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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

Wednesday, May 21, 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, May 25, 9:15 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

For Eric and Jennifer Gallant
requested by their parents and
For the soul (†) of Joseph Januszewski
requested by his family.

**Today's 2nd Collection is for
Maryknoll Missions..**



There is no Collection Table today because of early printing deadlines at JPPC. Today's bulletin was sent to the printer on Friday, May 9th. The collections taken on May 11 and 18th will be printed in the May 25th bulletin.

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.

NHCA donations in your sealed envelopes are not opened here. Unless enough are received in the collection basket to make it more cost effective to put them into a single mailing envelope, we put stamps on each one and mail them.

IF YOUR CHECK HAS AN ERROR

in the date, is missing a signature, or is unreadable, crediting your donation to our church will be further delayed until the problem can be resolved. Please be careful when writing checks.

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.

Thank our adventures...

**SUPPORT
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for they have supported us.

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

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
Giselle Condon**

requested by
Rusty and Ann-Marie Fowler.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 25: Church Maintenance

June 1: No Second Collection

June 8: Fuel

**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 Marian Candelabrum will be lit on the Blessed Mother Altar on all Sundays in May.

**It is lit today in memory of
Simone Riviezzo**

requested by her daughter Mary
and family.





The Month of May
is dedicated to
Our Blessed Mother

Feast Days and Memorials

May 18: St. John I, Pope, 470-526

A native of Siena, Italy, Pope John I was in ill health when elected to the Papacy. He was sent on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople to speak for better treatment for Arians. Although he was received honorably, when he returned to Ravenna he was imprisoned and died of neglect and ill-treatment.

Pope John Paul II was born on May 18, 1920.

Born Karol J. Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland, he served as Pope from 1978 til his death in 2005.

May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, 1380-1444.

Patron of Advertisers, advertising, gambling addicts, hoarseness, chest problems

An Italian priest and Franciscan missionary, Bernardine was a noted reformer and eloquent preachers. He was known as the "Apostle of Italy" for his efforts to revive the country's Catholic faith during the 15th century. Devoted to the Most Holy Name of Jesus, he developed the use of the monogram IHS (an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus) as a way to refute other superstitious symbols of the time.

May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companians, Martyrs

A poor Mexican shepherd, Cristóbal Magallanes Jara entered a seminary at 19, and was ordained a priest at the age of 30. He helped to found schools, carpentry shops, and even major hydrological works such as dams. He founded a mission for the indigenous Huichol people and opened a seminary in his hometown. Although writing and preaching against armed rebellion, he was accused of promoting the Cristero Rebellion in the 1920s. He was arrested while on the way to celebrate Mass at a farm. Forgiving his executioners, St. Christopher Magallanes is quoted as saying, "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican Brethren."

May 22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious, 1381-1457

Patron of impossible causes and of women suffering sterility, abuse, loneliness, widowhood, and difficulties with marriage and parenting.

After her abusive husband was violently murdered, his widow urged forgiveness instead of the vendetta practiced in those days. She became an Augustinian nun and spent forty years in prayer, contemplation and service to the sick and the poor.

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer

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

<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 stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com



Sunday, May 18, 2025

Acts 14: 21-27; Ps 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Rv 21: 1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-3

Monday, May 19, 2025

Acts 14: 5-18; Ps 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16;
Jn 14: 21-26

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Acts 14: 19-28; Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Acts 15: 1-6l;
Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Acts 15: 7-21; Ps 96:
1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15 :9-11

Friday, May 23, 2025

Acts 15: 22-31 Ps 57 :8-9, 10 and 12;
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Acts 16: 1-10; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 5;
Jn 15: 18-21

