

# 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 27, 9:15 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

For the souls (†) of Roger Sheehan and Joyce Pardue  
requested by the Sheehan family

**The Wednesday Mass at 5:00 pm  
has been cancelled.**

**The intention will be rescheduled.**

**Sunday, May 4, 9:15 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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

**Today's 2nd Collection is for the  
2025 NH Catholic Appeal.**

| <b>Sunday, Apr. 13, 2025</b>            | <b>100 souls</b>  |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory                               | \$742.00          |
| Fuel                                    | \$569.00          |
| Easter Flowers                          | \$265.00          |
| Church Maintenance                      | \$20.00           |
| Votive Candles                          | \$3.00            |
| <b>TOTAL at Mass</b>                    | <b>\$1,599.00</b> |
| <b>Parish Giving Online</b>             |                   |
| Offertory                               | \$156.00          |
| Church Maintenance                      | \$26.00           |
| <b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>                     | <b>\$182.00</b>   |
| <b>4-13-25 TOTAL at Mass and Online</b> | <b>\$1,781.00</b> |

#### **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.

#### **Upcoming 2nd Collections**

**May 4:  
No 2nd Collection**

**May 11: Fuel**

**May 18:  
Maryknoll  
Mission Appeal**

**May 25:  
Church  
Maintenance**

| <b>Sunday, Apr. 20, 2025</b>            | <b>108 souls</b>  |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory                               | \$1,026.00        |
| Church Maintenance                      | \$567.00          |
| Fuel                                    | \$200.00          |
| Votives & Sanctuary Lamp                | \$41.00           |
| Pecan Fundraiser                        | \$95.00           |
| NHCA 2024 rebate                        | \$1,000.17        |
| <b>TOTAL at Mass</b>                    | <b>\$2,929.17</b> |
| <b>Parish Giving Online</b>             |                   |
| Offertory                               | \$155.20          |
| Easter Flowers                          | \$19.60           |
| Fuel                                    | \$137.80          |
| <b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>                     | <b>\$312.60</b>   |
| <b>4-20-25 TOTAL at Mass and Online</b> | <b>\$3,241.77</b> |



**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**  
**Today we welcome our guest speaker.**  
**Marc Cousineau.**

We thank all who make their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca) or bring your gift envelope that includes your donor ID and parish ID and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

**We thank you on behalf of all who will  
come to know the mercy of God and our  
Church through your generosity.**



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 this week in memory of  
Gladys Kudej Fray**  
requested by Sharon and Steve Wood.



#### **INTENTIONS FOR MASS, SANCTUARY LAMP and the MARIAN CANDELABRUM**

Schedule with Sherri Smith  
in the Church Hall after  
Sunday Mass or by email to  
[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

Suggested donations \$10.00.

The Month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. The Marian Candelabrum will be lit on the Blessed Mother Altar on all Sundays in May. Schedule with Sherri Smith after Mass in the Church Hall.





### **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025**

In the 1930s, Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a Polish nun, had visions in which Jesus instructed her to paint an image as she saw Him, to write down what He said to her and to encourage devotion to His Divine Mercy. She became an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.

More information is available at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

**St. Carlo Acutis will be canonized today, during the Jubilee of Teenagers, St. Peter's Square, Rome. He will be the first saint of the millennial generation!**

#### **Monday April 28: St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr**

A French priest and missionary to the South Pacific, he successfully converted the once cannibalistic natives to Christianity.

#### **St. Louis Grignion De Montfort, Priest**

A French priest and hospital chaplain, he devoted his life to missionary work and spreading devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin. Founder of the Montfort Fathers who still carry on his work as priests and brothers.

#### **April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

After refusing to marry and embracing life in prayerful isolation, this saint obeyed a vision telling her to enter public life and seek reform. She traveled widely, became involved in politics, started a crusade to the Holy Land, helped to restore the Papacy to Rome and acted as peace maker between warring city states.

#### **April 30: St. Pius V, Pope**

Known for his piety and strict moral compass, as Pope he helped to shape the church's reputation, implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent, and promoted the Roman Catechism, Missal, and Breviary.

#### **May 1: St. Joseph the Worker**

Pope Pius XII established this feast on International Workers Day in 1955, emphasizing the dignity of human work by designating St. Joseph as the patron of workers.

#### **May 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Born in Egypt to a prominent Christian family, he's been called the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known. He's been given many titles, including Athanasius the Great Father of Orthodoxy, and Champion of Christ's Divinity.

#### **May 3: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**

Philip became a missionary to Greece, Syria, and Phrygia and died a martyr. James the Lesser served as first bishop of Jerusalem and wrote the first Catholic epistle.

### **Please Pray**

**for the Repose of the Soul  
of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis.  
12-17-36 to 4-21-25**



#### **Sunday, April 27, 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 28, 2025**

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

#### **Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

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

#### **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

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

#### **Thursday, May 1, 2025**

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

#### **Friday, May 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, May 19, 2025**

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

### **DIOCESAN VOCATION AWARENESS**

"As the Father has sent Me,  
so I send you."

Do you have a growing interest in  
sharing the Lord's saving mission  
as a priest, deacon or in the  
consecrated life?

#### **Contact the Vocation Office**

(603) 663-0196  
[cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.org)

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls  
of Albert Norwalk, whose funeral was  
held here on Thursday, April 24 and  
Dorothy Maxfield, whose funeral will be  
held here on Saturday, May 3.**

#### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr. Sebastian**

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

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

#### **Parish Council**

Thank you to those who have responded  
to Fr. Sebastian's call for volunteers to  
serve on a Parish Council. Father would  
like all applicants to send an email to  
[stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com) with  
name, phone number, email address,  
and a brief statement of your interest in  
serving on the Council.

Applicants must be registered  
parishioners. Two members of the same  
family may not serve at the same time.

