

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

For all living and deceased mothers

Wednesday, May 14, 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, May 18, 9:15 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga
requested by the Braga family and
For the soul (†) of Shelley Gaylord
requested by Bessie Sheehan

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.



Sunday, May 4, 2025	73 Souls
Offertory	\$560.00
Grand Annual Fund	\$100.00
Mother's Day Intentions	\$30.00
Candles	\$18.00
Church Supper/Food Sale	\$660.00
Funeral Mass	\$200.00
Funeral Luncheon	\$800.00
TOTAL at Mass	\$2,368.00
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$120.09
Church Maintenance	\$119.10
Fuel	\$25.81
TOTAL ONLINE	\$265.00
4-27-25 TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,633.00

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

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$1,710.00 towards our parish goal of \$9,116.00.

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, which includes your donor ID and parish ID, 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 and that they are correctly written.** 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.

ONGOING COLLECTION Grand Annual Fund

October 2024 - October 2025 \$2,211.00

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 COLLECTIONS

May 18: Maryknoll Mission Appeal

May 25: Church Maintenance

IMPORTANT!

In the last few months, we have received several checks dated 2024, not signed, or with illegible numerals or words. PLEASE TAKE CARE when making your very appreciated donations so we don't have to return your checks to you for correction.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

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
Rev. Stanley J. Piwowar**
requested by
Ron and Marilyn Gilbert.



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 in May.

**It is lit today in memory of
Shelley Gaylord**
requested by Bessie Sheehan.





The Month of May
is dedicated to
Our Blessed Mother

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.

Feast Days and Memorials

May 12: Sts. Nereus, d. c98 and Achillius, Martyrs

There aren't many details about these two saints, but they may have been brothers and Praetorian soldiers, who rejected the Roman gods and converted to Christianity. It is believed they were among the first witnesses to the faith who shed their blood for Christ. Their statues are in St. Peter's Square and a 4th century basilica dedicated to them was found, offering proof that they were honored in the early Church.

May 12: St. Pancras, Martyr

Patron of children, jobs, and health

Invoked against cramps, false witnesses, headaches, and perjury

This was a Phrygian orphan who was taken in by an uncle in Rome. Both converted to Christianity and were put to death for refusing to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. Pancras was only 14 but resolute in his love of Jesus Christ. A famous railway station in London was named after St Pancras Old Church which dates back to 400 AD. His uncle was also canonized as St. Denis.

May 13 is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

May 14: St. Matthias, Apostle

Patron of Tailors

Jesus himself chose the original twelve apostles, but it fell to the remaining eleven to choose someone to replace Judas Iscariot after his betrayal of Jesus. They looked for someone who had been Jesus' disciple from the very beginning, from His baptism by John until His Ascension, and who witnessed Jesus' resurrection. Matthias & Joseph (called Barsabbas) fit this description, but the apostles were not willing to make a choice between the two. They cast lots, trusting that God's will would direct their selection. Matthias was chosen. Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy, but because he would become worthy.

May 15: St. Isidore, 1070-1130

Patron of Madrid, farmers, and rural communities

Born in Madrid, Spain, Isidore worked for most of his life as a farm laborer. He experienced celestial visions while at work in the fields, and sometimes angels helping him with his work. He is known for his piety towards the poor and animals. Along with Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri, St. Isidore the Farmer is known in Spain as one of the "Five Saints."

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

**COME ANY TIME FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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



Sunday, May 11, 2025

Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Ps 100: 1-2, 3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10: 27-30

Monday, May 12, 2025

Acts 11: 1-18; Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3, 4;
Jn 10: 1-10

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Acts 11: 19-26; Ps 87: 1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10: 22-30

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 7-8; Jn 15: 9-17

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Acts 13: 13-25; Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;
Jn 13: 16-20

Friday, May 16, 2025

Acts 13: 26-33; Ps 2: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
Jn 14: 1-6

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Acts 13: 44-52; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 14: 7-14

Please pray for the soul of
Madeline Barbieri whose funeral Mass
will be held at St. Joseph Church on
Saturday, May 17 at 11:00am.

PRAYER LIST



Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert

Fr. John Loughnane

Mandy Albanese

John Arsenault

Ashley Booher

Brooke

Jean Brown

John Casey

Elissa Coburn

April Colle

Jean Drena

Carol Girard

Isabella Gowell

Gianna Gregorutti

Stephen Grogan

Deborah Hemingway

Christine Hunter

Samuel Januszewski

Katie Knight

Carol Logan

The Lord family

Karen Ouellette

Linda Patch

Brenda Ruest

Janet Ruest

Sonya Sheehan

Bob St. Aubin

Darlene St. Aubin

Barbara Trask

Becky Trombley

Janice Vilgats

Vello Vilgats

Joshua White

Lawrence Woodward



THANK YOU to Alicja and Priscilla Millette

for participating in the
Crowning of our Blessed Mother statue
last Sunday, May 3.

