

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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. 31, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

603-542-5732

**Sunday, January 28, 9:15 am**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the souls (†) of

Peter Kullmann and Janet Kristine Provencal  
requested by Rick and Carol Logan

**There will be no Mass at 5:00 pm  
on Wednesday, January 31.**

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

**Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the soul (†) of

Raymond Janelle

requested by his family.

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.**

<b>Jan 21, 2024</b>	
Offertory	\$590.00
Candles	\$44.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$10.00
<b>1/21/24 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$644.00</b>
<b>Parish Giving Online</b>	
Offertory	\$99.65
Fuel	\$100.00
<b>PARISH GIVING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$199.65</b>

**Parish Giving Explained**  
**Sunday February 4th**  
 after Mass in Parish Hall  
 An informal gathering  
 to provide information on Parish Giving.  
 Coffee and doughnuts will be available.



**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

**Feb. 4:** Diocesan Catholic School Education Collection

**Feb. 11:** Parish Fuel Collection (2nd Sunday each month)

**Feb. 25:** Church Maintenance (4th Sunday each month)

**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**

NH Catholic Appeal

Grand Annual Collection  
**\$2,560.00**


**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.

**THANK YOU**  
 to all our Parishioners who took home and read the bulletin insert for Parish Giving. Laminated PARISH GIVING cards are on all tables at the back of the Church. If you make arrangements for online giving, you can place one of these cards in the Collection Basket in place of cash or check. When your Parish Giving transaction occurs you will receive an email confirmation and a thank you.

**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.

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 Stephen Grogan requested by Rick and Carol Logan.



**CORRECTION:**  
 Last week's Sanctuary Lamp intention for Roger Sheehan was requested by Rick and Carol Logan.

**Grand Annual Collection**

In October we began our parish's Grand Annual Collection. 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.

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

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### CatholicNH

is the official YouTube account of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkfmzxw7yIBk0ZDj7W9A1aQ>

There are 238 videos on subjects that include Bishop Libasci's Homilies, Vocations, Catholic Schools, Stations of the Cross, and Father Josh Livingston's Road Trip Pilgrimages.



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### FORMED

A premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books and even cartoons for children.

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Both St Mary and St Joseph parishioners can access the site and Fr. Sebastian would like us to take advantage of this opportunity.

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), click on "sign up," type in our church's zip code (03743) and select the St Mary Church pop-up.

You'll be surprised at what you will find to watch, listen, and learn!

As Fr. Sebastian announced last Sunday, St. Joseph Church Rectory has a worn-out wastewater disposal pipe that needed repair to make the building livable. It had a substantial split on the top and was disintegrating in another location. Fortunately this was discovered before we suffered a complete failure with a hazardous materials incident.

Parishioner Mike LaFont and the Parish Finance Council have been coordinating with Hinkley Oil Company to do the repairs. The old black cast iron pipe will be replaced with PVC piping down to the street connection in the cellar.

This has taken longer than hoped because materials had to be ordered and delivered. Repairs are scheduled for Monday, January 29th.

Please pray all goes well, as St. Mary's rectory is also out of service. Fr. Sebastian has been staying with Fr. Arockia in Woodsville.

## PRAYER

When life gets too hard to stand...

kneel.



**Hymns for January 28, 2024**

**Entrance Hymn: No. 356**  
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**Offertory Hymn: No. 301**  
"Praise, My Soul,  
the King of Heaven"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: No.343**  
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Wed. Jan 31**

**6:30 pm**

**New members  
welcome!**

Mass Readings  
4th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
B 588

**CONFESSIONS**

St Mary Church  
Saturday 3:00 to 3:45



**Sunday, January 28, 2024:**  
Dt 18:15-20, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
1. Cor 7: 32-35, Mk 1: 21-28

**Monday, January 29, 2024:**  
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13,  
Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024:**  
2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a,  
30-19:3. Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024:**  
Sm 24: 2, 9-17, Ps 32: 1-2, 5,  
6, 7 Mk 6: 1-6

**Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024:** 1  
Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12, 1, Chr 29:  
10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk  
6: 7-13

**Friday, February 2, 2024:**  
Mal 3: 1-4, Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10;  
Heb 2: 14-18, Lk 2: 22-40 or  
Lk 2: 22-32

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**  
1 Kgs 3:4-13, Ps 119:9, 10,  
11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

**Prayer List**

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

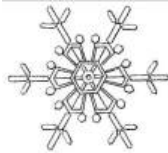
To add a name to our Prayer List,  
please ask the person's permission  
first, and then notify Sherri Smith  
in the Church Hall after Mass,  
or leave a message on the  
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(603-542-5732) or at  
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**Safety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

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

**Cinnamon Pecans  
Roasted Cashews  
and Turtle Clusters**

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

**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)

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:

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You can view our bulletin, and other  
valuable information,  
on our new website at  
**[stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The email address uses **St  
Josephs** (plural) but the website address is  
singular (**St Joseph**)

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or tell Sharon Wood at Mass and  
a copy will be located for you.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE  
3pm Tuesdays**

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see put into our bulletin, please send it to  
[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

## Feast Days and Memorials

### Jan 31: St John Bosco, Priest, 1815-1888

Patron of of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents

This future saint was born in Italy at a time of drought and famine, just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars. Although his family lived in poverty, they did not deny food, clothing or shelter to those who came to them for help. Raised to follow his mother's Catholic faith, he had powerful dreams that influenced the direction his life would take. Inspired by street performers, he learned magic tricks to attract other children to him. When he had their attention, he would recite the homily he had heard at daily Mass and invite them to pray with him. Determined to become a priest himself, John struggled to pay for the education he would need. His ministry focused on helping children of poverty, hoping to prevent them from lives of crime and keep them out of prison at a young age. Father Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians) to carry on his charitable work of helping boys to grow in faith and stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today helping children and adults around the world.

