

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



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## Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith, Sharon Wood

## Music Director

Richard Brown

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

### All Souls Day

for the soul (†) of Jerome H. O'Mara, Sr.  
requested by his daughter  
and for the soul (†) of Tony Knight  
requested by his sister, Jane Dombroski

## Wednesday, November 5, 5:00 pm

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

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

### Feast of The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

For Cody Comstock requested by his godparents  
and for the soul (†) of Ashley Januszewski  
requested by her family

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel**

<b>Sunday, October 26, 2025</b>	<b>83 souls</b>
Offertory	\$980.00
Church Maintenance	\$466.00
Security Camera Upgrade	\$5,500.00
Grand Annual Fund	\$2,500.00
Polish Cooking Class	\$245.00
All Souls Day Intentions	\$225.00
Votive Candles	\$12.00
Sanctuary Lamp	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
<b>Total at Sunday Mass 10-26-25</b>	<b>\$9,978.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	
<b>Total Online: Offertory</b>	<b>\$256.87</b>
<b>TOTAL at Masses and Online</b>	<b>\$10,234.87</b>

**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.

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 Ellm Street, Claremont, NH 03743 or donate online at our website: [stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)

**We thank this year's first donor for their contribution of \$2,500.00 to our 2025 Grand Annual Fund.**



**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 24 parish families, we have now raised \$4,746.00 with a pledge of an additional \$80 for a total of \$4,826.00.** This represents 53% 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.

**UPCOMING  
2nd COLLECTIONS**

- Nov. 9:** Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS)
- Nov. 16:** Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Black and Indian Missions (one collection; two purposes)
- Nov. 23:** Church Maintenance

**The Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS)**

is a national Catholic organization approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and managed by the AMS. It provides spiritual services to U.S. military personnel and their families worldwide, relying on donations for its funding. Next week's national collection is held every three years on the Sunday before Veterans Day, to support the AMS's vital mission.

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 for all the Faithful Departed of St. Joseph Parish.



**MANY THANKS**  
to the Zurek-Couto Trust for the generous donation for upgrading our security camera. It is greatly appreciated.

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

**Mass stipend for Priest: \$10**

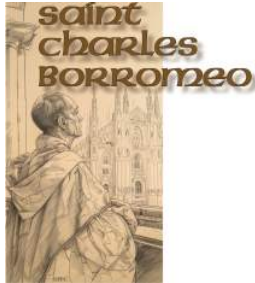
**Suggested donation for Candle Intentions: \$10.00.**

## Feast Days and Memorials

### Nov 3: St Martin de Porres, Religious, 1579-1639

Patron of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony

A child of mixed race born in Peru, Martin was raised in poverty and subject to ill treatment and discrimination. Apprenticed to a barber-surgeon, he learned to care for wounds and to prepare and administer medicine. He served as a “lay helper” among the Dominicans, and after proving himself through charity, humility and prayerful and penitential habits, he was admitted to the order. Martin treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He helped to found an orphanage, cared for slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory. A formidable fundraiser, he obtained thousands of dollars for dowries for poor girls so that they could marry or enter a convent. Many of his fellow religious took Martin as their spiritual director, but he continued to call himself a “poor slave.” He was a good friend of Rose of Lima, also a Dominican saint of Peru.



### Nov 4: St Charles Borromeo, 1538-1584, Bishop

Patron of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians, spiritual leaders

Young Charles Borromeo, the son of a Count, was born with a speech impediment and wasn't expected to accomplish much in his life. Instead, he earned a doctorate in canon and civil law and, at only twenty-three years old, became Secretary of State to his uncle, Pope Pius IV. Borromeo used his leadership role in the Vatican to promote learning and was known as a young, idealistic reformer. He became a priest and eventually Archbishop of Milan.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation, Archbishop Borromeo knew that reform was needed within the Catholic Church. He founded schools, seminaries and colleges to educate clergy. Famine struck Milan in 1576, followed by the plague. Archbishop Borromeo used his own family fortune to feed the starving people and went deep into debt when his funds were depleted.

St. Charles Borromeo has a beautiful shrine in the Milan Cathedral and is often depicted in art wearing his robes, barefoot, carrying the cross with a rope around his neck and his arm raised in blessing.

