

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



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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

Wednesday, April 16, 5:00 p.m.

For the souls (†) of
Carol Buckley and Joseph Cassarino
requested by Joanna Buckley

Sunday, April 20, 9:15 a.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.

Sunday, Apr. 6, 2025	80 Souls
Offertory	\$1,076.00
Easter Flowers	\$210.00
Sanctuary Lamp	\$10.00
Votive Candles	\$8.01
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
TOTAL at Mass	\$1,324.01
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$590.85
Church Maintenance	\$149.46
Fuel	\$75.72
Catholic Relief Services	\$9.96
TOTAL ONLINE	\$825.99
4-6-25 TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,150.00

PLEASE BE WARY OF SPAM EMAILS

There have been more "spam" emails sent to the parish email address as well as to parishioner addresses that claim to be sent by Fr. Sebastian. The actual email addresses they are sent from are not his, and the message is not obviously suspicious, so please be wary. Father does not generally send emails to parishioners so please delete and definitely do not open attachments that may be included.

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 Geraldine and Mark Rasco requested by Mary Rasco and the Browns.



UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

April 20: Church Maintenance

We have experienced a rather harsh winter with snow plowing, salting and sanding. An additional challenge was a broken sewer line behind the Church that needed immediate repair in order to keep us open and operating. We ask that you be as generous as you can to this monthly collection and we sincerely thank all of our parishioners for their gifts of time, talent and treasure.

April 27: NHCA Sunday

Future of Our Faith II, *Jesus, I trust in You*

The NHCA is the Church in New Hampshire's annual campaign to support essential ministries and programs of our faith. Last year, our parish along with the other 87 parishes raised more than \$4.3M. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year. The appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more! Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to

<https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>



ONGOING COLLECTION Grand Annual Fund

October 2024 - October 2025
\$2,111.00

Our parish's Grand Annual Fund is an ongoing collection to build a fund for larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, both current and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years. Envelopes for your gifts are available at the back of the church.

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

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 are at the back of the church.

NOTE: Because the Easter Sunday bulletin went to print last Friday, April 11, intentions and donor names collected today will be included when the list is reprinted in the bulletin on April 27th.

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

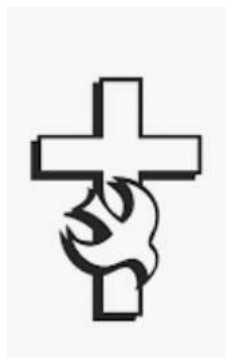
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

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



Photo from Blessing of the Food at St. Joseph Church Hall, 2024

Polish Lenten and Easter Traditions

Blessing of the Food (święconka) Holy Saturday, April 19, 11am

In Polish homes for many generations, baskets lined with white linen or a lace napkin are filled with a sampling of Easter foods for the priest to bless. Bread, butter, eggs, salt, ham, and horseradish each hold special meaning in the blessing basket. In earlier times, the priest would visit his parishioner's homes to bless food that they set out. Many of us remember Fr. Stan carrying on that tradition so many years ago. Now it is more common for parishioners to bring a basket of food to the church.

Easter Breakfast (śniadanie wielkanocne)

Foods that are blessed at church on Holy Saturday are shared by the family on Easter morning. This often includes butter or a cake formed like a lamb, representing Christ, the Lamb of God, holding the cross of victory over death.

Learn what special things are included in Polish Easter baskets:

<https://www.polishamericancenter.org/SwieconkaBasket.htm>

You don't need to be Polish to have your Easter food blessed!

All are welcome to join us and experience this treasured Easter tradition.
Please bring your own choice of samples from your own family's Easter meal.

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

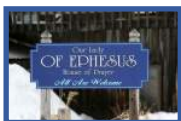
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<https://www.ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org/>

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Sunday, April 13, 2025

Is 50: 4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14-23:56 or Lk 23 :1-49

Monday, April 14, 2025

Is 42: 1-7; Ps 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

49: 1-6; Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Is 50: 4-9a; Ps 69 :8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 18, 2025

Is 52: 13—53: 12 Ps 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 Jn 18: 1—19: 42

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Gen 1:1—2:2; Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

PRAYER LIST

Pope Francis

Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	Carol Logan
Fr. John Loughnane	The Lord family
Mandy Albanese	Karen Ouellette
John Arsenault	Linda Patch
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	Becky Trombley
Isabella Gowell	Janice Vilgats
Gianna Gregorutti	Vello Vilgats
Deborah Hemingway	Joshua White
Christine Hunter	Lawrence Woodward
Katie Knight	

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence (not eating meat).

**THIS FRIDAY IS GOOD FRIDAY,
a day 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

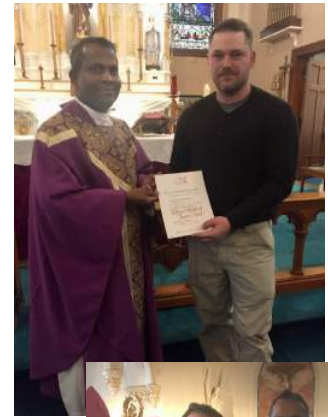
Anyone who may need any of the Sacraments of Initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion)

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.,



CONGRATULATIONS!

Gordon Sheehan received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion from Fr. Sebastian on Wednesday, April 2 at the 5:00pm Mass at St. Joseph Church and Confirmation from Bishop Peter Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, at St. Mary Church on Friday, April 4, 2025.



**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

Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr. Sebastian

June 20 - July 7, 2025 7 days/7 nights

\$3,500 - \$4,000 per person

603-542-9518

Pick up a Flyer at the back of the church for full details.

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.

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 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.

Hymns for Palm Sunday
Entrance Chant: (Choir)

Procession: No. 244
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Offertory Hymn: #283
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Communion: (Choir)

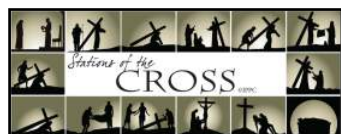
Recessional Hymn: #250
"O Sacred Head Surrounded"



MASS READINGS
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Memorial Acclamation
"Save us, Savior of the World"

CONFESSIONS
St. Joseph Church
Holy Wednesday:
5:30pm (after 5pm Mass)

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



St. Joseph Church
Good Friday
5:30 pm

CHOIR
REHEARSAL
Saturday, April 19
1:00pm
All are welcome
to join!

K of C
Council Meeting
Monday, April 14,
7pm
Council Chambers
St. Mary's Gym



PLEASE JOIN US
Our monthly Coffee Hour
Today After Mass

ALL ARE INVITED!
No charge!
Free Will Offerings
Accepted



SAVE THE DATE!
Church Supper
Saturday, May 3,
4:30-6:00pm

Spaghetti with home-made 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.

Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy
Coloring Book

Tells the story of this Polish saint's life
Available for sale in the Parish Hall
after Mass

Small ceramic Easter lamb for your
Easter basket (only a few remain)

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

SAFETY AND SECURITY

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

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.

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 stjosephsclaremont.org

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our Easter bulletin has already been
sent out for printing.
Please send new items for the April
27th bulletin as soon as possible.
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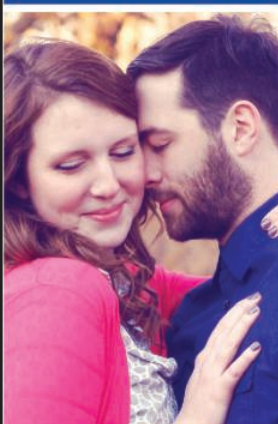
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