

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



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### Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN

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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman

David Smith

Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown

### Organists

Tristan Smith

Deborah Stone

### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 10:00am to 1:00 pm

603-542-5732

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

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

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

### There will be no Mass at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 10.

We apologize for the inconvenience  
and will reschedule the requested intention.

### Sunday, January 14, 9:15 am

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the souls (†) of  
Czeslawa and Franciszek Długosiewicz  
requested by the Wilczoch family

**There will be no 2nd Collection today.**

<b>Dec. 24, 2023</b>	
4th Sunday of Advent Offertory	\$806.40
Christmas Flowers	\$105.00
Candles	\$21.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
Pecan Fundraiser	\$842.00
<b>4th Sunday of Advent TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,794.40</b>
Christmas Eve Offertory:	\$781.00
Fuel:	\$449.00
<b>Christmas Eve Mass TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,230.00</b>

**Online Giving Now Available**

Fr. Sebastian is pleased to announce the launch of the new online giving platform on our website. The link called "Parish Giving" is listed on the Menu.

Fr. Sebastian extends his thank you to those who have already taken advantage of this new way of donating to St. Joseph Parish!

We will have more information in bulletin inserts and in-person instruction on how to help you to use this new method of giving to our church.

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

**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 Donat LaRoche requested by his granddaughter.**



**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**  
Fuel (2nd Sunday) January 14  
Church Maintenance (4th Sunday) January 28

**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**  
NH Catholic Appeal (24 donors) \$2,716.00  
Grand Annual Collection \$2,530.00

**Masses and Sanctuary Lamp**  
**Many dates are available for Sanctuary Lamp intentions.** They may be requested in memory of deceased loved ones; for God's blessings on someone marking a special occasion; or for an unnamed special intention.

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, Fred and Bernice Zullo*, requested by Connie Barth.

*The Beebe family*, requested by Gianna

*Clifford and Lucille Bonneville, Robert and Margaret Duval*, requested by Larry and Jean Duval.

*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, Valerie Sheehan, Gordon Brown, Joyce Pardue,*

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

*Tomasz Wilczoch*, requested by his mother Mirka.

*Private intentions*, requested by an anonymous donor

*We thank all who contributed*



## **Readings for the Week - January 7, 2024**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, January 8, 2024** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024** 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11, 2024** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12, 2024** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13, 2024** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

**Hymns for January 7, 2024**

**Entrance Hymn: No. 223**

"The First Nowell"

Verses 1-4

**Offertory Hymn: No. 222**

"What Star is This"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: No. 223**

"The First Nowell"

Verses 5 & 6

Mass Readings

The Epiphany  
of the Lord

#497/ABC

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Wed. Jan 10

6:30 pm

New members  
welcome!

**CONFESSIONS**

St Mary Church

Friday 9:30 am

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45

**Coffee Hour**

after Mass

**Sunday Jan. 14**

All are welcome!

Free Will Offering



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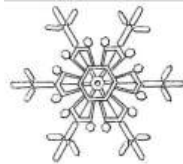
Monday Jan. 8, 7pm

Council Chambers,

St Mary's Gym

**Safety and Security**

Please remember to lock your car doors  
while attending any event in the church.



**There will not be a  
Catholic Daughters  
meeting  
in January.**



**Homebound?**

Schedule a visit with  
Fr. Sebastian on the  
2nd Monday of the month.  
Call St Mary Parish Office  
603-542-9518 or email  
[sebaafri@comcast.net](mailto:sebaafri@comcast.net)

**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 system. Please check the  
cancellations listed on their website or  
broadcast on air.

If you use email and would like to be  
placed on the Parish email list to receive  
timely updates to our church schedule,  
please send an email to:

**[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)**

You can view our bulletin, and other  
valuable

information, on our new website at

**[stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)**

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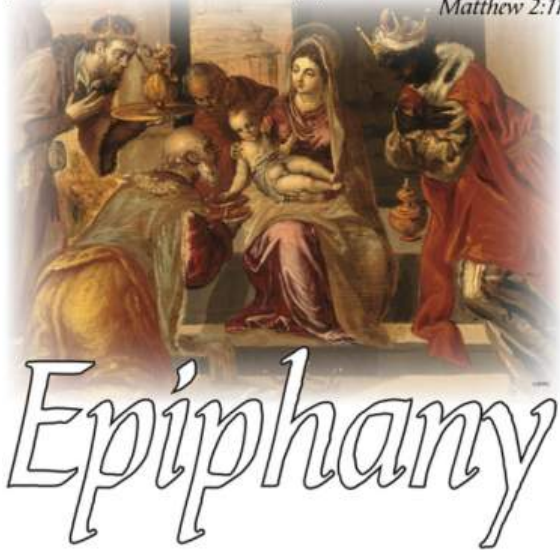
**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**3pm Tuesdays**

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

*On coming to the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.*

*Matthew 2:11*



### The Magi

It might have been just someone else's story;  
Some chosen people get a special king,  
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,  
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.  
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,  
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;  
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,  
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.  
They did not know his name but still they sought him  
They came from elsewhere but still they found;  
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,  
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.  
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice  
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

by Malcolm Guite

### Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert  
Brenda  
Jean Drena  
Carol Girard  
Stephen Grogan  
Halford Jones  
Brenda Ruest  
Roger Sheehan  
Becky Trombley

Fr. John Loughnane  
Chris Currier  
Frederick Gallant  
Isabella Gowell  
Deborah Hemingway  
Tim Roberts  
Janet Ruest  
Barbara Trask  
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,  
leave a message on the  
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