

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



November 16, 2025

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman

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Music Director

Richard Brown

Sunday, November 16, 9:15 a.m. Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Twenty-third Sunday after Pentacost

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga
requested by the Braga family
and

for Samuel Januszewski
requested by his mother

Wednesday, November 19, 5:00 pm

For the souls (†) listed on the All Souls Day list

Sunday, November 23, 9:15 a.m. Solemnity of Christ the King

For the soul (†) of Halford Jones
requested by Emelda Jones and family

**Today's 2nd Collection is for the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
and Black and Indian Missions
(one collection; two purposes)**

Sunday, November 9, 2025	68 souls
Offertory	\$1,031.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$274.00
Polish Month donations	\$100.00
All Souls Day intentions	\$100.00
Grand Annual Fund	\$20.00
Votives	\$17.00
Total at Sunday Mass 11-9-25	\$1,542
Online Giving	
Offertory	\$657.40
Church Maintenance	\$75.60
Fuel	\$50.00
Total Online:	\$783.00
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,325.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS
Nov. 23: Church Maintenance
Nov. 30: No 2nd Collection
Dec. 7: Fuel
Dec. 14: Retirement Fund for Religious

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 **Julius and Gladys (Kudej) Fray** requested by their daughter and family.



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.





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

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

2025 Grand Annual Fund: \$2,520.00

 **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. 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 Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection helps African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ALL SOULS.

Feast Days and Memorials

Nov 17: St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious, 1207-1231

Patron of bakers, beggars, brides, charities, the death of children, the homeless, widows

The daughter of the King and Queen of Hungary, Elizabeth lived a life of prayer and service to the poor. With the support of her noble German husband, she led an austere simple life, wearing simple clothing, practicing penance, and devoting herself to works of charity. She founded a hospital in honor of St. Francis, where she ministered to the sick. She cared for flood victims and brought bread to the poor each day. St Elizabeth died at the young age of twenty-four.

Nov 18: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

This feast day celebrates two great apostles and the Roman churches built by the Emperor Constantine over their graves. St. Peter, the first Pope, was given the keys to the Kingdom and told by Jesus, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Paul was the great evangelist to the Gentiles and symbolizes the Church's missionary life. We are centered and unified by St. Peter the Rock and are told to go out to the ends of the Earth sharing the Gospel with all, like St. Paul.

Nov 18: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin, 1769-1852

Patron of Perseverance and Adversity

Born into a prominent French family, Rose became a missionary who founded the first Sacred Heart convent in Paris and the first one in the United States in St. Charles, Missouri. She was also the founder of an Indian mission among the Potawatomi at Sugar Creek (in present-day Kansas) and of the first free school west of the Mississippi. St. Rose Duchesne was beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1940 and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Nov 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day is based on an ancient tradition that says that Jesus' grandparents, Joachim and Anne, received a message from God telling them they would have a child. When she was three- years-old, they brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem to thank God for the gift of a daughter and consecrated her life to The Lord. We, too, are invited to surrender our lives to the Lord, and those who are parents are reminded of their solemn responsibility to present their children for Baptism.

Nov 22: St Cecelia, 2nd-3rd centuries, Virgin, Martyr

Patron of musicians and of sacred music



Cecelia has been honored in Rome since the 5th century and is known for her legendary poem, *Passio*, which exalts Christian virginity. She is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand because she spoke of hearing the song of God in her heart. Our St. Cecelia Choir was named in her honor. She is pictured in the beautiful stained glass window in our choir loft.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

MISSA CANTATA

Nov 21, 2025 6:00pm

Sacred Heart Parish
2 Hough Street, Lebanon, NH

Roman Catholic Mass
in the Ordinary Form
completely sung.
Young adult fellowship
to follow.

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.

The Traveling Statue of Mary Program

is a program of the New Hampshire State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Parishioners of St. Joseph and St Mary Churches are encouraged to welcome the statue into their home for a week or two and gather family, friends or neighbors to pray the rosary together.

Pamphlets and blessed rosaries are provided.
Call Steve Denis at 603-558-5209

Diocesan Vocation Awareness

"By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life,

Contact the Vocation Office.
(603) 663-0196

Feeling a need to contribute?

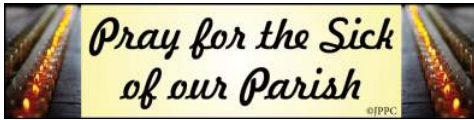
Would you like to feel fulfilled?

VOLUNTEER TODAY

We are so very grateful for our parishioners and friends who volunteer to help with our parish's regular weekly responsibilities and special events. If you can help with one of the following, please talk to Fr. Sebastian, Richard Brown, or Rick Logan.

