

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street

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November 19, 2023

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 22.
Messages may be left by calling 603-542-5732.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Raymond Janelle
requested by his family

Wednesday November 22, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Maria Bertoni Beebe
requested by her daughter Gianna

Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday, November 26, 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Benny Beebe
requested by his sister Gianna

Today's 2nd collection is for the Campaign for Human Development and the Black & Indian Missions

Offertory November 12	\$842.25
Fuel	\$582.26
Diocesan Grant	\$750.00
Candles	\$43.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$2,020.00
Catholic Daughters Donation for use of church hall	\$100.00
Fundraisers: Pecans	\$822.00
Donuts	\$121.00
TOTAL	\$5,280.51
Upcoming Collections	
Church Maintenance	Nov. 26
Fuel	Dec. 3
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (24 donors)	\$2,366.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$2,330.00

THANK YOU
to all who attended
or worked on our
Coffee Hour
last Sunday.
Our next Coffee Hour
will be Dec. 10.

Prayer List
Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
Fr. John Loughnane
Chris Carrier
Frederick Gallant
Carol Girard
Isabella Gowell
Deborah Hemingway
Halford Jones
Tim Roberts
Brenda Ruest
Janet Ruest
Roger Sheehan
Barbara Trask
Chee Chee Tyrrell

THANK YOU
to all who attended
or worked on our
Turkey Party on
Thursday night!

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, and then notify Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after Mass or leave a message on the Rectory's answering machine (603-542-5732)



The Sanctuary Lamp burns 24/7 near the tabernacle in all Catholic Churches in honor of the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns this week for Mark DiBella requested by Rick and Carol Logan.

Grand Annual Collection
In October we began our parish's Grand Annual Collection. This will not be a one-time collection taken up at a weekend Mass, but an ongoing collection to build a fund for larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, both current and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years. Grand Annual Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are not able to bring your weekly offertory or other donations to Mass, you may mail them to St Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743 or bring it to the Rectory during Wednesday office hours..Thank you for your generosity!

Masses and Sanctuary Lamp
Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or at the Rectory during Wednesday office hours by phone (603-542-5732) or in person. Suggested donations are \$10.00.

WHEN WRITING CHECKS
to St. Joseph Church,
please mark the name of
the collection
(Offertory or Specific
Collection) to be sure it is
put in the right place.

November is dedicated to All Souls.
Envelopes to be placed on the altar during the month of November are at the back of the church. Please write the names of your memorial intentions and put it in the collection basket with your donation.

Homebound?
Schedule a visit with Fr. Sebastian on the 2nd Monday of the month..
Call St Mary Parish Office
603-542-9518
or email
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Questions *and* Answers For Catholics

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One of the best ways to learn is to ask questions. Interestingly, the most significant summary of our Catholic faith was written by St. Thomas Aquinas (called the *Summa Theologica* – Summary of Theology) and is set up in a question-and-answer format. It's hard to believe an answer if you don't understand the question it is addressing. The Q&A below is no *Summa Theologica*, but hopefully some of these reflections will answer questions that are important to you.

Q. What about the 'chain messages' forwarded or sent, saying pass this to 12 or 15 people or so, then you will receive a miracle? If you don't pass it on, something bad will happen to you. How to explain? Thank you.

A. If you spend time with email or social media, you've most likely come across emails or posts that make promises to you if you pass the message on. For example, there might be a special prayer sent to you with the attachment at the bottom: "Pass this on to twelve friends, and you will receive your answer to prayer within twelve days."

So is this legitimate? No, it's not. It's superstition. With that said, there is one clarification worth making. But first let's look at the superstitious part.

God does not make His grace and mercy contingent upon you forwarding an email to several friends. Perhaps the prayer that is included is quite beautiful and worth praying. Nonetheless, the effect of that prayer is not dependent upon you following the instructions of an email. Only Christ and His Church have the authority to attach grace to prayers. The Church does so through indulgences.

