

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
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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
603-542-5732

Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, February 7 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Paul St. Martin
requested by Tom DeVoyd

Sunday, February 11, 9:15 am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga
requested by Albert "Buddy" Braga

**Today's 2nd Collection is for
Catholic School Education.**

Jan 28, 2024	
Offertory	\$574.00
Church Maintenance	\$370.00
Candles	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
1/28/24 TOTAL	\$974.00
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$117.83
Church Maintenance	\$116.58
Fuel	\$95.90
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$330.31

"Parish Giving Explained"
PLEASE JOIN US
after Mass today in our Parish Hall for an informal gathering to provide information on Parish Giving. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our community prosper.



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.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
Feb. 11: Parish Fuel Collection (2nd Sunday each month)
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday
Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa
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.

Knights of Columbus
3rd Degree
Monday Feb. 12th 7:00 pm
St. Mary's Gym
Council Chambers



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.



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 Joan Allen requested by a friend.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th
Mass with Distribution of Ashes
9:00 am at St. Mary Church
5:30 pm at St. Joseph Church
Collection taken up for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe and Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa



**In nothing be anxious;
but in prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known unto God.**
Philippians 4: 6-7



Join us on Feb. 11
after Mass for
traditional Mardi Gras fare
of pancakes and sausage.
All are welcome!
No charge!
Free Will Offerings Accepted!

NEXT SUNDAY

St Joseph Church Hall

Bread & Soup Penitential Meal
11:00 am to 12:00 noon
No Charge, Free Will Offerings accepted
12:10 pm
Stations of the Cross

*PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME THAN
LAST YEAR*

*We hope this change in time will allow
some of our older parishioners, who may
not want to come out during the evening
hours, to participate.*

FRIDAYS IN LENT

St Mary's Gym

Knights of Columbus Benefit Fish Fry
4:30 to 6:00 pm
\$15.00 a plate
dine in or take-out
Beer-battered fish and onion rings,
hand-cut fries, hush puppies, cole slaw,
tartar sauce, soda

Proceeds to benefit K of C activities and
St Mary Church Maintenance Fund
Information: Kevin Kraviec 603-801-6130

*Thank you, Lord
for your blessings on
our Parish!*

St Joseph Rectory's main sewer line was repaired by Hinkley Oil Company on Monday. Parishioner Mike LaFont was present and assisted. Now that the problem has been corrected, Fr. Sebastian was able to move in, since St. Mary's Rectory will remain closed indefinitely.

**Please welcome Fr. Sebastian as he joins us here at our rectory!
We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Arockia and Fr. John Loughnane for
the courtesy they extended our pastor during this difficult situation.**



Plebanija w Parafji Św. Józefa, w Claremont, N. H.



POLSKI KOŚCIÓŁ ŚW. JÓZEFA
w Claremont, New Hampshire

Hymns for February 4, 2024

Entrance Hymn: No. 320
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Offertory Hymn: No. 358
"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 348
"There's a Wideness in
God's Mercy"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Feb. 7
6:30 pm
New members
welcome!

Mass Readings
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
B 591

CONFESSIONS

St Mary Church
Saturday 3:00 to 3:45



Sunday, February 4, 2024

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23,
Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 5, 2024

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, PS 132: 6-7,
8-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, PS 84:3,
4, 5 and 10, 11, Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

1 Kgs 10:1-10, PS 37:5-6,
30-31, 39-40, Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8, 2024

1 Kgs 11:4-13, PS 106:3-4,
35-36, 37 and 40, Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9, 2024

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19,
PS 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15,
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10, 2024

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34,
PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22,

Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Fr. John Loughnane
Brenda	Anne Cherry
Paula Cote	Chris Currier
Jean Drena	Frederick Gallant
Isabella Gowell	Stephen Grogan
Deborah Hemingway	Halford Jones
Tim Roberts	Brenda Ruest
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,
or leave a message on the
Rectory answering machine
(603-542-5732) or at
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Safety and Security

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

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.



Cinnamon Pecans Roasted Cashews and Turtle Clusters

available after Mass
in the Parish Hall.

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on our new website at
stjosephclaremont.org

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

Homebound?

Schedule a visit with
Fr. Sebastian on the
2nd Monday of the
month.
Call St Mary Parish Office
603-542-9518 or email
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see put into our bulletin, please send it to
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Feast Days and Memorials

Feb 5: Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, 231-251

Patron saint of breast cancer patients, rape victims, and victims of fires

St. Agatha of Sicily's story reminds us of last week's story of St. Agnes. Both were beautiful girls born into wealthy families, who chose not to marry, but to give themselves wholly to a life of prayer and service to Jesus and the Church. Living during the time of Christian persecution, Agatha was arrested by one of her powerful suitors, who hoped he could frighten her into marrying him. Subjected to extreme torture, St Agatha maintained great strength and resolve, continuing to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope until her death.

Feb 6: St. Paul Miki and companions, Martyrs, d. 1597

St. Paul Miki, a Jesuit scholastic, and his twenty-five companions, including two other Jesuits, six Franciscans, fifteen tertiaries and two laymen, were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi, at Nagasaki, Japan. Among them was the Mexican, Felipe de Jesus, the first martyr from the Americas to be beatified. Canonized in 1862 by Pope Pius IX, these were protomartyrs (the first) of the Far East.

Feb 8: St Jerome Emiliani, 1481-1537

Patron of orphans and abandoned children

A reckless youth born in Venice, Jerome joined the army, and only learned to pray after being taken prisoner and chained in a dungeon. After escaping, he returned home and accepted the responsibility of educating his nephews. He also determined to educate himself with the goal of becoming a priest. When plague and famine swept through Italy, Jerome began feeding the hungry at his own expense. Especially concerned about abandoned children, he helped to found several orphanages, including the Clerks Regular of Somasca. St. Jerome Emiliani was canonized in 1767 and shares a feast day with St. Josephine Bakhita.

Feb 8: St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, 1869-1947

This future saint was born in Darfur, Sudan. A niece of the tribal chief of the Daju people, she was kidnapped as a young child and sold into slavery. After years of abuse and suffering she was placed temporarily in the care of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. The nuns helped her secure her freedom through the Italian court. With no memory of her given name, she chose Josephine Margaret at her baptism into the Catholic faith and decided to become a Canossian nun. She dedicated her life to comforting the poor and suffering, always sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery. St. Josephine Bakhita was the first Black woman in the modern era to be given the honor of sainthood.

February 10: Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin, 480-547

Patron of nuns, convulsive children, invoked against storms and rain

Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, dedicated herself to God at an early age. She founded the first Benedictine order for women, not far from the monastery that her brother established. Not permitted to enter each other's residence, they met once a year at a nearby location to spend a day in prayer and spiritual discussions.

Saint Gregory the Great recorded in his Dialogues a charming story about their last meeting. When Benedict began to take his leave to return to his cell at the monastery, his sister begged him to stay the night so they could continue the "mutual comfort of heavenly talk." When he adamantly refused, she began to pray. Soon a violent storm began outside the guest house they were using.

Can you picture Benedict scolding his sister, "Now what have you done?" and her replying, "I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked my God and he did listen." Unable to return to his cell, Benedict remained with his sister, extending his last visit with her for a few hours longer. St. Scholastica passed away three days later. St. Benedict reported seeing from the window of his cell, a white dove ascending to heaven as his beloved sister's soul left her life on earth.

Adapted from "Gregory the Great. the Dialogues, Book 2: Life of Benedict, #33 & #34

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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:

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