

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



October 26, 2025

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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith, Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown

### Sunday, October 26, 9:15 a.m.

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 20th Sunday after Pentacost**  
for the soul (†) of Dominic DiBella req. by Rick & Carol Logan  
and

for the souls (†) of Franciszek & Czesława Długosiewicz  
requested by their daughter

### Tuesday, October 28, 9:00 am

Healing Mass at St. Mary Church

### Wednesday, October 29, 5:00 pm

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

### Sunday, November 2, 9:15 a.m.

#### All Souls Day

for the soul (†) of Jerome H. O'Mara, Sr. requested by his daughter

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance..

<b>Sunday, October 19, 2025</b>	<b>75 souls</b>
Offertory	\$804.00
World Mission Collection	\$288.15
Fuel	\$10.00
Votive Candles	\$14.00
KofC Donation for 2026 Calendars	\$100.00
All Souls Day Intentions	\$30.00
Additional Polish Dinner	\$175.00
<b>Total at Sunday Mass 10-19-25</b>	<b>\$1,421.15</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	
Offertory	\$407.28
Fuel	\$118.92
<b>TOTAL Online</b>	<b>\$526.20</b>
<b>TOTAL at Masses and Online</b>	<b>\$1,947.35</b>

**Today is Polish American Heritage Sunday!**  
**Our Mass and Coffee Hour today conclude this month's celebration. Please join us in the church hall after Mass. All are welcome!**  
**Dziękuję bardzo! Thank you so much!**

**GRAND ANNUAL FUND**

We began our parish's Grand Annual Fund on October 1. This is not a one-time collection taken up at a weekend Mass, but 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.

Grand Annual Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are not able to bring your weekly offertory or other donations to Mass, you may mail them to St Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743 or donate online at our website: [stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)

**MANY THANKS**  
**TO THOSE WHO HAVE JUST**  
**BEGUN USING ONLINE GIVING!**



**UPCOMING**  
**2nd COLLECTIONS**

- Nov. 2: Fuel
- Nov. 9: Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS)
- Nov. 16: Church Maintenance



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



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](http://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.

**November 2nd is All Souls Day**

Envelopes to be placed on the altar during the month are available at the back of the church. Please write the names of your memorial intentions on the envelope and put it in the collection basket with your donation.

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 Simone Riviezzo**  
 requested by his daughter Mary Stone and family.



**Mass and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions may be scheduled in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass.**

Suggested donation:  
 \$10.00.

**The Marian Candelabrum intentions for October are all filled. We thank those who participated.**

The Marian Candelabrum will be lit on the Blessed Mother Altar on the Sundays in October.

**It is lit today**  
**in memory of Eva Frenette**  
 requested by Mary Stone and family.



## Feast Days and Memorials

### Oct: 28: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

This feast day is shared by two of the original followers of Jesus who suffered martyrdom together. Simon, surnamed the "Canaanite" or the "Zealot" for his rigid adherence to both Jewish and Canaanite laws, preached in Egypt before traveling to Persia with St. Jude. Jude's parents were Clopas and Mary, a cousin of the Virgin Mary. He was also known as "Thaddaeus" (Courageous). St. Jude is the patron saint of those in despair or in hopeless situations.



### Nov 1: Solemnity of All Saints (Wszystkich Świętych)

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on the 1st of November. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have entered heaven. The feast was formally begun by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609AD. The holy day, dedicated to the saints and their relics, was eventually moved by Pope Gregory III to November 1.

### Nov 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Traditionally known as All Souls' Day, this is day dedicated to all those who have died but have not yet entered heaven. We pray that their time in Purgatory will be short and that they will soon enter their heavenly home.

#### Zaduszki or Dzień Zaduszny : All Souls Day In Poland

In Poland, the commemoration of All Souls Day begins on the eve of the feast day. It is a beloved Polish tradition to make a trip to the cemetery on the 1st of November, to light candles, tell family stories and share in laughter, love and prayers at the graves of loved ones. Families travel across the country to reconnect with their relatives. In preparation, tombstones are cleaned, leaves are raked, and fresh flowers and candles are placed. Graves of those whose families have long since passed on are cared for by school or scouting groups. In the evening, the families return home where they enjoy a traditional meal.



[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

[franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

Butler's Lives of Patron Saints

#### ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, Nov. 1

NOT A

Holy Day of Obligation  
this year.

The Month of October is Dedicated to  
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary



#### Diocesan Vocation Awareness

"All who humble themselves will be exalted."

Is humble service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, your path of holiness and eternal glory in Christ?

