

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman

David Smith

Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown

### Organists

Tristan Smith

Deborah Stone

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Sunday, December 31, 9:15 am**

For Katey Comstock and Roger Sheehan  
requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

**Wednesday January 3, 5:00 pm**

For the soul (†) of Donat and Roseanna LaRoche  
requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

**Sunday, January 7, 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of Ray Janelle  
requested by his family

### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 10:00am to 1:00 pm      603-542-5732

There will be no 2nd Collection today.

<b>Offertory (Sunday) Dec.17, 2023</b>	<b>\$871.00</b>
<b>Church Maintenance</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>
<b>Fundraiser (Tootsie Rolls)</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>Grand Annual</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>
<b>December 17 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,553.00</b>

**Our 1-20 Raffle Fundraiser brought in \$960.00 for our Fuel Fund.**

Our Collection figures are a week behind, due to early deadlines for bulletin printing during the holiday season. Figures for the two Dec. 24th Masses and today's Mass will be reported in the January 7th bulletin.

<b>UPCOMING COLLECTIONS</b>	
Fuel (2nd Sunday)	January 14
Church Maintenance (4th Sunday)	January 28
<b>ONGOING COLLECTIONS</b>	
NH Catholic Appeal (24 donors)	<b>\$2,716.00</b>

**WHEN WRITING CHECKS**  
to St. Joseph Church, please mark the name of the collection (Offertory or Specific Collection) to be sure it is put into the right place.

**Prayer List**

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Fr. John Loughnane
Brenda	Chris Currier
Jean Drena	Frederick Gallant
Carol Girard	Isabella Gowell
Stephen Grogan	Deborah Hemingway
Halford Jones	Tim Roberts
Brenda Ruest	Janet Ruest
Roger Sheehan	Barbara Trask
Becky Trombley	Chee Chee Tyrrell

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, and then notify Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after Mass or leave a message on the Rectory answering machine (603-542-5732)

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 Chester Kudej requested by Sharon and Steve Wood.



**Masses and Sanctuary Lamp**  
**There are available dates for Sanctuary Lamp intentions in January and beyond.**  
Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or at the Rectory during Wednesday office hours by phone (603-542-5732) or in person. Suggested donations are \$10.00.

**Grand Annual Collection**

In October we began our parish's Grand Annual Collection. This will not be 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 bring it to the Rectory during Wednesday office hours. Thank you for your generosity!



## *Christmas Flower Memorials*

### *In memory of*

*John Barth*, requested by his family

*The Beebe family*, requested by Gianna

*The Brown and Gaudette families*, requested by Richard & Mary Brown

*The Marcotte and Arsenault families*, requested by Mary and Richard Brown

*Edgar and Giselle Condon*, requested by Ann-Marie Fowler

*Kay and Mike Dombroski and John Dombroski*, requested by Jim and Jane Dombroski.

*Doris Frasier*, requested by her daughters

*Augusta and Leona Girard, Alfred and Helen Loiselle*, requested by Donald & Amarylis Girard

*Lena Jewell*, requested by Celeste & David Bourque, Sr.

*Bill Matthews*, requested by his grandsons, Dominic and Dante

*Carl and Leona Rice, Carl and John Rice*, requested by Beverly Rice

*Frank and Simone Riviezzo*, requested by Mary Stone and family

*Stuart Stone*, requested by his wife Mary and family

*John Sheehan, Larry Sheehan, Valarie Sheehad, Gordon Brown, Joyce Pardue,*

*Kenneth Tyrrell, and William Matthews*, requested by Roger and Bessie Sheehan

*Tomasz Wilczoch*, requested by his mother Mirka.

**We thank all who contributed.**



### **Readings for the Week - December 31, 2023**

**Sunday, December 31, 2023** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

**Monday, January 1, 2024** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday, January 4, 2024** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

**Friday, January 5, 2024** 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday, January 6, 2024** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36,

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Entrance Hymn: No. 219**  
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"  
**Offertory Hymn: No. 210**  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
**Communion: (Choir)**  
**Recessional Hymn: No. 209**  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Readings for the  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
B/493.

**Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku**  
**Happy New Year!**

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603-542-9518 or email  
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**Winter Weather Cancellations:**

If it becomes necessary to cancel Wednesday Mass,  
rectory office hours or choir rehearsal,  
we will again be using the WMUR-TV notification

**K of C 3rd Degree**  
Monday January 8th 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers  
St.Mary's Gym.

Confessions  
at St Mary Church  
Fridays 9:30 am  
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm

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**CHANGE IN BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Because of the upcoming holiday schedules  
at JCCP, our bulletin printers, there are  
much earlier deadlines for us to send them  
our completed bulletins.