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

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

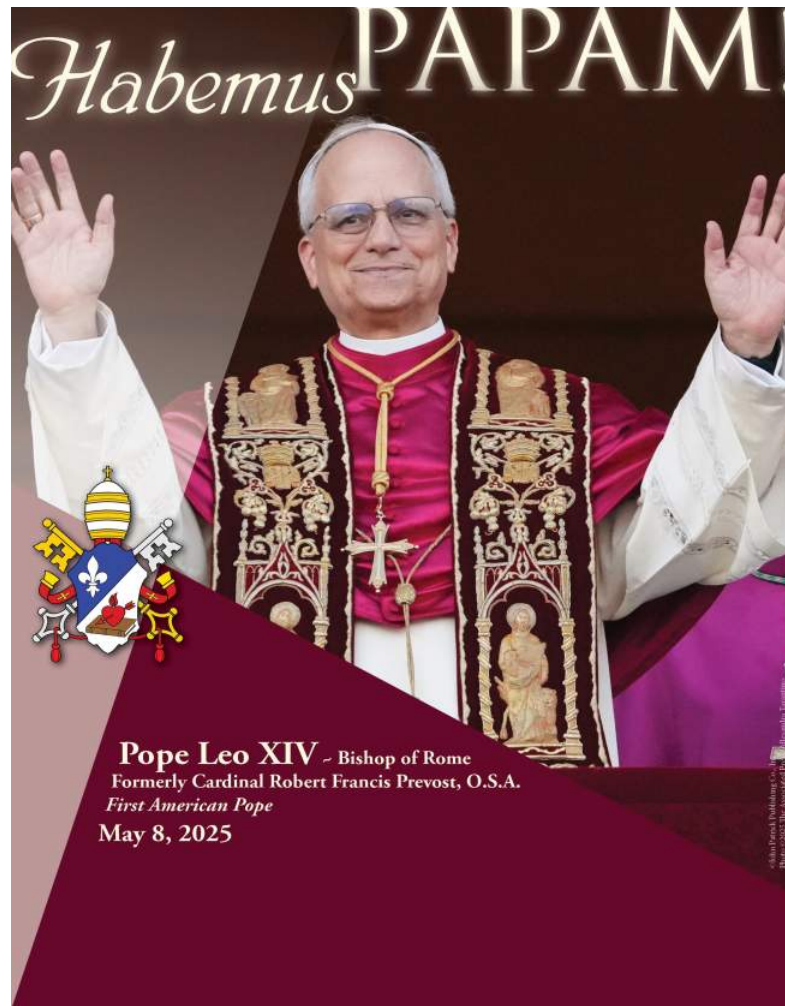
Becky Trombley

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Joshua White

Lawrence Woodward



The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D, Bishop of Manchester, the Roman Catholic Church in New Hampshire, has made the following statement about the election of Pope Leo XIV.

“Pope Francis, of blessed memory, created Cardinals across the face of the earth to more clearly exemplify the humanity, the languages, the cultures and the faces of the Universal Church, just as Jesus Himself commissioned the Apostles to ‘Go out to all the nations.’ And now, today, Cardinals from so many, many nations and cultures and circumstances who had come to the hill where Saint Peter was crucified and buried, chose the next Successor of Saint Peter, the next Vicar of Christ on Earth and, as he said in his introductory address to Rome and to the world, a son of Saint Augustine, an ‘Augustinian.’

Described by a former classmate as ‘extremely intelligent, and extremely compassionate,’ our Holy Father has chosen the name, Leo XIV. His predecessor of that name, Leo XIII, is considered the father of Catholic Social Teaching as he stood against the harsh demands against industrialized socialism that threatened and harmed family life at its core.

Having been born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, our present Pope Leo XIV, not only experienced the importance of work, but also the impact that a living faith would have on ensuring the dignity of human work and family life. The late Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., of Chicago embodied these very ideals, exhibiting the same characteristic intelligence and compassion attributed to our Pope Leo XIV.

Through the ministry of his Augustinian Religious Order, our Holy Father brought his gifts, under religious obedience, to his new assignment in Peru. As he spoke from the Loggia today, he addressed the clergy and people of his former shepherd’s heart. Pope Leo XIV arose from the United States of America yet is now a living symbol of unity; to be a bridge (pontifex) of peace not only among peoples, but between God and Humanity, Heaven and Earth.

‘Peace be with you all,’ he said, as he echoed the words of Jesus crucified on Good Friday and risen from the dead on Easter. Pope Leo XIV, Our Holy Father wished us to walk together ‘insieme’ he said in Italian several times; ‘insieme’ and together we will have access to the bridge that will lead us to our promised peace.”

**Hymns for the
5th Sunday of Easter**

Entrance Hymn: #259
"I Know That My
Redeemer Lives"

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

Offertory Hymn: #350
"Lord of All Nations,
Grant Me Grace"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #266
"The Strife Is O'er"



**CHOIR
REHEARSAL**

**Wed. May 21
6:30 pm**

**All are welcome
to join!**

**Please note the return
to Wednesday for the
summer.**

**MASS READINGS
C/561**

Memorial Acclamation
"Save us, Savior of the World"

**Diocesan Vocation
Awareness**

"By this everyone will know that
you are My disciples."

How will you manifest your
discipleship? Consider living the
Lord's new commandment of
love as a priest, deacon, sister
or brother.

**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)



THANK YOU

**to all who worked on our
Coffee Hour last Sunday
and those who brought
something to share.**



**This weekend we welcome Maryknoll Lay Missioners
Marcelo Maiorano and Kathleen Maynard**

who will share their mission experience at St. Joseph and
St. Mary Parishes as part of the Diocese of Manchester
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THANK YOU

to Jim Hanlon who recently
repainted the Ambo
(Pulpit) in the Sanctuary.

FUNDRAISER

Available after Mass in the
Parish Hall
**Large Tootsie Roll
\$2.00**

St Joseph Church Bulletin can be seen at

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

or at the link on our website at stjosephclaremont.org

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 un-
locked 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 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.

BECAUSE OF EARLY DEADLINES

throughout May, our May 25 bulletin has
already been sent to the printer. Please
send notices for the June 1 bulletin by
noon, Friday, May 23. 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.

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or
call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

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attachments.

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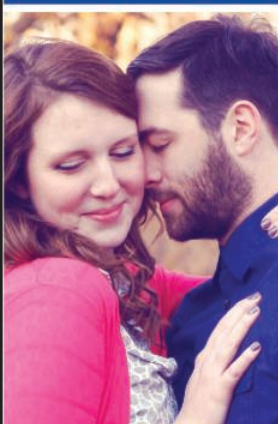
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