### **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.

### **PRAYER LIST**



|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert | Katie Knight      |
| Fr. John Loughnane        | Carol Logan       |
| Mandy Albanese            | The Lord family   |
| John Arsenault            | Karen Ouellette   |
| Brooke                    | Linda Patch       |
| Jean Brown                | Brenda Ruest      |
| John Casey                | Janet Ruest       |
| Elissa Coburn             | Sonya Sheehan     |
| April Colle               | Bob St.Aubin      |
| Jean Drena                | Darlene St.Aubin  |
| Shelley Gaylord           | Barbara Trask     |
| Carol Girard              | Becky Trombley    |
| Isabella Gowell           | Janice Vilgats    |
| Gianna Gregorutti         | Vello Vilgats     |
| Deborah Hemingway         | Joshua White      |
| Christine Hunter          | 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: [stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com)





## ***Easter Flower Memorials In memory of***



***The Fowler and Condon families***, requested by Ann-Marie and Rusty Fowler

***Cliff and Lucille Bonneville and Robert and Margaret Duval***, requested by Larry and Jean Duval

***Auguste and Leona Girard, Alfred and Helen Loiselle, Lydia Girard, Emily Brown, Shirley Bunnell,***  
requested by Donald and Carol Girard

***Ashley Januszewski***, requested by Eric and Roni Januszewski and family

***Joseph Stanley Januszewski***, requested by his wife Susan

***Joseph Januszewski***, requested by the Januszewski family

***Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Martellotto***, requested by their daughter, Susan Januszewski

***Carol Klebeck Donnelly***, requested by Mary and Larry Schissel

***Roger V. Sheehan, Bill Matthews, Gordon Brown, Ken Tyrrell, Larry Sheehan,***

***Val Harding, John Sheehan, and Joyce Pardue***, requested by Bessie A. Sheehan

***Lena Jewell***, requested by Celeste and David Bourque, Sr.

***Nancy Robitille***, requested by Joan Baillargeon

***Nancy Robitille***, requested by Tina Coburn

***The Marcotte, Brown, Arsenault, and Cook families***, requested by Mary and Richard Brown

***The Brown, Gaudette, and Soucy families***, requested by Jean Brown

***The Beebe family***, requested by Gianna Gregorutti

***Doris & Henri Frechette Sr.***, by Celeste & David Bourque

***Carol Bourque***, by Celeste & David Bourque

***The Rice, Cyr, Bishop and Cowell families***, requested by Beverly Rice

***Tomasz Wilczoch***, requested by Mirka Wilczoch

***Stuart Stone***, requested by Mary Stone and family

***Frank and Simone Riviezzo***, requested by Mary Stone and family

**Anonymous donations** for flowers

***We sincerely thank who all who contributed.***

### **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.

Hymns for the  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
Entrance Hymn: No.256  
"At the Lamb's High Feast  
We Sing"

Supplement No. 106  
Gloria in English

Offertory Hymn: #260  
"O Sons and Daughters"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #257  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



**THERE WILL BE  
NO CHOIR  
REHEARSAL  
Saturday, May 3**

**Our May Crowning  
will take place at our  
May 4th Mass.**

**MASS READINGS  
ABC/552**  
Memorial Acclamation  
"Save us,  
Savior of the World"

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

**THANK YOU**  
**to Larry and Jean Duval**  
who represented

St. Joseph Church on Tuesday at  
St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester  
for the Reception of the Oils

**AND TO**

**Susan Januszewski, Karl Eno,**  
**Jim Hanlon, Ray LaBlond,**  
**Gordon Sheehan, Alex LaBlond**

who agreed to represent  
St. Joseph Parish at the  
Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday,  
during Mass at St. Mary Church.



**CONGRATULATIONS, KAREN PARKER!**  
who received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and  
Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass, Our Lady of  
Fatima Church, New London, NH. Deacon Gregory  
McGinn (L) and Rev. Donald Clinton (R) are pictured  
with Karen and her husband David.

**Mother's Day  
Spiritual Bouquet**

Cards may be picked up at  
the back of the Church. Please  
write your Intentions on the  
outside of the outer envelope  
and return it with your donation  
in the collection basket. The  
cards with your Intentions will  
be placed on the altar for the  
month of May.

**St. Faustina and  
Divine Mercy  
Coloring Book**

Tells the story of this  
Polish saint's life  
\$5 each in the  
Parish Hall after Mass

**THANK YOU**  
**to everyone who**  
**supported our Pecan**  
**Fundraiser.**  
**Look for them again**  
**next winter.**



**Church Supper**  
**Saturday, May 3**  
**4:30-6:00pm**

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

**Request for Pies**  
(either homemade or bought)  
A signup sheet is located  
in the back of the church.

**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 at-  
tachments that may be included.

**Italian International Dinner**  
**Sunday April 27 (today!)**

**12:00 to 3pm**

**St. Mary Gym**

**Food prepared by Louis Millette**  
**Free Will Donation to benefit**  
**St. Mary Parish**

### **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.

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 not, you can download  
and print out a Registration Form from  
our website or see Sherri Smith in the  
Parish Hall after Mass.

St Joseph Church Bulletin can be seen  
at  
<https://church-bulletin.org/?id=9021>  
or at the link on our website  
at [stjosephsclaremont.org](http://stjosephsclaremont.org)

### **BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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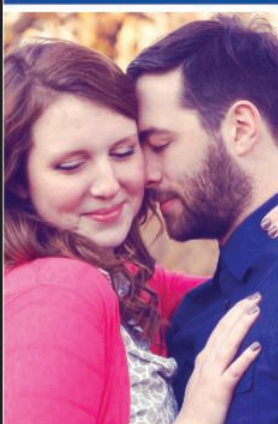
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