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

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

Butler's Lives of Patron Saints

National Vocation Awareness Week  
Nov 2-8

#### Diocesan Vocation Awareness

“Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life.”

Will you show Christ to others 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)

#### Today 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.

#### EMAIL SCAM

Parishioners are receiving what looks like text messages from Fr. Sebastian requesting gift cards. Please do not respond. Block the number.

#### SAFETY & 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 one of the Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

Feast of The  
Presentation of Mary

# MISSA CANTATA

**NOV. 21, 2025 6:00PM**

COME ONE AND ALL!  
SACRED HEART  
PARISH  
2 HOUGH ST. LEBANON, NH

Come and experience the beauty and tradition of the Roman Catholic Mass in the Ordinary Form completely sung, as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Mary. If you have never been to one, you don't want to miss this! Young Adult fellowship to follow.



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**  
**November 2 - 8, 2025**

**Sunday** Wis 3: 1-9; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Rom 5: 5-11 or Rom 6: 3-9; Jn 6: 37-40

**Monday** Rom 11: 29-36; Ps 69: 30-31, 33-34, 36;  
Lk 14: 12-14

**Tuesday** Rom 12: 5-16b; Ps 131: 1bcde, 2, 3;  
Lk 14: 15-24

**Wednesday** Rom 13: 8-10 Ps; 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9;  
Lk 14: 25-33

**Thursday** Rom 14: 7-12; Ps 27: 1bcde, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 15: 1-10

**Friday** Rom 15: 14-21; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
Lk 16: 1-8

**Saturday** Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145: 2-3,  
4-5, 10-11; Lk 16: 9-15

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, then call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454 or send an email to: [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)



Next Sunday, November 9  
**COFFEE HOUR AFTER MASS**  
No Charge  
Free Will Offerings Accepted  
All are Welcome!  
Please Bring Something to Share  
Please Join Us!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**Council Meeting**  
Monday November 10th  
7:00 pm  
Council Chambers at  
St. Mary's Gym.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
will meet  
Tuesday November 11th  
6:00 pm  
St. Joseph Parish Hall

**THANK YOU**  
to all who worked on and  
attended our  
**Lasagna Dinner on Saturday!**

**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)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
Please send information for the Nov. 9 bulletin by Tuesday Nov. 4 to [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com) or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

**Prolife Ministry**  
Thank you to everyone who brought a gift for the baby shower box that was given to the Pregnancy Center in Claremont.  
**Information:**  
**Juanita Sweet**  
[juanitajoy2@gmail.com](mailto:juanitajoy2@gmail.com)

Hymns for All Souls Day

Entrance Antiphon (Choir)

No Gloria

Offertory Hymn: #356

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymns #458:

"May Saints and Angels Lead You On"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Saturday.**

**November 8, 1:30pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
CHANGE IN DAY AND  
TIME SINCE THE  
RETURN TO  
STANDARD TIME.**

**All are welcome  
to join.**

**MASS READINGS:  
767**

**Memorial  
Acclamation:  
"We Proclaim Your  
Death O Lord"**

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Mary Church**

**Fridays:**

After 9:00 am Mass

**Saturdays:**

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

### THANK YOU

to everyone who helped with our  
Coffee Hour and all who joined us  
after Mass as we concluded our  
celebration of  
Polish American Heritage Month!  
Dziękuję bardzo!

### POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Once again we gratefully acknowledge and thank everyone who contributed to the success of our 2025 Polish American Heritage Month festivities. Those who attended our 9:15 am Mass were surprised to discover that the Most Reverend Bishop Peter Libasci was our celebrant. We thank him sincerely for joining Fr. Sebastian at St. Joseph Church's altar to celebrate Holy Mass and deliver the homily. We were sorry he couldn't stay for our Coffee Hour, as he was whisked off to St. Mary Church to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at their 10:30 am Mass.

**Dziękuję bardzo!, Wasza Ekscelencja!**



Right and below:

We welcomed the  
Most Reverend  
Bishop Peter Libasci  
as our celebrant for  
our Polish Heritage  
Sunday Mass.



**Below:**

Sherri and Sharon  
continue the tradition of  
attending our  
Polish Heritage Sunday  
Mass and Coffee Hour  
in traditional  
folk dress.



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