

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



November 23, 2025

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Music Director

Richard Brown

Sunday, November 23, 9:15 a.m.

Solemnity of Christ the King

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

Wednesday, November 26, 5:00 pm

For the souls (†) on the All Souls Day List

Sunday, November 30, 9:15 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

For the soul (†) of Wendell Stone
requested by his daughter-in-law Mary Stone & family

Advent Evening Prayer, 3:00 pm

(See more information inside)

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance

Sunday, November 16, 2025	85 souls
Offertory	\$821.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Black and Indian Missions	\$393.00
Fuel	\$500.00
Votives	\$19.00
Total at Sunday Mass 11-16-25	\$1,733.00
Online Giving	
Offertory	\$209.80
Fuel	\$18.60
Total Online:	\$228.40
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$1,961.40

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 and the refund of the \$1,000 raised over our 2024 goal, we now have raised \$5,746.00 with a pledge of an additional \$80 for a total of \$5,826.00.** This represents **64%** 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.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

**The Divine Office: Vespers
Evening Prayer of the Church
Sundays at 3:00pm; Nov. 30 - Dec. 14**

Instructions will be given for the EWTN format, which includes about 20 minutes of spoken prayer, the Office Hymn and the Magnificat. St. Pope Paul VI encouraged the laity to pray the Divine Office, which is not only for priests and religious. Please take a break from the hectic holiday season and join us to refocus on the "reason for the season."

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

- Nov. 30:** No 2nd Collection
- Dec. 7:** Fuel
- Dec. 14:** Retirement Fund for Religious
- Dec. 21:** No 2nd Collection
- Dec. 28:** Church Maintenance

**Monday December 8
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception,
a Holyday of Obligation.**

Masses will be at
St. Mary Church: 9:00 am
St. Joseph Church: 5:30 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary Church
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 25th: Midnight Mass: 12:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Church
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 6:00 pm
Lessons & Carols
(This is not a Mass)

Christmas Day 9:00 am Mass
(Please note the earlier time from our regular Sunday Mass)

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 Alfred Loiselle Sr.**
requested by Donald and Amarylis Girard.



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!

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.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO ALL SOULS.



Feast Days and Memorials

Nov 24: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We belong to Him and He is Head of the Church.

This feast day was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as the Feast of Christ the King. It was intended to proclaim Christ's royalty over all, and to remind us not to live our lives as though God did not exist. As the Creator of the universe, He has supreme power over all things. He is God and our Redeemer.

Nov 24: St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions, Martyrs

This feast day honors Christians who were martyred in Vietnam in the 1800s, including Spanish Dominican bishops and priests, French missionaries, Vietnamese priests, seminarians, and laypersons. They were canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

Nov 25: St Catherine of Alexandria, 282-305, Virgin, Martyr

Patron of unmarried girls, craftsmen who work with a wheel (potters, spinners), archivists, the dying, educators, lawyers, librarians, mechanics

Catherine was a gifted scholar of noble birth who converted to Christianity at fourteen. When the emperor Maxentius began his persecution of Christians, she visited him to denounce his cruelty. He summoned fifty orators and philosophers to debate her, and she spoke eloquently in defense of her faith. Several of those who heard her were converted. She was tortured, put into prison and killed for refusing to denounce her faith.



May God Grant Us All
a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

Greetings from
Fr. Sebastian and Your
Weekly Bulletin Committee

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.

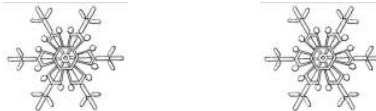
Diocesan Vocation Awareness

“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.”
Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office:
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cmartel@rcbm.org

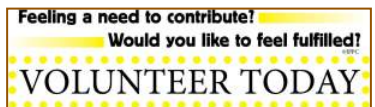
St. Mary's ProLife Ministry

Information: Juanita Sweet
juanitajoy2@gmail.com



Winter Weather Cancellations

If it becomes necessary to cancel the Wednesday afternoon Mass, choir rehearsal, or other church event because of the weather, we will again post the cancellation on the WMUR-TV notification system. Please check their website or broadcast on air for our listing.



