

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Rick Logan, Chairman
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Sunday, March 23, 9:15 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

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

There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, March 26.

The intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, March 30, 9:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

For the soul (†) of Joseph Januszewski
requested by his family

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025	76 Souls
Offertory	\$661.20
Grand Annual Fund	\$16.00
Votive Candles	\$17.00
Pecan Fundraiser	\$60.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
3-16-25 TOTAL AT MASS	\$774.20
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$673.90
Grand Annual Fund	\$249.22
Fuel	\$39.88
TOTAL ONLINE	\$963.00
3-9-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$1,737.20



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!


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.



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.

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 Amarylis "Carol" Girard
 requested by a friend.



UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS
March 30:
 Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions Appeal (One Collection, two purposes)

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.

ONGOING COLLECTION Grand Annual Fund
 October 2024 - October 2025
 \$2,111.00
 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 Ellm 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.

Feast Days and Memorials

March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the angel announcing to Mary that she would bear the Savior of the World. Her spirit of unhesitating obedience to God's will serves as an enduring example of holiness. This feast reminds us that God is sovereign over all things. His infinite power is beyond our comprehension. When Mary asks the angel Gabriel "how can this be?" he reminds her, "Nothing will be impossible for God." The miraculous nature of Christ's entrance into the world also serves as proof of his divinity. Jesus was conceived in the Virgin Mary not of man, but of the Holy Spirit. Mary's attitude upon hearing the angel's tidings was initially one of awe, and then acceptance. She submitted herself completely to God's will for her life, knowing the consequences it would likely entail....As we reflect upon the Solemnity of the Annunciation, may we, like Mary, always say yes to God's plans for us.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,
Washington, D.C.



Sunday, March 23, 2025

Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

Monday, March 24, 2025

2 Kgs 5: 1-15b; Ps 42: 2, 3; 43: 3, 4; Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Ps 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

Friday, March 28, 2025

Hos 14: 2-10; Ps 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12: 28-34

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Hos 6: 1-6; Ps 51: 3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18: 9-14

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

PRAYER LIST

Pope Francis

Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert

Fr. John Loughnane

Mandy Albanese

John Arsenault

Jacqueline Baril

Brooke

Jean Brown

John Casey

Elissa Coburn

April Colle

Jean Drena

Shelley Gaylord

Marilyn Gilbert

Amarylis Girard

Isabella Gowell

Gianna Gregorutti

Deborah Hemingway

Christine Hunter

Kallie Knight

Carol Logan

The Lord family

Karen Ouellette

Karen Parker

Brenda Ruest

Janet Ruest

Sonya Sheehan

Bob St.Aubin

Darlene St.Aubin

Barbara Trask

Chee Chee Tyrrel

Janice Vilgats

Joshua White

Lawrence Woodward



Pilgrimage to Lourdes

7 Nights/7 Days
\$3500 - \$4000 per individual
Pricing subject to change depending upon number of pilgrims in group and final 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
- ✓ Accomodations
- ✓ 3 Meals per day

50% Down Payment due April 30, 2025

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ST. MARY PARISH
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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



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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SAFETY AND SECURITY

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

ALSO

Once Mass begins on Sunday morning, the side door of the Church facing the Rectory will be locked. The front door will remain unlocked for any late arrivals. An Usher will be inside the Church to assist you. All doors have been retrofitted to allow you to exit at anytime to comply with Fire Regulations.



Parish Council

Father Sebastian is looking for volunteers to serve on a Parish Council. Applicants must be registered parishioners. Two members of the same family may not serve at the same time. If interested, please give us your name and contact information in an email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or on a message on the rectory phone (603-542-5732) and you will be contacted about submitting an application.

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry
Homebound visits:

2nd Monday of every month

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

Father is assisted by one of the Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist: Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, and Bill Pamplin.



Hymns for the Third Sunday in Lent

Entrance Hymn: #348

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

replaces the Alleluia:

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

Offertory Hymn: #353

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #237

"From Ashes to the Living Font"



**MASS READINGS
C/510**

**Memorial Acclamation
"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 29
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 Sacra-
ments along the way, we would like to hear
from you.,

**DIOCESAN VOCATION
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"I AM has sent me to you."

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to proclaim His name as a
priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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

cmartel@rcbm.org

Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Fry
St. Mary's Gym
4:30 to 7pm
March 28 and April 11

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

NO ADVANCE TICKETS NEEDED

All Proceeds Benefit
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For information call
Kevin Kraviec
603-801-6130

**CONGRATULATIONS
RON GILBERT!**

**Winner of the
St. Patrick's Day
Gift Basket Raffle
last Sunday.**

**We thank all who
participated!**

**Tootsie Roll
Fundraiser**

Large Tootsie Roll
\$2.00

Available after Mass
in the Parish Hall.

PECAN FUNDRAISER

STILL AVAILABLE:
Cinnamon Covered
Pecans,
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.

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.

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Copies of past bulletins are
available 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
bulletin by 3pm on Tuesday, March 25.**

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call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

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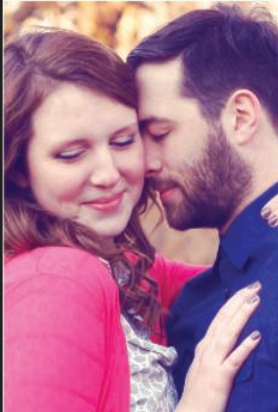
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