

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



March 16, 2025

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday, March 19, 5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of St. Joseph

For the soul (†) of Carol and Robert Madden
requested by their family.

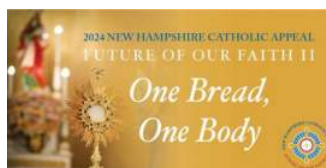
Sunday, March 23, 9:15 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

For the soul (†) of Fr. Slanley J. Piwowar
requested by Ron and Marilyn Gilbert

There is no 2nd Collection today.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025	110 Souls
Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$568.00
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025	70 Souls
Offertory	\$634.00
Fuel	\$389.00
Votive Candles	\$4.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
3-9-25 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,037.00
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$602.40
Church Maintenance	\$175.20
Fuel	\$75.60
TOTAL ONLINE	\$853.20
3-9-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$1,890.20



St. Joseph Church Final Report
 \$8,650.00 received from 29 donors. We will receive the \$1,000.47 donated above our goal of \$7,649.53.
Thank you to all!

NH Catholic Appeal Update
 The 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will be ending on March 31, 2025. We thank all who have contributed to this year's appeal. To date, over \$4.2 million has been raised for the vital ministries to our faith in New Hampshire.
 For those who have a pledge gift or recurring gift to this appeal, please note the following:
Pledges: All credit card and check pledges must be fulfilled by **March 31, 2025**. Any balances after that will be credited to the 2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.
Recurring Gifts: Recurring credit card gifts are monthly gifts that do not have a determined end total. If you have a monthly recurring credit card gift to the 2024 NHCA, it will be automatically renewed for the 2025 appeal on April 1, 2025.
 If you are uncertain if your pledge will be completed by March 31, 2025 or if you would like to change your recurring gift for the 2025 appeal, please contact Anne Marie Ashford at 603-663-0152 or aashford@rcbm.org
Again, thank you for your support of the NHCA!

Easter Flower Donations

 Envelopes for your donations are available at the back of the church. Intentions and donor names will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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 23:
Church Maintenance
March 30:
Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions Appeal (One Collection, two purposes)

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.

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 Gianna Gregorutti requested by Carol and Rick Logan.



INTENTIONS FOR MASS & SANCTUARY LAMP
 Schedule with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
 Suggested donations: \$10.00.

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.



Sunday, March 16, 2025

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 27: 1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1:1 Lk 9: 28b-36

Monday, March 17, 2025

Dn 9: 4b-10; Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Is 1: 10, 16-20; Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16: 19-31

Friday, March 21, 2025

Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15 : 1-3, 11-32

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING ©JPPC

Dziękuję Bardzo! Thank you very much!

We are very grateful for the annual donation from the Zurek-Couto Fund that was established for St. Joseph Church through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. Please remember our benefactor, Florence Couto, in your prayers. Her generosity in directing this large bequest to our parish is greatly appreciated.



PRAYER LIST

Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	Kallie Knight
Fr. John Loughnane	Carol Logan
Mandy Albanese	The Lord family
John Arsenaault	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
Christine Hunter	Lawrence Woodward

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

Rick and Carol Logan



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

30% DOWN PAYMENT DUE APRIL 30, 2025

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ST. MARY PARISH
32 PEARL ST
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To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, then notify Sherry Smith in the Church Hall after Mass or email

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HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, TO FATHER SEBASTIAN!

We missed printing Birthday wishes in last week's bulletin, but did serenade him with a chorus of "Happy Birthday" at last Sunday's Coffee Hour! **Sto Lat, Fr. Sebastian!**

Feast Days and Memorials

March 17: St Patrick, 387-461, Bishop Patron of Ireland

Born into a high-ranking Roman family in Scotland, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold as a slave to a pagan master. He wrote in his memoir that he prayed constantly each day while working as a shepherd. "In a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." After years of captivity, Patrick dreamt that he should escape by sea. He boarded a ship bound for Britain and was able to return to his family. Eventually he joined the priesthood and worked as a missionary under the guidance of St. Germain. Patrick was sent back to Ireland by Pope St. Celestine I, with the mission of gathering the Irish race into the one fold of Christ.

March 18: St Cyril of Jerusalem, 315-386 Bishop & Doctor of the Church

St. Cyril was a theologian of the early Church who left important writings documenting the instruction of catechumens and the order of the Liturgy in his day. Those writings about church doctrine have special authority, for which he was named as a "Doctor of the Church." His emphasis on God's love and forgiveness was not common during his time. He also fostered the development of Jerusalem as a pilgrimage centre for all Christians.

March 19: Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patron of the Universal Church, of fathers, workers, carpenters, travelers, immigrants, unborn children, and of a happy death

What we know about St. Joseph from Scripture is that he was descended from the royal lineage of the great King David, but was only a poor carpenter. He could not afford to offer a lamb for sacrifice in the temple, but only a pair of birds. Yet Joseph was compassionate in caring for Mary and her Son, leaving his home and larger family to take them to safety in Egypt and then to Nazareth. We assume that he died with Mary and Jesus by his side, sometime before Jesus began his public ministry.

The beautiful painting above our main altar depicts that scene and is a reminder of St. Joseph's patronage of our Church and our Diocese.



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St. Patrick, whose Feast Day is Monday, March 17th, is the Secondary Patron of the Diocese of Manchester. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am Monday at St. Mary Church.

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.

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.



Hymns for the Second Sunday in Lent

Entrance Hymn: #413

"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

replaces the Alleluia:

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

Offertory Hymn: #239

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #237

"From Ashes to the Living Font"



**MASS READINGS
C/507**

**Memorial Acclamation
changes to
"Save us,
Savior of the World."**

**CONFESSIONS
St. Joseph Church
Wednesdays:
After 5:00pm Mass**

**St. Mary Church
Fridays:
After 9:00 am Mass
Saturdays:
Before 4pm Mass
(3:00 to 3:45 pm)**

**CHOIR
REHEARSAL
Saturday, March 22
1:00pm
All are welcome
to join!**



**St. Joseph Church
Fridays 12:10pm
during Lent**



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.,

**DIOCESAN VOCATION
AWARENESS**

"This is my Son, my Chosen;
listen to Him! If in your listening
to the Lord you are sensing the
invitation to follow Christ as a
priest, deacon, sister or brother,
contact the Vocation Office at
(603) 663-0196 or email:

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**Knights of Columbus
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Sunday's
Coffee Hour.**

**Tootsie Roll
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**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.

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