

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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September 7, 2025

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

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Sunday, September 7, 9:15 a.m.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

For the soul (†) of Fr. Stanley J. Piwowar

requested by Ron and Marilyn Gilbert

Wednesday, September 10, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Merrill McGuire

requested by his wife and Terry & Mike

Sunday, September 14, 9:15 a.m.

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Mathew Kallikat**

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga

requested by the Braga family

and

For the soul (†) of Roger Sheehan

requested by his godparents and for

Gary Merchant requested by his family

**Today's Special 2nd Collection is for
Humanitarian Aid for Gaza.**

Sunday, August 31, 2025	69 souls
Offertory	\$844.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
TOTAL at Mass 8-31-25	\$887.00
Parish Online Giving	
Offertory	\$256.79
Church Maintenance	\$19.68
TOTAL Online Giving	\$276.47
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$1,163.47

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:
Humanitarian Aid for Gaza**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is asking all bishops throughout the country to consider taking up a special collection in response to violence and war occurring in Gaza and the Middle East. To that end, Bishop Libasci is inviting all parishes in the diocese to voluntarily take up a special relief collection this weekend. You may make your donation with cash or by check payable to *St. Joseph Church* with "2025 Gaza Aid Collection" in the subject line. Our parish will send our total contributions to the Diocese of Manchester. We thank you for your generosity to this special appeal.

**UPCOMING 2nd
COLLECTIONS**

Sept. 14: Fuel
Sept. 21: No 2nd Collection
Sept. 28: Church Maintenance
Oct. 7: No 2nd Collection



**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:
Future of Our Faith II, *Jesus, I trust in You***



The NHCA supports the ministries such as the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more.

Our parish continues to work toward raising our parish goal of **\$9,116.00** for the NHCA. Thanks to the generosity of 23 parish families, we have raised **\$3,746.00** with a **pledge of an additional \$80** for a **total of \$3,826.00**. This represents 42% of our goal. If you have not donated yet to the appeal, please consider doing so now. We need the support of all our parish families in order to reach our goal without having to pay the balance from our parish savings.

Gift envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please make checks payable to NHCA and that they are correctly written. You may also make your gift by using the QR code above or by going online to www.catholicnh.org/nhca.

Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church. 90% of the funds raised above this goal will be returned to our parish this year.

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



**PLEASE MAKE SURE
all checks are correctly written.**
Check the date, the amount of the check (both words and numerals) and that it is signed. Thank you!

GRAND ANNUAL FUND
October 2024 - 2025 \$2,569.50
We thank the donors who contributed to this year's Fund since October 1, 2024.

**Mass, Sanctuary Lamp &
Candelabrum Intentions**

NOTE:
There are several dates available for Sanctuary Lamp intentions at this time.

Schedule with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass or by email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
Suggested donations: \$10.00.

Next Sunday we will welcome, Very Rev. Fr. Mathew Kallikat, Superior General of Fr. Sebastian's Order (HGN) who will be visiting Claremont from Friday, September 12th through Monday the 15th and will celebrate all the weekend Masses at both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Churches.

Feast Days and Memorials

Sept 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This 5th century feast, celebrating the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus, marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem. According to tradition, it was the location of the home of Mary's parents, where she would have been born. The feast began to be observed in the 8th century and is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God; the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sept 9: St Peter Claver, Priest, 1580-1654

Patron of slaves, the Republic of Colombia, and ministry to African Americans

St. Peter Claver was born at Catalonia, Spain, studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, and was inspired to travel to the Indies as a missionary. He was deeply affected by seeing the major slave market of the New World in what is now Colombia, where a thousand slaves were landed every month. After his ordination, he dedicated his work to the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Negro slave trade. He brought food on board the slave ships, cared for the sick and dying, and administered the Sacraments after giving instruction through Negro catechists. It is said that he did not abandon his converts when they left the ship, but traveled to the plantations where they were enslaved, encouraging them to live Christian lives and prevailing upon their masters to treat them humanely.

Sept 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

We venerate the name of Mary of because it belongs to the Mother of God, the holiest of creatures, the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Mercy. This feast, instituted in 1513 in Spain, commemorates all the privileges given to Mary by God and all the graces we have received through her intercession and mediation.