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)

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Readings for the Week

November 23 - 30, 2025

- Sunday** 2 Sm 5: 1-3; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1: 12-20; Lk 23: 35-43
- Monday** Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20; Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21: 1-4
- Tuesday** Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21: 5-11
- Wednesday** Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3: 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21: 12-19
- Thursday** Dn 6: 12-28; Dn 3: 68, 69, 70 - 74; Lk 21: 20-28
- Friday** Dn 7: 2-14; Dn 3: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21: 29-33
- Saturday** Dn 7: 15-27; Dn 3: 82 - 87; Lk 21: 34-36

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

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

2026 Calendars
Our English/Polish calendars are available at the back of the church.
Dziękuję Bardzo!
(Thank You Very Much!)
to our Calendar Sponsor,
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YOUR CHURCH MAINTENANCE DOLLARS AT WORK

We recently had some emergencies that required immediate attention.

1. The rectory boiler suffered a flame failure with no heat. While workers from Hinkley Oil & Fr. Sebastian were present, there was a delayed ignition with smoke. The problem was resolved.
2. On the night of our lasagna dinner, the hot water circulator pump serving the parish hall and side entrance hallway failed, requiring an emergency call.
3. A service call was required on church boiler #1 which had stopped running. Fuel lines for both boilers had to be blown out back to our storage tanks.
4. Jim Hanlon installed low temperature lights (one red & one blue) in the rectory pantry. They are visible through a window facing the church and will turn on in the event of a flame failure. If you see these lights on, please call the Claremont Police Department as they maintain the Emergency Call Key Holder List for St. Joseph Church.



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, stjosephclaremont.org

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

The Nov. 30th bulletin has already gone to press.

Please send information for the Dec. 7th bulletin by Sun. Nov. 30th to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454.

Hymns for the Solemnity of Christ the King

Entrance Hymn #284:
"Christ is the King"

Gloria (Latin) #161

Offertory Hymn: #286
"Jesus Shall Reign"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn #287:
"To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King"



**NO CHOIR
REHEARSAL
THIS WEEK.**

MASS READINGS: C/679
Memorial Acclamation:
"We Proclaim Your Death O Lord"



**Sunday, November 30 is the
First Sunday of Advent,
which begins a new
Liturgical Year.
Next week will begin Cycle A
for our Sunday readings.**

Thank you!

to all who worked on and
attended our Turkey Party
on Thursday evening.

Special Thanks

to our Turkey Party co-chairs,
Ron Gilbert and Rusty Fowler

Christmas Flower Fund

Envelopes are available at the back of
the church for donations for poinsettias on our
altars. Please write your memorial intentions
clearly on the envelopes so the names can be
listed in our bulletin during the
Christmas season.

CONFESSIONS: St. Mary Church

Fridays: After 9:00 am Mass

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

The Area Choir Christmas Concerts

South Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Newport

Saturday December 6 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 7 3:00 pm and 7:00

Susan Cancio-Bello, Director of Music
Alexander Stewart, Pianist & Bell Choir Director
Nicholas Kleinschmidt, Organist
Katie Parker Ames, Flutist
The Earl Pollard Memorial Bell Choir

Please come early to secure parking and seating.
Sunday afternoon concert usually reaches maximum capacity.
No admission charge; free will offering

The Area Choir concerts have been performed on the first
weekend in December since 1953. This ecumenical group
is comprised of singers and musicians from many churches
and communities.

St. Joseph and St Mary Churches, Claremont,
are represented this year by
Karen Parker, Larry Schissel, and Mark Lafontaine.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Vendors are still being accepted. Contact Mary Brown at
stjoseph03743@gmail.com

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday November 29th

9am – 1 pm
St Joseph's Church Hall
58 Elm St
Claremont, NH
Refreshments Available

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 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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