If you have something you would like to see  
put into our bulletin in the next two weeks,  
please send it ASAP to  
[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

## Feast Days and Memorials

### Jan 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1774-1821, Religious Patron of seafarers and widows

Elizabeth Ann Bayley, granddaughter of an Episcopal priest, was born into the upper class of New York society two years before the American Revolution. From an early age she joined in her family's practice of charity and service to the poor. She married William Seton and had five children. After her husband died, Elizabeth found comfort in the Catholic Church. She converted and joined. Although not blessed with a long life (she died at 46) Mother Seton accomplished much in the years remaining to her. In Emmitsburg, Maryland, she founded the Sisters of Charity, the first American congregation of religious sisters, and St Joseph's Academy, the first Catholic girls' school in our country. On the occasion of her beatification in 1963, Pope John XXIII said, "In a house that was very small, but with ample space for charity, she sowed a seed in America which by Divine Grace grew into a large tree." St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

### Jan 5: St John Neumann, 1811-1860, Bishop Patron of Catholic education

Born in Bohemia, John Neumann was denied ordination in his homeland because there were already too many priests for the country to support. With great determination he wrote to bishops in Europe and America, asking to be ordained. He was invited to immigrate to Western New York State and there served as an itinerant priest, traveling from village to village in the region that stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. Craving community life, he later joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and neglected. Later serving as bishop of Philadelphia, John Neumann organized the first diocesan Catholic school system in America. His mastery of many languages earned the respect of the Spanish, Dutch, French, Italian and Irish immigrants, whose confessions he would hear in their native tongues.

### Jan 6: St Andre Bessette, Religious, (1845 – 1937) Patron of the sick, the handicapped, and caregivers

Alfred Bessette was known as a healer and "The Miracle Man of Montreal." Although illiterate, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1870 and was given the name Brother André. For forty years he was the doorman, or porter, of Notre Dame College in Montreal. **advising everyone who passed through the door to pray to St. Joseph. When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to help nurse the sick. People began to come to him, believing he had a healing power. "I do not cure," he insisted. "St. Joseph cures."** St. Joseph's Oratory, located on Mount Royal above the city of Montreal, was financed by large and small donations from many people whose lives had been touched by Brother Andre Bessette.

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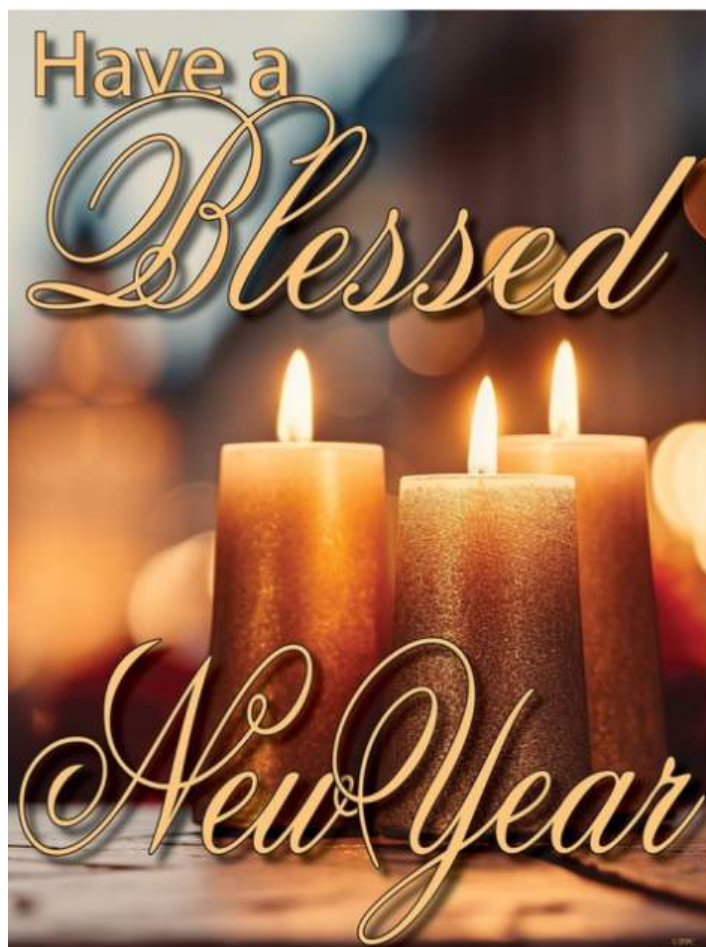


January 1st, 2024

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**  
because it falls on a Monday.

**There will not be Mass at**  
**St. Joseph Church**  
**on Monday, New Year's Day.**

January 1, 2024, 9:00 am  
will be celebrated at St Mary Church.



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