

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

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

Wednesday, March 12, 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 16, 9:15 a.m.

Second Sunday of Lent

For the soul (†) of Kenneth Tyrrell Sr.
requested by the Sheehan family

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025	69 Souls
Offertory	\$873.00
Grand Annual Fund	\$16.00
Votive Candles	\$15.10
Sanctuary Lamp	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
3-2-25 TOTAL AT MASS	\$954.10
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$180.87
Church Maintenance	\$19.60
TOTAL ONLINE	\$200.47
3-2-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$1,154.57



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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

MARCH 16: No Second Collection

MARCH 23: Church Maintenance

March 30: Catholic Relief Services &

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

(One Collection, two purposes)

Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our parish community prosper.



thank you

Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to stjosephclaremont@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 for Zoey,
requested by Carol and Rick Logan.



ONGOING COLLECTION
Grand Annual Fund

October 2024 - October 2025 \$2,095.00

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to FR. AROCKIA

who has been named by Bishop Libasci as Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Monadnock Deanery.

His title is now

Very Reverend Arockia Antony, V. F

He is the pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, 12 Church Street, Peterborough, NH 03458

What are Vicars Forane?

The Diocese of Manchester is divided into nine territorial districts or deaneries. The bishop appoints a Vicar Forane, also called a “dean,” with supervisory responsibility over each deanery. Vicars Forane assist the Bishop in promoting and coordinating apostolic and pastoral activity in the deanery.

As dean of the Monadnock Deanery, Fr. Arockia will supervise the parishes of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Greenville; St. Patrk in Jaffrey; Parish of the Holy Spirit in Keene; Divine Mercy in Peterborough, and St. Stanislaus in Winchester.

St. Joseph, St. Mary Parishes and Old St. Mary Mission are in the Upper Valley Deanery, supervised by Very Rev. John B. Loughnane, psstor of All Saints Parish, Charlestown. Other parishes in the deanery are St. Helena and St. Mary Mission, Canaan; St. Denis, Hanover; Sacred Heart, Lebanon; and Our Lady of Fatima, New London.

This Information was found on catholicnh.org, the website of the Diocese of Manchester. Information about the other New Hampshire deaneries is also posted there.



Sunday, March 9, 2025

Dt 26: 4-10; Ps 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13

Monday, March 10, 2025

Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Is 55: 10-11; Ps 34: 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk; 11: 29-32

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7: 7-12

Friday, March 14, 2025

Ez 18: 21-28; Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5: 20-2

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Dt 26: 16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5: 43-48

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the prayers, offerings, and support during our challenging time.

Rick and Carol Logan

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©JPPC

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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. Sebastien 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
- ✓ Accomodations
- ✓ 3 Meals per day

50% Down Payment due April 30, 2025

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ST. MARY PARISH
82 PEARL ST
CLAREMONT, NH 03743

PRAYER LIST



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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

I am feeling better and thank you for your prayers.

Jacqueline Baril

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

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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What Catholics Believe About Lent
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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

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

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

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



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 59 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.

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Hymns for the First Sunday in Lent

Entrance Hymn: #241

"Again We Keep This Solemn Fast"

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

replaces the Alleluia:

"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory"

Offertory Hymn: #243

"God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #238

"Lord, Who throughout
These Forty Days"



**CHOIR
REHEARSAL**

Saturday, March 15

1:00pm

**All are welcome
to join!**

**MASS READINGS
C/504**

**Memorial Acclamation
changes to**

**"Save us,
Savior of the World."**

**Stations of the Cross
St. Joseph Church
Fridays 12:10pm
during Lent**

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph Church

**Wednesdays:
After 5:00pm Mass**

St. Mary Church

**Fridays:
After 9:00 am Mass**

**Saturdays:
Before 4pm Mass**



**COFFEE HOUR
AFTER MASS TODAY**

**All are Welcome
Free Will Offering**



**Knights of
Columbus
Lenten
Fish Fry**

**4:30 to 7pm
March 21 & 28
April 4 & 11**

**Suggested Donation:
\$15 for 12 and older
\$30 for immediate family
Children under 12 free**

**NO ADVANCE TICKETS
All Proceeds Benefit the Parish**

**For information call
Kevin Kraviec
603-801-6130**



**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**

**Due to Limited Seating
Advance Tickets are Required**

**Available after Masses or
please call
Kevin: 603-801-6130**

**\$20 for 12 and over
\$40 for immediate family
Children under 12 free**

**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**

**Bring a "Green Gift"
for Yankee Swap**



**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

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In the Church Hall after Mass

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in the Parish Hall.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

**Please submit information for our next
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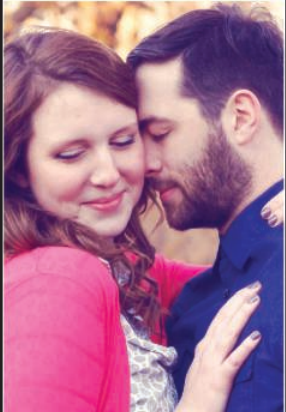
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