Contact the Vocation Office.  
(603) 663-0196  
[cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.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 one of the Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send information for the Nov. 2 bulletin by Tuesday Oct. 28 to [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com) or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

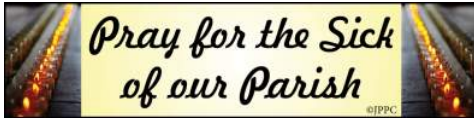
#### PARISH REGISTRATION

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](http://stjosephclaremont.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.



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

**Readings for the Week**  
**October 26 - November 1, 2025**

**Sunday** Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18; Ps 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18; Lk 18: 9-14

**Monday** Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68: 2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:1 0-17

**Tuesday** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16

**Wednesday** Rom 8: 26-30; Ps 13: 4-5, 6; Lk 13: 22-30

**Thursday** Rom 8: 31b-39; Ps 109: 21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13: 31-35

**Friday** Rom 9: 1-5; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14: 1-6

**Saturday** Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12a

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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

**DON'T FORGET**  
to set your clocks  
**BACK 1 HOUR**  
before you retire on  
**Saturday, November 1,**  
as we return to Standard Time.

**CHURCH SUPPER**

Lasagna Dinner  
Saturday November 1, 2025  
St Joseph's Church Hall  
58 Elm St  
Claremont, NH  
4:30 – 6:30  
Eat In or Take Out  
\$15.00



Menu Includes  
Lasagna, Salad, Dessert, and  
Beverage  
Dairy Free Option Available  
Pasta with meat sauce  
Handicap Accessible



**DESSERTS NEEDED!**  
Do you have a favorite Apple or Pumpkin dessert that you can bring to our Lasagna Supper to share?  
Please contact Jean Duval, 603-477-9608.

**October is  
Respect Life Month**



A baby shower box will be on the table at the back of the church until the end of October for donations to the Pregnancy Center in Claremont.

New, unwrapped gifts, such as diapers, onesies, baby outfits and sweaters for sizes newborn to 2 years, and blankets are suggested. Monetary donations are also welcome.

**Information:**  
**Juanita Sweet**  
[juanitajoy2@gmail.com](mailto:juanitajoy2@gmail.com)

**Hymns for  
Polish American Heritage Sunday**

Polish hymns are in handouts at the back of the church.

**Entrance Hymn:** "Serdeczna Matko"  
(Beloved Mother)

**Gloria: (Latin) No. 161**

**Offertory Hymn:** "Swiety, Swiety, Swiety"  
(Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Post Communion Hymn:**  
"My chcemy Boga"

**Recessional Hymns:**  
"Idzmy, Tulmy Sie Jak Dziaatki" and  
"Boze, cos Polske"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL  
Wednesday.**

**October 29, 6:30pm**

**All are welcome  
to join.**

**MASS READINGS:  
C/667**

**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)

**POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Thank you to all who attended and assisted with our Cooking Class. It was our 34th since the event began in 1990. Our cooks and their recipes that year were Grace Staszkiwicz: Bigos (Cabbage Soup); Peter Kwiatek with Makowiec (Poppyseed Roll) and Arline Marro with Chruściki (Angel Wings). There were 19 people attending and we requested a donation of \$2 each.

Attendance over the years ranged from 20 to 60 and we slowly raised our requested donations to cover the increasing cost of the food served. There was some grumbling when we asked for \$4 after staying at \$3 for the previous 7 years! But people kept coming for what was always an enjoyable event!



**COFFEE HOUR  
AFTER MASS  
TODAY!  
PLEASE JOIN US**

**A hot breakfast is  
planned.**

**All are welcome! No charge!  
Free will offerings appreciated!**

**Our 2025 Cooking Class Chefs**

**Tom Pryzby, Donna and John Doyle, Kathi and Walter Hoszkiewicz**



**Polish Week at the Old Courthouse  
30 Main Street, Newport, NH**

**October 29 through November 1, 2025  
Lunch and Dinner**

Celebrating Polish Heritage Month with hand-crafted pierogi, golumpki, and other national dishes on their Polish inspired menu!

Reservations recommended  
603-863-8360

<http://eatatthecourthouse.com/>

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

In 2005 Jane Rastalis, owner of The Old Courthouse, consulted our Polish Month Committee about her idea to feature a Polish menu in October. We gave advice about recipes and scheduled representatives of St. Joseph Church in folk costume to serve as hosts and hostesses for dinner during that week. In return, a donation was made to St. Joseph Church for our Polish Month activities.

We continued participating for several years. Fr. George Majka even joined us a few times and his presence at the dinners was very much enjoyed!

The Polish menu on the last week of October at The Old Courthouse has become a popular tradition, although we no longer serve as hosts. We're pleased to have been able to promote St. Joseph Church and its history through this collaboration for as long as we did.

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