

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

## Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

**Sunday, March 2, 9:15 a.m.**

### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the souls (†) of Wanda and Benny Zukauskas  
requested by family  
and

For the soul (†) of William Walsh  
requested by his wife Joyce

**Ash Wednesday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.**

For the souls (†) of Geraldine and Mark Rasco  
requested by Mary Rasco and the Browns

**Sunday, March 9, 9:15 a.m.**

### **First Sunday of Lent**

For the souls (†) of Jesse and Marion Stone  
requested by their son and family

**There is no 2nd Collection today..**

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025</b>	<b>21 Souls</b>
Offertory	\$303.00
<b>2-16-25 TOTAL AT MASS</b>	<b>\$303.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$124.10
Fuel	\$19.70
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$143.80</b>
<b>2-16-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$446.80</b>

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025</b>	<b>78 Souls</b>
Offertory	\$1,015.35
Church Maintenance	\$395.05
Votive Candles	\$24.25
Sanctuary Lamp	\$20.00
Zurek-Couto Family Trust	\$3,860.83
<b>2-23-25 TOTAL AT MASS</b>	<b>\$5,315.48</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$154.80
Fuel	\$99.60
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$254.40</b>
<b>2-23-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$5,569.88</b>

**ONGOING COLLECTION**  
**Grand Annual Fund**

October 2024 - October 2025    \$2,079.00

Our parish's Grand Annual Collection is an ongoing collection to build a fund for larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, current and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years. Envelopes for the Grand Annual Collection 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 donate online at our website: [stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)

We thank the donors who contributed to this year's Grand Annual Fund since October 1, 2024.

**THANK YOU TO ALL!**

**On two Sundays this month, snowstorms prevented many of those who regularly attend from coming to our Sunday Mass. We sincerely appreciate those who have and will make up their regular Offertory and Fuel contributions in later collections.**

**Dziękuję bardzo! Thank you so much!**


**Masses and Sanctuary Lamp** Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)  
Suggested donations: \$10.00.

**NOTE: Many dates are currently available for Sanctuary Lamp intentions.**



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 today in memory of  
Geraldine and Mark Rasco**  
requested by Mary Rasco and the Browns.



**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

**MARCH 9: Fuel**  
**MARCH 16: No Second Collection**  
**MARCH 23: Church Maintenance**

**WHEN WRITING CHECKS**

to St. Joseph Church, please mark the name of the collection (Offertory or Special Collection) to make sure it is put into the correct account.

**ALSO!**

Please make sure the date on your check (especially the year) is correct and that the amount of the check is written clearly (both the numbers and words). Banks will refuse to process checks that have these errors or are unclear.

## Feast Days and Memorials

### March 3: St Katharine Drexel, Virgin, 1858-1955

#### Patron of racial justice and philanthropists

Drexel was a wealthy heiress born in Philadelphia, whose parents provided her and her two sisters with a strong education and their example of charity to the poor. Katharine took a special interest in helping Native and African Americans. At a private audience with Pope Leo XIII in 1887, she asked him for missionaries to assist in their efforts to help the St Francis Mission of the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. The Pope's response was to tell Katharine that she herself should become a missionary. She made the decision to give her life to God, and joined the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh. She went on to found schools for Native Americans in the West and for African Americans in the South. St. Katharine Drexel desired unity of all peoples and courageously took the initiative to address social inequality within minorities.

### March 4: St Casimir (Kazimierz) 1458-1484

#### Patron of Poland and Lithuania

As the second son of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, Casimir was expected to follow his father's plans to increase Poland's military power. At the age of 13 he was sent on a military campaign to install himself as King of Hungary. Obeying his conscience, he and many of his soldiers turned back and the attack did not take place. Exiled and imprisoned by his angry father, Casimir did not waiver in his beliefs, but spent the rest of his short life in prayer, study, and helping the poor. He died at the age of 23 from a lung disease. The hymn we know today as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary," written by Bernard of Cluny (12th century), has come to be known as St Casimir's Hymn because it was his favorite.

Daily, daily, sing to Mary, Sing, my soul, her praises due;  
All her feasts, her actions worship, With the heart's devotion true.  
Lost in wondering contemplation, Be her majesty confest;  
Call her Mother, call her Virgin, Happy Mother, Virgin blest!

### March 5: Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shalt return.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

### March 7: Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

#### Patron of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers

Vivia Perpetua, a young noblewoman with an infant son, suffered abuse from her pagan father, and was arrested and imprisoned under the Emperor Severus for being a Christian. Felicity, her pregnant slave, several other catechumens and their instructor were arrested with her. All were martyred by wild beasts in the arena at Carthage, Roman Province of Africa, in the year 203. Their names are among the martyrs mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass. Perpetua left a diary detailing her suffering, providing us with details of the lives and deaths of these early Christian martyrs.

