

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, September 14, 9:15 a.m. Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Celebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Matthew 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

Wednesday, September 17, 5:00 pm

For the souls (†) of Don and Marie Perry
requested by Terry, Mike and Helen

Sunday, September 21, 9:15 a.m. Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fifteenth Sunday after Pentacost

for the soul (†) of Jerome H. O'Mara & for Matt O'Mara
requested by Mary V. O'Mara

and

for the soul (†) of Peg Connolly
requested by Jim Hanlon

Today's Second Collection is for Fuel

Sunday, September 7, 2025	70 souls
Offertory	\$1,064.00
Humanitarian Aid for Gaza	\$372.00
Votives and Sanctuary Lamp	\$45.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
Total at Mass 9-7-25	\$1,491.00
Parish Online Giving	
Offertory	\$644.80
Church Maintenance	\$174.20
Fuel	\$75.60
TOTAL Online Giving	\$894.60
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,385.60



TODAY WE WELCOME
the Very Rev. Fr. Matthew Kallikat, HGN,
 Fr. Sebastian's Superior, as the celebrant for all
 Masses at St. Mary and St. Joseph Churches.

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

**UPCOMING 2nd
 COLLECTIONS**
 Sept. 21: No 2nd Collection
 Sept. 28: Church Maintenance
 Oct. 7: No 2nd Collection'
 Oct. 14: Fuel

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!

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





The NHCA supports essential ministries such as the increasing needs of parishes, our communities, 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.



**Mass, Sanctuary Lamp &
 Candelabrum Intentions**

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

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

Intentions for the lighting of the
 Marian Candelabrum
 on the Blessed Mother Altar
 may now be scheduled for
 October Sundays.





Feast Days and Memorials

Sept. 15: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

This feast day recalls the intense suffering and grief Our Blessed Mother felt during Our Lord's passion and death. She is sometimes depicted with seven swords piercing her heart, representing the Seven Dolours or Seven Sorrows of Mary.

- #1 The Prophecy of Simeon:** "And you yourself a sword will pierce" (Lk 2:35).
- #2 The Flight into Egypt:** "The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him'" (Mt 2:13).
- #3 The Search for the Child in Jerusalem:** "After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety'" (Lk 2:46, 48).
- #4 Mary meets Jesus in His Way to the Cross:** "And carrying the cross himself . . ." (Jn 19:17). "A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him" (Lk 23:27)
- #5 Standing at the Foot of the Cross:** " . . .were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:25–27).
- #5 Crucifixion and Descent from the Cross:** "After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body" (Jn 19:38).
- #6 Assisting at the Burial of Christ:** "The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils" (Lk 23:55, 56).
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Sept. 16: Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

Pope Cornelius and Bishop Cyprian of Carthage preached forgiveness towards Christians whose faith had wavered during the time of persecution. Pope Cornelius' policy, which was supported by Cyprian, set the standard for the later Catholic theology of a "universal" church ministering to lifelong sinners as well as to saints. Cyprian is second in importance only to the great Saint Augustine as a figure and Father of the African church.

Sept. 17: Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621, Doctor of the Church

Patron of catechists and catechumens

This Italian theologian was a cardinal, an adviser to popes, and a strong defender of the Church. A Jesuit priest, he taught theology and served as personal theological adviser to Pope Clement VIII. He was elevated to Cardinal and was a respected papal counselor.

Sept. 17: Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

A sickly child, Hildegard was promised to God and placed in the care of a Benedictine nun at the age of eight. She became a noted writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, and German Benedictine abbess. Despite never having any formal education and not knowing how to write, Hildegard attained great knowledge of natural science, including herbs and medicinal arts. She was an important figure in the history of music, with more of her chant compositions surviving than those of any other medieval composer.

Sept 19: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr, d. circa 305 A.D.

Patron of blood banks, volcanic eruptions, and Naples

Januarius was born in Benevento, Italy during the reign of Emperor Diocletian and his persecutions of Christians. At a young age, he became a priest in that relatively pagan region and later, Bishop. He hid his fellow Christians to keep them from being arrested, until he was captured, imprisoned, and suffered martyrdom.

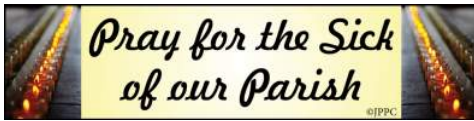
Sept. 20: Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim, Tae'gon, 1821-1846, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Terrible persecutions occurred in the 19th century, between 1839 and 1867, with more than a hundred Christians martyred. Included among these were the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon, and a lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Although there were a few other priests and bishops among them, the majority were lay people—men, women, and children—who gave their lives for their faith.

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Fr. John Loughnane	Kallie Knight
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Readings for the Week
September 14 - September 20, 2025

Sunday Nm 21: 4b-9; Ps 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-38
Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17

Monday 1 Tm 2: 1-8; Ps 28: 2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19: 25-27
or Lk 2: 33-35

Tuesday 1 Tm 3: 1-13; Ps 101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5,6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3: 14-16; Ps 111: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 7: 31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4: 12-16; Ps 111: 7-8, 9, 10;
Lk 7: 36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6: 2c-12; Ps 49: 6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;
Lk 8: 1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6: 13-16; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Lk 8:4-15

Diocesan Vocation Awareness

“So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
Do you want to lift up others in Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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

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

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.

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

An umbrella was left in a pew last Sunday. It is in a box in the vestibule.

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 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Entrance Hymn: No. 423

"Lift High the Cross"
(Verses 1,2, & 3)

Gloria: (English)

No. 106 in supplement

Offertory Hymn: No. 384

"Take Up Your Cross"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 423

"Lift High the Cross"
(Verses 4 & 5)

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Sept. 17, 6:30 pm

All are welcome
to join.



MASS READINGS:

C/763

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)

VOLUNTEERS ↓
*What would we do
without them?*



COFFEE HOUR
AFTER MASS TODAY

We will be remembering our former pastor,
Fr. Stanley J. Piwowar
in celebration of the 100th anniversary
of his birth, September 9, 1925.

ALL ARE WELCOME NO CHARGE
FREE WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED



**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

PLEASE JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON

Court Virgil H. Barber #892

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

100th Anniversary Mass

2:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send information for the Sept. 21 bulletin by Tues. Sept. 16 to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

St Joseph Church Bulletin can be seen at

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

or at the link on our website at stjosephclaremont.org

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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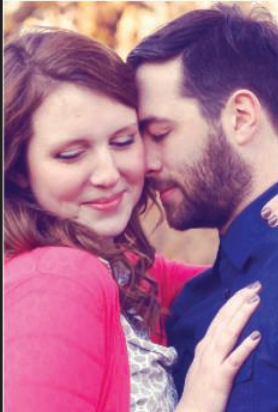
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