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Readings for the Week Sept. 7 - Sept. 13, 2025

Sunday Wis 9: 13-18b; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14: 25-33

Monday Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry

Homebound visits:

2nd Monday of every month\

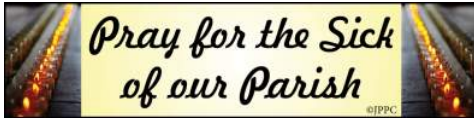
If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father Sebastian, call Steve Denis at 603-558-5209.

Father is assisted by one of the Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

Diocesan Vocation Awareness

"None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."
Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council Meeting
 Monday September 8th
 7:00 pm
 Council Chambers at
 St. Mary's Gym.

Fr. John Loughnane	Kallie Knight
Mandy Albanese	Tina Lange
John Arsenault	Carol Logan
Ashley Booher	The Lord family
Brooke	Matt
Jean Brown	Karen Ouellette
John Casey	Linda Patch
Elissa Coburn	Brenda Ruest
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Jean Drena	Paul Ruest
Emma	Sonya Sheehan
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Carol Girard	Darlene St. Aubin
Isabella Gowell	Barbara Trask
Gianna Gregorutti	Becky Trombley
Stephen Grogan	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Deborah Hemingway	Janice Vilgats
Christine Hunter	Daniel Walsh
Annette Lambert Huntington	Joshua White
Samuel Januszewski	Lawrence Woodward

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 will meet
 Tuesday September 9th
 6:30 pm
 St. Joseph Parish Hall



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Virgil H. Barber #892
100th Anniversary Celebration
Next Sunday, September 14,
 Mass at 2:00 pm
 St. Joseph Church
 All are invited to attend.

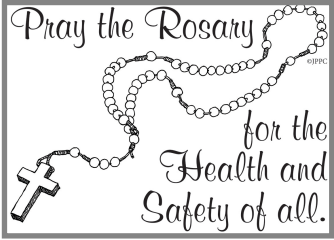
PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW
 BEFORE YOU LEAVE
 Please remove everything you brought with you and
 any literature you may have picked up while here.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR
 Students, Teachers, Administrators, and all who work each day to educate the children and adults in our community and across the world. May God guide, inspire, and protect them and all of those who care for and support them.

LOST & FOUND
 Please check the Vestibule area and the area by the front doors for items left behind.

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.



PLEASE BE WARY OF SPAM EMAILS & TEXTS
 that claim to be sent by Fr. Sebastian.
 Father does not generally contact parishioners this way. Please delete them and definitely do not open any attachments.

**Hymns for the 23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 305
"Praise to the Lord"

Gloria: (Latin) No. 161

Offertory Hymn: No. 384
"Take Up Your Cross"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 283
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Sept. 10, 6:30 pm

All are welcome
to join.



**MASS READINGS:
C/646**

**Memorial
Acclamation:
"When We Eat This
Bread"**



**CONFESSIONS
St. Mary Church**

Fridays:
After 9:00 am Mass

Saturdays:
Before 4pm Mass
(3:00 to 3:45 pm)



**IT's SEPTEMBER...
and October isn't far behind!**

**We're planning our events for
Polish American Heritage Month
and need your help!**

- Planning & organizing
- Food prep
- Helping In the church hall kitchen
- Setting up and cleaning up
- Serving and otherwise assisting
etc. etc. etc.

Call Sharon Wood 603-542-6354
or Betty Gierko 603-542-2394



SEPTEMBER 9th
would have been
Fr. Stan's 100th birthday.

We will remember him
at our Coffee Hour
Sunday, Sept 14.

Please bring something to
share.

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

St. Mary Church

Welcome Fall Bake Sale

FOLLOWING:
September 13, 4:00 mass
September 14, 8:00 & 10:30 masses



Call Gail Leclerc-Roberts @ 603-543-4187 to coordinate your support.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send information for the
Sept. 14 bulletin by Tues. Sept. 9
to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

If you use email and would like to be
placed on the Parish email list to re-
ceive 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
issue older than what is there.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have not registered as a member of St. Joseph Parish, you
can find a registration form at the back of the church or download
and print one from our website, stjosephclaremont.org

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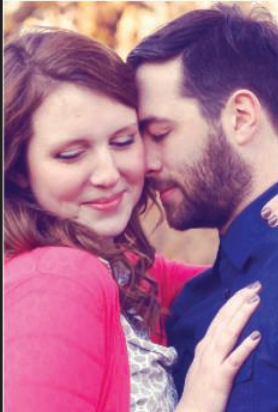
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