### March 8: St John of God, Religious, 1495-1550

#### Patron of hospitals and the sick, heart patients, nurses, booksellers, printers and firefighters

The list of this saint's many patronages appears to be an odd assortment, until we learn that each one reflects a specific time & event in his life. He was described as impulsively acting on ideas & constantly changing the direction his his life in ways that appeared to be madness. Running away from home as an 8-year-old to follow an adventurous priest, he grew up to live a rowdy life as a soldier. After a sudden decision to reform, he became ill, was nursed back to health and immediately began to care for others who were sick. John discovered the joys of reading, become a traveling salesman of religious books and cards and later opened a bookshop in Granada. Impulsive, but good-hearted, St. John of God could never see suffering without trying to do something about it. He was judged insane for his erratic behavior, hospitalized and subjected to the cruel treatment given the mentally ill of that time. After being released, he again began to nurse others and eventually formed his own hospital for the poor and mistreated. He was credited with saving patients trapped in a burning hospital and died of pneumonia after attempting to rescue someone from drowning. St. John of God was canonized by Pope Alexander VIII in 1690.

<https://www.catholic.org> [franciscanmedia.co](https://www.franciscanmedia.co) <https://www.catholic.org/>



### Sunday, March 2, 2025

Sir 27: 4-7; Ps 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16;  
1 Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6: 39-45

### Monday, March 3, 2025

Sir 17: 20-24; Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7;  
Mk 10:17-27

### Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Sir 35: 1-12; Ps 50: 5-6, 7-8, 14, 23;  
Mk 10: 28-31

### Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Jl 2: 12-18; Ps 51: 3-4, 5;-6ab, 12-13,  
14 and 17; 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2 ;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, March 6, 2025

Dt 30: 15-20; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
Lk 9: 22-25

### Friday, March 7, 2025

Is 58: 1-9a; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;  
Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday, March 8, 2025

Is 58: 9b-1;4 Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Lk 5: 27-32

To add a name to our Prayer List, please  
ask the person's permission first,



then notify Sherri Smith in the  
Church Hall after Mass or email  
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

## PRAYER LIST



Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	Carol Logan
Mandy Albanese	The Lord family
John Arsenault	Karen Ouellette
Jacqueline Baril	Karen Parker
Brooke	Brenda Ruest
Jean Brown	Janet Ruest
John Casey	Sonya Sheehan
Elissa Coburn	Bob St.Aubin
April Colle	Darlene St.Aubin
Jean Drena	Barbara Trask
Marilyn Gilbert	Chee Chee Tyrrel
Isabella Gowell	Janice Vilgats
Deborah Hemingway	Joshua White
Kallie Knight	Lawrence Woodward

## A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example, he may be of service to those over whom he presides

so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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"St. Mary's" will pop up  
(one link for both parishes)

Click "Next" and you're in!

We recommend:

**What Catholics Believe About Lent**

with Fr. Scott Bailey, priest in the  
Archdiocese of Denver, CO

<https://watch.formed.org/how-to-lent>

## DIOCESAN VOCATION AWARENESS

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life."

Are you called to belong

to Christ alone as a  
priest, deacon or through the  
consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at  
(603) 663-0196 or email:

[cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.org)

## Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry



If you or someone you know  
would like to receive a visit from  
Father Sebastian, call  
Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.

Homebound visits are made on the  
2nd Monday of every month.

Father is assisted by one of the  
Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist:

Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill,  
and Bill Pamplin.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

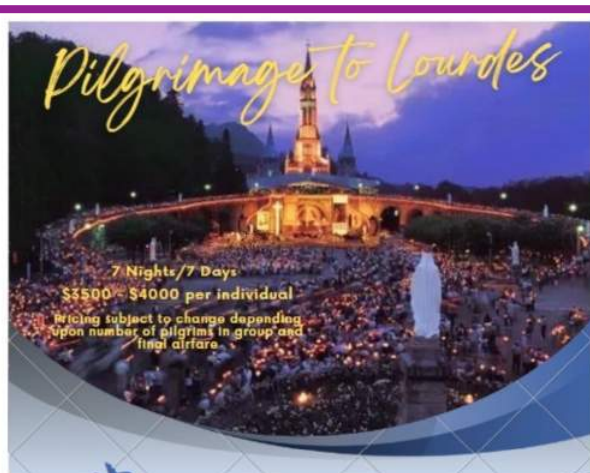
Anyone who may need any of the  
Sacraments of Initiation,  
(Baptism, Confirmation,  
First Holy Communion)

**Please Contact the Parish Office**

603-542-5732

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If you may have missed any of these  
Sacraments along the way, we would like to  
hear from you.,



7 Nights/7 Days  
\$3500 - \$4000 per individual  
Pricing subject to change depending  
upon number of pilgrims in group and  
flight airfare.

**JUNE 30 - JULY 7**

Travel with Fr. Sebastian on pilgrimage  
to Lourdes, France. At Lourdes, we will  
participate in daily Mass, evening  
processions, prayer at the Grotto, and  
Stations of the Cross.

