

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

Third Sunday of Easter

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

The **Wednesday 5:00 pm Mass for May 7th**

has been **cancelled**
and the Intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, May 11, 9:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

For all mothers,
living and deceased.

There is no 2nd Collection today.



Sunday, Apr. 27, 2025	71 Souls
Offertory	\$693.00
Votives, Sanctuary Lamp, Marian Candleabrum	\$28.00
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	\$12.00
Funeral Mass	\$200.00
Funeral Luncheon	\$1,250.00
TOTAL at Mass	\$2,183.00
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$172.27
TOTAL ONLINE	\$172.27
4-27-25 TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,355.27

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

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Our current total raised toward our goal of \$9,116.00 is pending.

90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to NHCA. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church. 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.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 11: Fuel

**May 18:
Maryknoll Mission Appeal**

May 25: Church Maintenance

Please keep our priests in your prayers this week as they attend the annual convocation from Monday May 5 through Thursday May 8th.

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



**We begin our month of
honoring Mary with
the May Crowning
of our Blessed Mother statue.
It will take place this morning
before Mass.**

INTENTIONS FOR MASS & SANCTUARY LAMP

Schedule with Sherri Smith
in the Church Hall after
Sunday Mass or by email to
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 Schedule with Sherri Smith after Mass in the Church Hall.

Today's intention is for
Roger Sheehan
requested by
The Sheehan Family



Feast Days and Memorials

Friday May 10: St. John of Avila, 1499-1569, Priest, Doctor of the Church

The future saint was a Spanish preacher, scholastic author and religious mystic. He is called the "Apostle of Andalusia", for his extensive ministry in that region of Spain. Crowds packed churches to hear his sermons but he was not without controversy. His saintly reputation and efforts to reform the clergy, establish schools and colleges, and catechise the laity inspired many reformers who came after him.

Friday May 10: St. Damien de Veuster, 1840-1889, Priest

This Belgian man joined the Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary (also known as the Picpus Fathers). He began his ministry in Honolulu in 1864 and later volunteered to serve the island of Molokai, then called "Devil's Island" because it was used as a leper colony. "I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all for Jesus Christ." He eventually died of the disease.



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 may not seem suspicious to you, so please be wary. Father does not generally send emails to parishioners so please delete and definitely do not open any attachments.

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

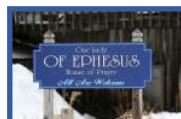
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**COME ANY TIME FOR
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Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Sunday, May 4, 2025

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rv 5: 11-14; Jn 21: 1-19

Monday, May 5, 2025

Acts 6: 8-15; Ps 119: 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6: 22-29

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Acts 7: 51—8: 1a Ps 31: 3cd-4, 6, 7b, and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6: 30-35

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Acts 8: 1b-8; Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6: 35-40

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Acts 8: 26-40; Ps 66: 8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6: 44-51

Friday, May 9, 2025

Acts 9: 1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6: 52-59

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Acts 9: 31-42; Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6: 60-69

Mother's Day Cards

and envelopes for intentions for our mothers, whether living or deceased, are available in the back of the Church. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar on Mother's Day and remain there during the month of May.

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
Ashley Booher	



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

603-542-9518

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ST. MARY PARISH
32 PEARL ST
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Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr. Sebastian

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

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 the
Lay Ministers of the
Holy Eucharist:
Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill,
and Bill Pamplin.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

All who are interested in serving on a Parish Council are asked to send an email to stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com with a brief statement about themselves and their interest in being on the council. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Married couples may not serve on the council at the same time.

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 the
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Entrance Hymn:
(sheet music)
"As I Kneel Before You"
Gloria: #161 (Latin)
Offertory Hymn: #263
"That Easter Day With Joy
Was Bright"
Communion: (Choir)
Recessional Hymn: #264
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give
Thanks"



**CHOIR
REHEARSAL**
Saturday, May 10
1:00pm
**All are welcome
to join!**

**MASS READINGS
C/555**

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)



K of C
Council Meeting
Monday, May 12th
7pm
Council Chambers
St. Mary's Gym



Catholic Daughters Meeting
Tuesday May 13th
6:00pm
St Joseph Church Hall

**DIOCESAN VOCATION
AWARENESS**

"Feed My lambs,
tend My sheep."
If you think you may have a
vocation to follow the Risen
Lord as a priest, deacon or in
the consecrated life,
Contact the
Vocation Office
(603) 663-0196
cmartel@rcbm.org



PLEASE JOIN US
for our monthly Coffee
Hour on May 11th
after Mass
ALL ARE INVITED!
Please bring something
to share.
Free Will Offerings
Accepted



FUNDRAISERS

Available after Mass
in the Parish Hall

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

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

THANK YOU!
to everyone who supported our
Church Supper on
Saturday,
May 3rd,
as well as all our
dedicated workers!



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.
stjosephscclaremont@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

Please send new items for the May 11
bulletin by 3pm Tuesday May 6
stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com or
call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

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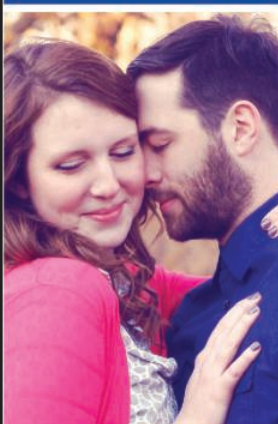
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