If you receive one of these emails, it might be best to pass on the prayer part but to remove the promise or warning. As for the clarification mentioned above, there have been certain private revelations given to mystics that do attach certain promises to certain prayers. Those private revelations and promises must always be evaluated by the Church. If approved, we can trust that God is offering a special grace through those prayers. But the key is that we seek out the guidance of our Church on all private revelations. If approved, we can trust that God is offering a special grace through those prayers. But the key is that we seek out the guidance of our Church on all private revelations.

WE WISH ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS
and their families and friends

a most Blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

May the Lord Bless and Keep you In His Hands
as you travel to be with your loved ones
or they travel to be with you.

If you are unable to gather with others on the holiday,
we hope your day is filled with joyful memories and
gratitude to God for His blessings.



Readings for the Week - November 19, 2023

Sunday, Nov 19: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Monday, Nov 20: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov 21: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov 22: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov 23: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

or Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday, Nov 24: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov 25: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

33rd Sunday'in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: No. 320
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Offertory Hymn: No. 317
"We Gather Together"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 318
"Let All Things Now Living"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL
CHANGED TO MONDAY**

Nov. 20 6:30 pm
Because of the
Thanksgiving Holiday.



New members welcome!

Today's Mass Readings are
found on page #674.

**Confessions
at St. Mary Church**

Fridays
9:30 am
Saturdays
3:00 - 3:45pm

Raffle Tickets

1-20 Raffle to benefit the Fuel Fund
(\$20 ticket)
for sale in Church Hall after Mass
Drawing at Dec.10 Coffee Hour

Do not need to be present to win.

Catholic Daughters
Court Virgil H. Barber
meeting

Tuesday Nov. 21, 6pm
St Joseph Church Hall

**CHANGE IN
PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning Wed. Nov. 29th
the Parish Office will be open
from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
or by Appointment.
We will no longer be open
in the evening.

PECANS
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Safety and Security

Please remember to lock
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tending any event in the
church.

CHANGE IN BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of the upcoming holiday
schedules at JCCP, our bulletin printers,
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Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday December 2nd

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2024 Calendars

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Feast Days and Memorials

Nov 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day is based on an ancient tradition that says that Jesus' grandparents, Joachim and Anne, received a message from God telling them they would have a child. When she was three- years-old, they brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem to thank God for the gift of a daughter and consecrated her life to The Lord. We, too, are invited to surrender our lives to the Lord, and those who are parents are reminded of their solemn responsibility to present their children for Baptism.

Nov 22: St Cecelia, 2nd-3rd centuries, Virgin, Martyr

Patron of musicians and of sacred music

Cecelia has been honored in Rome since the 5th century and known for her legendary poem, *Passio*, which exalts Christian virginity. She is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand because she spoke of hearing heavenly music in her heart. She is pictured in the beautiful stained glass window in our choir loft. Our St. Cecelia Choir was named in her honor.



Thursday, November 23:

St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr

Pope Clement I was the fourth Bishop of Rome, and the author of the famous epistle to the Corinthians that is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

St Columban, Abbot

An Irish monk and missionary to France, Columbanus was a founder of monasteries who wrote a strict monastic rule and Penitential. He was exiled to Italy for denouncing court immorality and lax bishops.

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

Born in Guadalupe, Mexico, Miguel Pro had a sympathetic nature and firm piety. During Mexican religious per secution, he was accused of plotting against the government and was executed while proclaiming, "Long live Christ the King!"

Nov 24: St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions, Martyrs

This feast day honors Christians who were martyred in Vietnam in the 1800s, including Spanish Dominican bishops and priests, French missionaries, Vietnamese priests, seminarians, and laypersons. They were canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

Nov 25: St Catherine of Alexandria, 282-305, Virgin, Martyr

Patron of unmarried girls, craftsmen who work with a wheel (potters, spinners), archivists, the dying, educators, lawyers, librarians, mechanics

Catherine was a gifted scholar of noble birth who converted to Christianity at fourteen. When the emperor Maxentius began his persecution of Christians, she visited him to denounce his cruelty. He summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her, and she spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Several of those who heard her were converted. She was tortured, imprisoned and killed for refusing to denounce her faith.



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