



# Saints Mary and Joseph Parish

200 Lawrence Road Salem, NH 03079

Dear Parents of Second Graders of St Joseph School,

Happy beginning of a new school year!!!!

Second grade is an exciting year... your child has the opportunity to celebrate First Reconciliation and receive Jesus in Holy Communion and become more united with the Body of Christ!!! The diocesan policy is that the parish holds responsibility for sacramental preparation, not the individual Catholic schools. So if you are wishing your child be prepared, he/she needs to be registered in your parish's Faith Formation Program.

Here at Saints Mary and Joseph Parish, we don't expect your family to participate in the regular Faith Formation program... though you are more than welcome to! Rather, we ask that Catholic school students participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word weekly either at the 9:30 Mass at MQP or the 11:00 Mass at St Joe's... during the readings and the homily children will leave the church and meet in another room so as to hear and discuss the readings on their own level. They return to you during the preparation of the gifts... *we will be beginning this the first weekend in October.* A couple parent and child meetings are held for the specific preparation of reconciliation and Communion:

**First Reconciliation:** Parents/children Sat, Oct 14 , 10-11 or Tues, Oct 17, 4-5

Retreat: Saturday, December 2, 10-Noon

Rehearsal: Parents/children Sat, Jan 6, 10-11 or Tues, Jan 9, 4-5

**Celebrate Saturday, January 20th, 10am**

**First Communion:** Parents/Children Sat., Mar 3, 10-11 or Tuesday, Mar 6, 4-5

Retreat: Saturday, April 7, 10-Noon

**Rehearsals and Celebrations in April and May**

You may register online at the parish website: [www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org](http://www.saintsmaryandjoseph.org) or you may print a copy of the form from the website and send it in. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the parish office!

With you in ministry,

*Sue*

Susan Levesque 😊

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