakfast will be on **Saturday, April 25th**, in St. Julie Hall at St. Joseph Parish in Salem. Coffee's ready at 7:30AM, breakfast is at 8:00AM and we're done at 9:30AM. This month we'll have a report from the mission trip to Honduras earlier this year. All men are welcome.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for help with our annual Pie Club mailing. Please stop by the Rectory on Tuesday, April 21st at 9:00AM if you can help us stuff envelopes. Thank you!



HAPPY SPRING!



Saturday, April 18

4:00p Adrienne Cusano r/b Ron & Elaine Gover

Sunday, April 19

7:30 Mass for Respect Life

9:00 Ryan P. McGrath r/b his parents (Birthday Rem.)

11:00 Ryan P. McGrath r/b his Family (Birthday Rem.)

Monday, April 20

7:15 Nick Savastano r/b Jim & Janet Frahm

Tuesday, April 21

7:15 Lorraine Taply r/b John & Jackie Provencher

Wednesday, April 22

7:15a Eucharistic Service

6:30p Mass for the People of the Parish

Thursday, April 23

7:30 Dorothy Smith r/b the Suszek Family

Friday, April 24

7:30 Barbara Gaumont r/b her Family (2nd Anniv.)

Saturday, April 25

7:30 Arthur Graziani r/b Bob & Jeanette Dufour

Sunday, April 26

7:30 Jane Fritz r/b Bob & Evelyn Demers

9:00 Barbara Gaumont r/b Family

11:00 Carol Forlizzi r/b Lee Alphen

Your Sacrificial Offering

April 10-12, 2009

Good Friday: \$528

Easter: Loose: \$3261 Envelopes: \$9115.50

Total: \$12,376.50

Second Collection for Parish: \$1119

Easter Flowers: \$2300

Many thanks to all of you who support our Parish.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Jesus Christ is risen! Our Operation Rice Bowl journey has ended but working towards global solidarity doesn't have to. Let us continue to pray for all those who work for justice and for those who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services, and continue to learn how to stay connected with our global family through Catholic Relief Services. Take some time to visit www.crs.org. Thank you for taking the Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Please remember to place your "filled" rice bowls in the offertory baskets as soon as possible. Thank you.

NH Catholic Charities Annual Parish Appeal

MIRACLES HAPPEN EVERYDAY



In two weekends we will be asked to donate to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. As part of the Catholic community, we are asked to answer this call to help people in our communities who face hardship and unbearable challenges. Your gift goes directly to feeding the hungry, healing the wounded hearts of children, comforting the elderly, and providing hope through Catholic Charities' Parish and Community Outreach program.

For 2009, our parish donation goal is: \$28,381. Your generosity can make *miracles happen* for so many people in New Hampshire.

THANK YOU!!! to all the **groups** who facilitated and led the Stations of the Cross throughout Lent; to our **Choral Ensemble** for their gift of 'Lent in Story & Song', to our **Choir** and **Folk Group** for their singing of God's praises this Easter, our **Arts & Environment Committee** who decorated the Sanctuary throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter; the **Spiritual Development Committee** for organizing all the Lenten activities, **Shawn McDonough & our Youth Group** for their Passion Play; our **RCIA team led by Ann Halloran and Deacon David Costello** for the formation of our newest members; **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers and Ushers** for your faithful service; and to our **Priests and Deacon David** for being present to us through Mass, reconciliation and service to God's people! **We are truly a blessed community! Thank you!**



MONICA'S PRAYERS

Are you concerned about the absence of a family member or loved one from the faith? **Join us on Wednesday evening, April 22nd after the 6:30PM Mass in the Parish Family Room.** We offer intercessory prayer on behalf of those loved ones who have left the faith, for healing, blessing and grace. Please bring a Bible. Sharing table and coffee. Call Anna Willis at 898-5729 for more information.

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