Priscilla is pictured holding the pillow
and crown. Before the 9:15 Mass began,
the St. Cecelia Choir sang as the proces-
sion made its way to the Blessed Mother
Altar for the Crowning, followed by the
Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary led by
Fr. Sebastian and Richard Brown.



MARYKNOLL LAY MISSION APPEAL, SUNDAY, MAY 18

In 2016 Marcelo Maiorano and Kathleen Maynard, together with their daughters Cecilia and Maëlle (ages 3 & 1 at that time) joined Maryknoll Lay Missioners. They were sent to mission in São Paulo, Brazil (Marcelo's mother's birthplace), where they served people on the margins of society and raised their daughters in a warm and welcoming culture.

Their ministries included production of a radio series documenting the realities of immigrants and refugees, providing pastoral visits to the hospital center of the state penitentiary system, co-facilitating prison-based Restorative Justice sessions, and supporting a variety of programming and services at the *Arsenal da Esperança* which provides shelter and renewal for 1,200 men experiencing homelessness every day.

While serving with MKLM in Brazil, Kathleen and Marcelo welcomed their third daughter, Lucia. They currently reside in New Hampshire and look forward to committing to service again in the coming years.

Their mission experience will be shared at St. Joseph and St Mary Parishes as part of the Diocese of Manchester Missionary Cooperation Plan 2025. The 2nd collection will be taken to support Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Your kind welcome and generous support is most appreciated.

Your donations will allow Maryknoll Lay Missioners to prepare and sustain laypeople in global mission and to help build a more just, compassionate and sustainable world. This once-a-year opportunity is a wonderful way for all of us to participate in the ongoing global mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth! To learn more please visit www.mkmlm.org.

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.

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.

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 4th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: #432
"Shepherd of Souls,
in Love, Come"

Gloria: S-106 (English)
(in Supplement)

Offertory Hymn: #477
"Shepherd of Souls"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #255
"Be Joyful, Mary"



CHOIR REHEARSAL Wednesday, May 14 1:00pm

All are welcome
to join!

Please note the return
to Wednesday for the
summer.

MASS READINGS C/558

Memorial Acclamation
"Save us, Savior of the World"

May 11 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"The disciples were filled with
joy and the Holy Spirit."

Does a life of joy in knowing
you are following the Lord as a
priest, deacon or in the
consecrated life inspire you?

Contact the
Vocation Office
(603) 663-0196
cmartel@rcbm.org

CONFESSIONS

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



PLEASE JOIN US
for our monthly Coffee
Hour today after Mass.

ALL ARE INVITED!

Free Will Offerings
Accepted



K of C
Council Meeting
Monday, May 12th
7pm

Council Chambers
St. Mary's Gym



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Tuesday May 13th
6:00pm
St Joseph Church Hall
Program: Recite the Rosary
and Baby Shower for the
Pregnancy Center of the Upper

FUNDRAISER

Available after Mass in the Parish Hall

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00



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
Statues 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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PARISH REGISTRATION To make sure our Parish Records are up to date for 2025.

please check after Mass to make
sure your registration form is in the
green notebook in the Church Hall.
You can download and print out a
Registration Form from our website
or get one from Sherri Smith
after Mass.

THANK YOU

to Donna Therrien for working with
Richard Brown to make sure our last
two bulletins were designed and sent
to the printer while I was on vacation!

Sharon

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

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

BECAUSE OF EARLY DEADLINES
throughout May, our May 18 bulletin has
already been sent to the printer. Please
send notices for the May 25th bulletin by
this Friday, May 16. We will do our best to
include notices that usually are posted at
this time of year, but appreciate your
understanding if something is not
included.

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call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

PLEASE BE WARY OF SPAM EMAILS

that claim to be sent by Fr. Sebastian.
Father does not generally send emails to
parishioners. Please delete them and
definitely do not open any
attachments.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Fr. Sebastian

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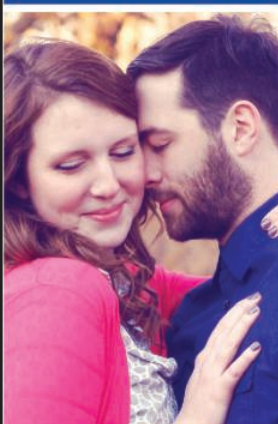
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