Additional transportation costs to and  
from Logan Airport and also train travel  
to and from Toulouse to Lourdes will be  
determined closer to the dates.



**PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- ✓ Air transportation
- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ 3 Meals per day

50% Down Payment due April 30, 2025

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**COFFEE HOUR AFTER  
MASS NEXT SUNDAY  
MARCH 9**

All are Welcome  
Free Will Offering  
Please bring something  
to share.

**Daylight Saving Time  
returns next  
Sunday, March 9th.**

Please remember to turn  
your clocks one hour  
ahead before retiring  
Saturday night or you will  
be late for Mass on  
Sunday morning!

**K of C Council Meeting  
Monday March 10  
7:00 pm**

**Council Chambers,  
St. Mary's Gym**



**CDA Meeting  
Tuesday March 11**

**6:00 pm**

**St. Joseph  
Church Hall**

**Hymns for the  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Hymn: #301**  
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

**The Gloria will be recited.**

**Offertory Hymn: #388**  
"God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: #327**  
"Lord of All Hopefulness"



**CHOIR  
REHEARSAL**  
**Saturday, March 8**  
**1:00pm**  
**All are welcome  
to join!**

**MASS READINGS  
C/601**

**Memorial Acclamation**  
"We proclaim  
your death, O Lord,  
and profess your  
resurrection until you  
come again."

**CONFESSIONS**  
at St. Mary Church

**After 9am Mass  
on Fridays and  
Saturdays**  
**3:00 to 3:45 pm**  
before 4pm Mass

**Safety and Security**

Please remember to lock your car doors while attending any event in the church.



**March 5:**

**Mass with Distribution of Ashes**

9:00 am St. Mary Church  
5:30 pm St. Joseph Church

**Offertory Collection:**

for the Church in  
Central and Eastern Europe and  
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa  
One collection, two purposes

**All Fridays in Lent are days of  
abstinence (not eating meat).  
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
are days of both fast and abstinence.**

**Fasting**

Catholic adults of ages 18 through 69 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that only one full meal is allowed along with two smaller meals, which together, do not equal the normal full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed on these days.

**Abstinence**

Catholics 14 and older are required to not eat meat, or soups and gravies made from meat, on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent. Fish and other seafood are permitted on these days.

**Sunday Exemption**

One is free to choose whether or not to practice Lenten penance on Sundays.

Failure to observe the current rules on fast & abstinence, one of the Six Precepts of the Catholic Church, constitutes a mortal sin.



**St. Mary Church**  
**St. Patrick's Irish Dinner**  
**Sunday, March 16**  
**(prepared by Kevin Kraviec)**

**Corned Beef, Cabbage,  
Potatoes, Carrots, Turnip,  
Rolls, Irish Bread, Desserts,  
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks**

**TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**  
**Due to Limited Seating**

**FREE WILL OFFERING**  
**All Proceeds Benefit the Parish**

**If you can't get to St. Mary's  
for tickets, please call**  
**Kevin: 603-801-6130**

**Tootsie Roll Fundraiser**

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

Available after Mass  
in the Parish Hall.

**PECAN FUNDRAISER**

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Chocolate Covered Pecans  
and Cashews.

Get your favorites while supplies last!  
In the Church Hall after Mass

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

**To make sure our Parish Records are  
up to date for 2025,**

please verify with Sherri Smith in the  
Parish Hall after Mass that you are  
registered as a parishioner of  
St. Joseph Church.

If you haven't filled one out, forms  
are available at the back of the church or  
from Sherri in the Parish Hall after Mass.

If you use email and would like to be placed  
on the Parish email list to receive timely up-  
dates to our church schedule, please send us  
an email.

**stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com**

Copies of past bulletins are avail-  
able on a small table as you enter  
the church hall.

Ask Sharon Wood if you'd like an  
older issue than is left there.

**CHANGES TO BULLETIN VIEWING ONLINE!**

John Patrick Publishing is pleased to announce an enhancement to St. Joseph Parish's online bulletin access. Until now, we have only been able to view our current bulletin at the link we were given. Now online bulletin access has been expanded to include multiple past bulletins. This update allows parishioners to easily browse and download previous bulletins directly from that link, making it more convenient for those who may have missed an issue or need to reference past announcements.

Check it out at <https://church-bulletin.org/?id=9021>

As always, you can link to the bulletin through the Website at [stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**The deadline for the March 9th bulletin  
is 3pm, Tuesday, March 4.**

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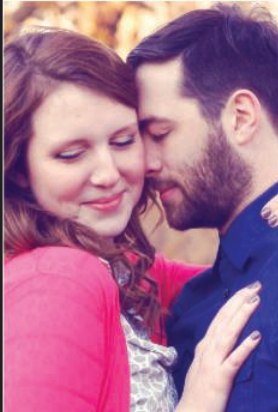
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