

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
David Smith
Sharon Wood

Music Director

Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

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

Wednesday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.

For the soul (†) of Paul St. Martin
requested by Tom DeVoyd

Sunday, April 13, 9:15 a.m.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga
requested by the Braga family

There is no 2nd Collection today.



**We will have a speaker from
the Diocese on
SUNDAY APRIL 27
2025 NHCA SUNDAY
More details will be printed
in a future bulletin.**

Sunday, Mar. 30, 2025	47 Souls
Offertory	\$465.00
Catholic Relief & Home Missions	\$175.00
Easter Flowers	\$40.00
Votive Candles	\$6.00
TOTAL at Mass	\$686.00
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$180.87
Church Maintenance	\$19.60
TOTAL ONLINE	\$200.47
3-30-25 TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$886.47



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

WE THANK THE DONORS

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

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.



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 received their Sacraments from Bishop Libasci on Friday.



UPCOMING

2nd COLLECTIONS

April 13: Fuel

April 20: Church Maintenance

April 27: NHCA Sunday

INTENTIONS FOR MASS & SANCTUARY LAMP

Schedule with Sherri Smith
in the Church Hall after

Sunday Mass or by email to
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com



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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

St Joseph Church
Palm Sunday, April 13
9:15 am Mass
Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16
5:00 pm Mass
5:30 pm Confessions
Good Friday, April 18
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 19
11:00 am Blessing of the Food
Easter Sunday, April 20
9:15 am Easter Mass



EASTER SCHEDULE

St Mary Church
Palm Sunday, April 13
4:00 pm Mass (Saturday)
7:45 am & 10:30 am Mass (Sunday)
Holy Thursday, April 17
6:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper/
followed by Adoration
Good Friday, April 18
2:30 pm Passion/Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday
7:30 pm Easter Vigil
8:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Mass

Feast Days and Memorials

April 7: St. John Baptiste de la Salle

Patron of teachers and all those who work in the field of education

Born into 17th century French nobility, this saint gave away his wealth to found the Brothers of the Christian Schools, which today number almost 5,000 religious. He was a pioneer in founding training colleges for teachers, reform schools for delinquents, technical schools, and secondary schools. There are De La Salle schools in 79 different countries around the world.

April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr; 1030-1079

Patron of Poland and Krakow, soldiers in battle and of moral order

Born to a wealthy family in Szczepanow, the young man was educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, the capital of Poland at that time, and at Paris. He was ordained a priest and became well known for his eloquent preaching. In 1072 he became bishop of Kraków, one of the earliest native Polish bishops. He excommunicated King Boleslaus the Bold because of his cruelties and injustices, and was killed by the King himself while saying Mass. St. Stanislaus is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for opposing the evils of an unjust government. He was the first native Polish saint.

www.catholic.org

www.lasalle.org



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Is 43: 16-21; Ps 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 3: 8-14 Jn 8: 1-11

Monday, April 7, 2025

Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8: 12-20

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Nm 21: 4-9; Ps 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
Jn 8: 21-30

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55,
56; Jn 8: 31-42

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Gen 17: 3-9; Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Jn 8: 51-59

Friday, April 11, 2025

Jer 20: 10-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-7;
Jn 10: 31-42

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Ez 37: 21-28; Jer 31: 10,
11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11: 45-56

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

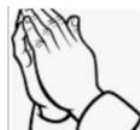
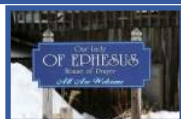
Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer

35 Fawn Ledge Lane,
Jamaica, Vermont 05343
802-896-6000

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

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Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



PRAYER LIST

Pope Francis	Deborah Hemingway
Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	Christine Hunter
Fr. John Loughnane	Katie Knight
Mandy Albanese	Carol Logan
John Arsenault	The Lord family
Jacqueline Baril	Karen Ouellette
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
Shelley Gaylord	Chee Chee Tyrrel
Amarylis Girard	Janice Vilgats
Isabella Gowell	Joshua White
Gianna Gregorutti	Lawrence Woodward

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONCERNING ST. MARY CEMETERY

Memorial Day weekend is the official opening of Catholic cemeteries and burial grounds in New Hampshire. Realizing the importance and beauty of Christian burial in a Roman Catholic cemetery, we will continue to follow the Diocese of Manchester's rules and regulations for St. Mary Cemetery.