### Feb 3: St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr, died 316 AD

Patron of of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading

Blaise was a bishop and a doctor. An early medical writing recorded him as helping patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Beginning life as a healer, he went on to become a "physician of souls." He lived during the time of Christian persecution and was arrested for his faith. Many legends arose about miracles performed as he was taken to prison, including saving people from choking and taming wild animals. That led to him being called "saint of the wild beasts." Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St. Blaise is a familiar Catholic tradition.

### Feb 3: St Ansgar, Bishop, 801-865

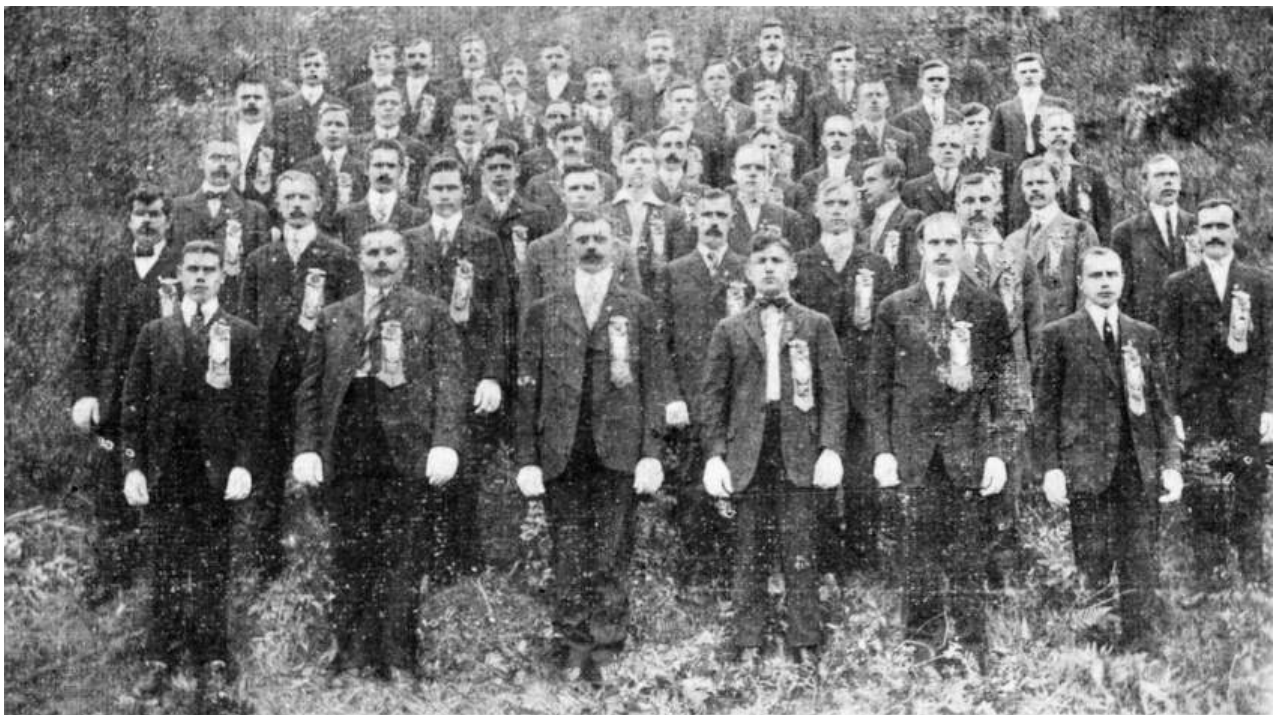
Patron of Scandinavia

Ansgar (also called Anskar, Anschar or Oscar) was a Benedictine missionary who spent his life trying to convert the people of northern Europe. Born into a noble family, he entered a monastery and later worked as a missionary in Denmark and Sweden. Ansgar was the first archbishop of Hamburg and the first to preach the Gospel in Sweden. His success was due to his great preaching ability, the austerity and holiness of his life, and the miracles he is said to have performed. He is known as "the apostle of the North." Sadly, the whole area lapsed into paganism again after his death and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later.

<https://www.catholic.org>

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Members of the Tadeusz Kościuszko Society of Our Lady of Ostrobrama Church, Claremont, NH, prior to 1923 when the name of the church was changed. Photo from the Commemorative Booklet (in Polish) for the Dedication of St. Joseph Church in May, 1926.



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