

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



March 30, 2025

## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN

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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 30, 9:15 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Laetare Sunday**

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

**Wednesday, April 2, 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, April 6, 9:15 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

For the soul (†) of Frank Riviezzo  
requested by his daughter Mary Stone and family

**Today's 2nd Collection is for  
Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions**

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025</b>	<b>67 Souls</b>
Offertory	\$648.00
Church Maintenance	\$461.00
Easter Flowers	\$355.00
Basket Raffle Fundraiser	\$45.00
Votive Candles	\$12.00
Sanctuary Lamp	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
<b>3-23-25 TOTAL AT MASS</b>	<b>\$1,541.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$125.33
Fuel	\$99.47
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$224.80</b>
<b>3-23-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$1,765.80</b>



**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](mailto: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. To be published in the Easter bulletin, they must be received by Thursday, April 10. Otherwise they will be printed the following week on Divine Mercy Sunday.



**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 2nd COLLECTIONS**

**April 13: Fuel**

*Thank our adventures...*  
**SUPPORT THEM**  
*for they have supported us.*

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 all who are on our Prayer List.**



**INTENTIONS FOR MASS & SANCTUARY LAMP**

Schedule 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.

**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 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.



## Feast Days and Memorials

### April 2: St Francis of Paola, Hermit, 1417-1507

Francis of Paola wanted to live a solitary life and to be considered the "least" of God's household. Instead, he was called to serve on a larger scale and came to influence the direction of world nations. After a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with his parents, Francis began a life of religious contemplation, living in a remote cave on Italy's seacoast. Others who wanted to imitate his way of life joined him there, and this was the beginning of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi. The order's name was later changed to "Minims" to reflect their desire to be the least of God's children. Humility, poverty, chastity, obedience, and a perpetual Lenten fast were their obligation.

Despite Francis' desire to live as a prayerful hermit, he was called to use his gifts of miracles and prophecy to defend the poor and the oppressed. He is credited with influencing the course of national politics when his counsel and persuasion helped to restore peace between France and Brittany and between France and Spain.



### Sunday, March 30, 2025

Jos 5: 9a, 10-12; Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
2 Cor 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

### Monday, March 31, 2025

Is 65: 17-21; Ps 30: 2 and 4, 5-6,  
11-12a and 13b; Jn 4: 43-54

### Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
Jn 5: 1-16

### Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Is 49: 8-15; Ps 145: 8-9, 13cd-14,  
17-18; Jn 5: 17-30

### Thursday, April 3, 2025

Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 106: 19-20,  
21-22, 23; Jn 5: 31-47

### Friday, April 4, 2025

Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21  
and 23; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday, April 5, 2025

Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;  
Jn 7: 40-53

*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
- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ 3 Meals per day

50% Down Payment due April 30, 2025

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## 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

Katie Knight

Carol Logan

The Lord family

Karen Ouellette

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Janet Ruest

Sonya Sheehan

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Darlene St.Aubin

Barbara Trask

Chee Chee Tyrrell

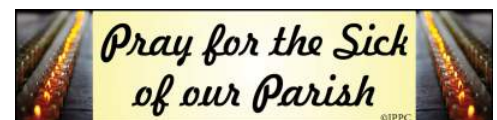
Janice Vilgats

Joshua White

Lawrence Woodward



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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<https://www.ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org/>



**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.

**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](mailto: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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Entrance Hymn: #239**  
"The Glory of These Forty Days"

**Lenten Gospel Acclamation**  
replaces the Alleluia:  
"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory"

**Offertory Hymn: #342**  
"Amazing Grace"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: #237**  
"From Ashes to the Living Font"

**MASS READINGS C/513**  
Memorial Acclamation "Save us, Savior of the World."

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**Saturday, April 5**  
**1:00pm**  
**All are welcome to join!**



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

**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)

### 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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

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



### WELCOME BISHOP LIBASCI

St Mary Church

Friday, April 4, 2025, 5:00 PM

Bishop Peter Libasci will confer the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate these momentous events.

### DIOCESAN VOCATION AWARENESS

"God is making His appeal through us."

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you?

**Contact the Vocation Office**

(603) 663-0196

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

### FUNDRAISERS

Available after Mass  
in the Parish Hall

**Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00**  
**Pecans & Cashews \$10 a bag**

**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**  
**St. Mary's Gym April 11 4:30 to 7pm**  
**NO ADVANCE TICKETS NEEDED**

Suggested Donation:

\$15 for 12 and older \$30 for immediate family  
under 12 free

All Proceeds Benefit St. Mary's Parish

**For information call Kevin Kraviec**

**603-801-6130**



**CDA Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**April 8 6 pm**

St Joseph Church Hall

Storyteller Sharon Wood  
will be the Guest Speaker

### 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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

Copies of past bulletins are 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

**April 6 bulletin**  
**submit by 3pm, Tuesday, April 1**

**April 13th (Palm Sunday)**  
**submit by 3pm, Tues. April 8**

**April 20th (Easter)**  
**submit by 3pm Thurs. April 10**

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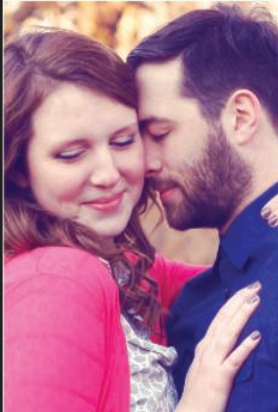
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