Diocese of Manchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV Section G:

Ornaments and Flower Vases – Management reserves the right to regulate the method of decorations of lots so that uniform beauty is maintained. Use of statues, silk/fake flowers, boxes, shells, coins, gourds, toys, metal designs, ornaments, vases, votive candles, glass, plastic, concrete, vigil lights, Christmas decorations, crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, potted plants, balloons, pinwheels, lawn ornaments, bric-a-brac of any description, etc. will not be permitted on any lot and any such articles will be removed by management. In addition, should these ornaments be placed on the cemetery property in violation of these rules, the cemetery shall not be responsible for the damage or loss of any of these items at any time.

Memorial Day floral arrangements and/or decorations must be placed on the base of the memorial (monument) or placed on an extension to that base. [They] may be placed seven (7) days before the federal holiday and removed from the cemetery by June 10.

Also, **NO NEW DECORATIVE ADDITIONS** will be allowed in St. Mary Cemetery and a policy of "carry in, carry out" relating to water and trash will be implemented. Water for any existing plantings and bins for removal of trash/trimmings will no longer be provided by St. Mary Cemetery. The goal of implementing these rules and regulations is to move towards a uniform, orderly, and beautiful cemetery to honor our beloved dead in keeping with the Catholic Faith.

**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.

DIOCESAN VOCATION AWARENESS

"Christ Jesus has made me
His own."

Are you called to belong to Christ
alone as a priest, deacon or
through
the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office

(603) 663-0196

cmartel@rcbm.org

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.,



THANK YOU TO JIM HANLON

who recently painted the two side altars (up to the 2nd step up). Jim reports that all the decorative marbling that was done 25 years ago is in very good condition and none of that was touched. The large Sacred Heart statue was removed to the Sacristy and a piece of felt is being attached to the bottom so it can be moved easily with minimal wear to the paint. All statues & crosses are covered as we enter Passiontide. The Sacred Heart Statue will return for Easter Sunday.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr. Sebastian

June 20 - July 7, 2025
7 days/7 nights
\$3,500 - \$4,000
per person
603-542-9518

Full details on Flyers
available at the back of
the church

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.

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 interest-
ed, please give us your name and contact informa-
tion 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.

Hymns for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Entrance Hymn: #384

"Take Up Your Cross"

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

replaces the Alleluia:

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

Offertory Hymn: #229

"Hear Us, Almighty Lord /
Attende Domine"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #237

"From Ashes to the Living Font"

MASS READINGS C/516

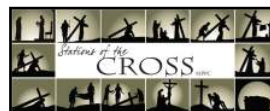
Memorial Acclamation "Save us, Savior of the World."

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Saturday, April 12

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)

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.

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



Please Join Us!

After Mass on April 13

No Charge, Free Will Offering
Please bring something
to share.

All are welcome!



CDA Meeting

Tues. April 8, 6 pm

St Joseph Church Hall

Guest Speaker:

Storyteller Sharon Wood



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Council Meeting

Monday, April 14, 7pm

Council Chambers

St. Mary's Gym

FUNDRAISERS

Available after Mass
in the Parish Hall

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

PECANS

Special Prices for Easter

\$8 a bag or 2 bags for \$15

SAVE THE DATE!

Church Supper

Saturday, May 3, 4:30-6:00pm

Spaghetti with homemade meatballs,
vegetable, salad, bread, and dessert.

\$15 dine in or take out.

Request for Pies

(either homemade or bought)

A signup sheet will be located
in 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 on a small
table as you enter the church hall.
Ask Sharon Wood if you'd like an older
issue than is left there.

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.

St Joseph Church Bulletin can be seen
at

<https://church-bulletin.org/?id=9021>

or at the link on our website
at stjosephclaremont.org

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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

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call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

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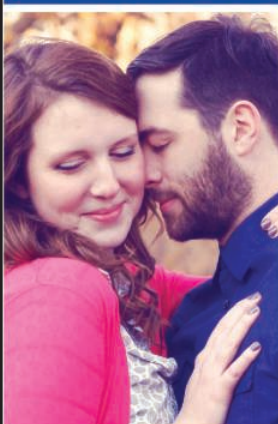
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