Training will be given in the guidelines and responsibilities of each position.

**Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Security, Bulletin, Choir,
Church Cleaning, Rectory Housekeeper (only a few hours a week)**



Fr. John Loughnane	Kallie Knight
Mandy Albanese	Tina Lange
John Arsenault	Carol Logan
Mark Baril	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
Eva Jane Demers	Paul Ruest
Jean Drena	Sonya Sheehan
Emma	Joan Silver
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Carol Girard	Darlene St. Aubin
Isabella Gowell	Barbara Trask
Gianna Gregorutti	Becky Trombley
Stephen Grogan	Janice Vilgats
Deborah Hemingway	Daniel Walsh
Christine Hunter	Joshua White
Annette Lambert Huntington	Lawrence Woodward
Samuel Januszewski	

Readings for the Week
November 17 - 22, 2025

Sunday Mal 3: 19-20a; Ps 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3: 7-12; Lk 21: 5-19

Monday 1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18: 35-43

Tuesday 2 Mc 6: 18-31; Ps 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19: 1-10

Wednesday 2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31; Ps 17: 1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19: 11-28


Thursday 1 Mc 2: 15-29; Ps 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19: 41-44

Friday 1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29: 10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19: 45-48


Saturday 1 Mc 6: 1-13; Ps 9: 2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19; Lk 20: 27-40

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

THANK YOU!
to everyone who helped
with our Coffee Hour last
Sunday, to all who
brought something to share, and those
who joined us after Mass.




Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chee Chee Tyrrell who passed away last Sunday.


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

4th Degree and 3rd Degree Social
Monday, November 17, 6pm
Sumner House, 122 Main Street,
Charlestown, NH

St. Mary's Prolife Ministry Information:
Juanita Sweet
juanitajoy2@gmail.com

SAFETY & SECURITY
Please remember to lock your car doors when attending any event in the church. Once Mass begins Sunday morning, the side door of the church facing the rectory will be locked. The front door will be unlocked for any late arrivals. An usher will be inside the church to assist you.

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, stjosephsclaremont.org

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES
Our publisher has notified us of early deadlines for November and December because of the coming holidays.

Please send information for the
Nov. 23rd bulletin by Mon. Nov. 17
Nov. 30th bulletin by Thurs. Nov. 20th
to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

Hymns for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn #317:
"We Gather Together"

Gloria (English) #106 in supplement]

Offertory Hymn: #319
"Father, We Thank Thee, Who Hast Planted"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn #318:
Recessional Hymn: No. 318
"Let All Things Now Living"

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Saturday.
November 22, 1:00pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE
CHANGE IN DAY AND
TIME.**

All are welcome
to join.

MASS READINGS: C/676

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)

TURKEY PARTY

Thursday November 20th

St Joseph's Church Hall

58 Elm St

Claremont, NH

Doors open at 6 pm

Party starts at 7 pm

Door prizes

Raffles

Refreshments available



The Turkey Party Committee

needs volunteer
workers and items
to be given away as
door prizes.
If you can help,
please contact
Rusty Fowler at
603-843-8190.

INDIAN FOOD SPICY & DELICIOUS (Prepared by Fr. Sebastian)

Date: Friday, November 21, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:

Chicken, Masala Curry, Beef
Chukka, Fried Rice, White Rice,
Dal Fry, Spicy Papad, Lassi,
Indian Pickles, Salad, Desserts,
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

Seats are Limited

Please RSVP to:

St. Mary Rectory at (603) 542-9518 or

stmarysclaremont@comcast.net

There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the church following
all Masses

Free Will Offering

All Proceeds to the Parish

No Take-Outs will be available.

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday November 29th

9am – 1 pm

St Joseph's Church Hall

58 Elm St

Claremont, NH

Refreshments Available



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Vendors are still
being accepted.

Contact Mary Brown at
stjoseph03743@gmail.com
if interested.

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONCERNING ST. MARY CEMETERY:

The official closing of Catholic cemeteries and burial grounds in New Hampshire was Columbus Day weekend. Continuing with the parish informational campaign concerning St. Mary Cemetery to re-educate us all on the importance and beauty of Christian burial in a Roman Catholic cemetery, we will continue to solely follow the Diocese of Manchester's rules and regulations as we end this past season and look towards the holiday season and 2026.

All plastic flowers and potted plants will be removed by November 30th. In preparation for next season, please be advised that **PLASTIC FLOWERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**. Please plan accordingly.

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, this year Christmas wreaths will be permitted from Saturday, November 22, 2025, until Saturday, January 10, 2026. All wreaths must be either attached to the monument/headstone or placed on a stand in front of the monument/headstone.

For a copy of the Diocese of Manchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations, please contact the office.

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pray for us!



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