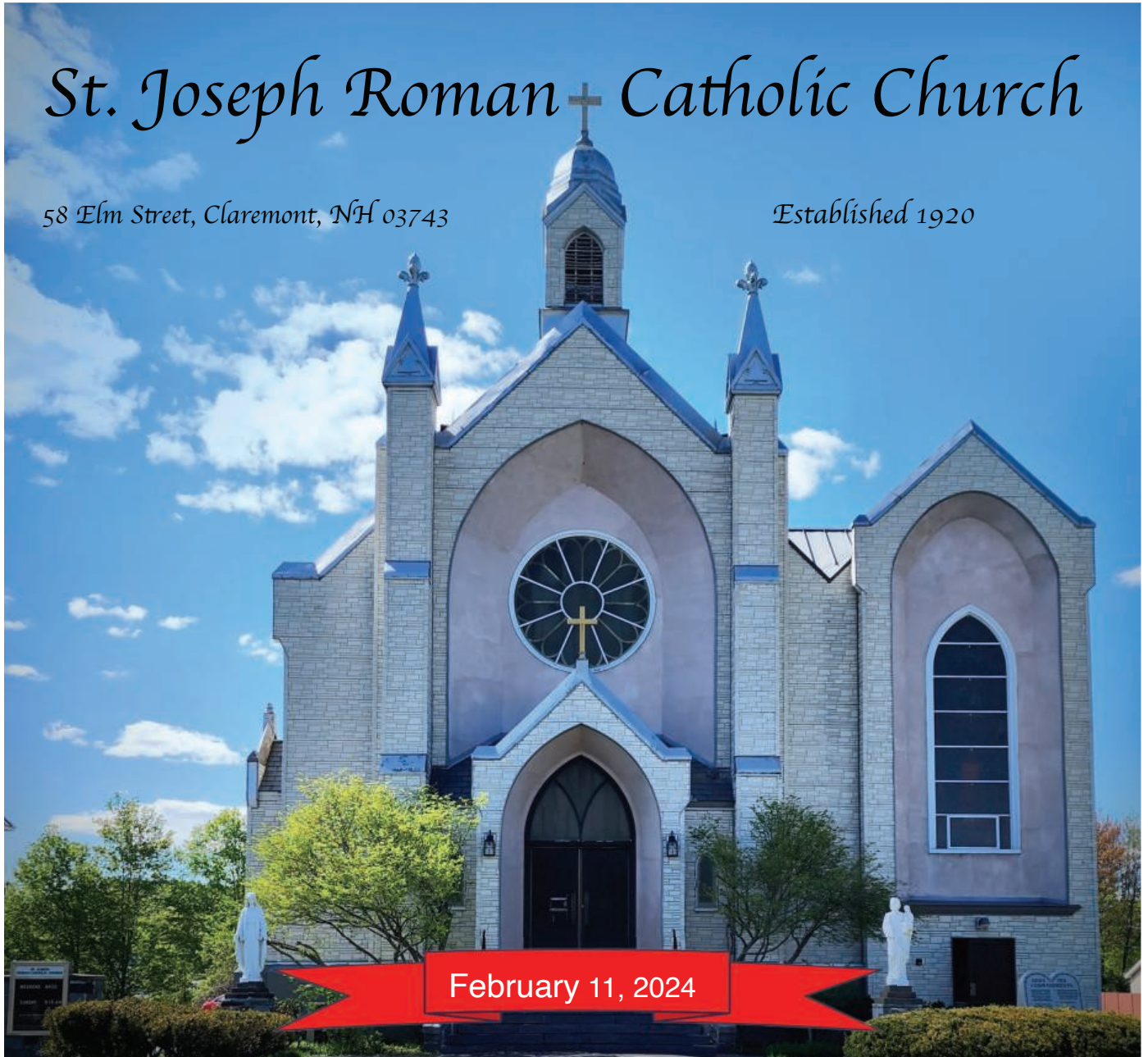


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Tristan Smith

Deborah Stone

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Feb. 12, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 603-542-5732

Sunday, February 11, 9:15 am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, February 14. 5:00 pm

Ash Wednesday

For the soul (†) of Ashley Januszewski
requested by her family

Sunday, February 18, 9:15 am

First Sunday of Lent

For the soul (†) of Kevin Breault
requested by Bill and Nancy Alexander

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.

Feb. 4, 2024	
Offertory	\$964.00
Catholic Schools (Diocesan)	\$269.00
Nut Fundraiser	\$166.00
Candles	\$120.01
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
2/4//24 TOTAL	1,529.01
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$119.13
Church Maintenance	\$99.28
Fuel	\$19.85
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$238.26

Next Sunday is Electronic Giving Sunday!
 We thank everyone who came after Mass last Sunday to learn about this exciting new opportunity. We will continue to assist those who want to sign up for Parish Giving and will announce times and dates in future bulletins. If you want to get started right away, visit the Parish website at <https://stjosephclaremont.org/> and click on the Parish Giving button. Electronic Giving is safe and easy for you and good stewardship appreciated for the Parish. For additional information, please pick up a brochure at the back of the Church or visit Parish Giving at www.parishgiving.org. Plan to stop into the Parish Hall after Mass next Sunday for more information.



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. 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.

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 Todd Gregory requested by Carol and Ed Gregory.



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.

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



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
Assembly 635 Social
Wednesday Feb. 21st 6:00-8:00 pm
Taverne on the Square, 2 Pleasant Street

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Tuesday February 20th 6:00 pm
 St. Joseph Church Hall.



Feast Days and Memorials

February 11: World Day of the Sick

In 1992, Pope John Paul II designated this date "as a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ, who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

February 11: World Marriage Day

Celebrated on the second Sunday in February, sometimes coinciding with St. Valentine's Day, World Marriage Day officially began in the United States in 1983. Popularized by the Catholic Church, its purpose is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices.

February 14: Ash Wednesday

A Day of Fast: to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet reached their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

A Day of Abstinence: To be observed by all 14 years of age and older. No meat is allowed except when health or ability to work would be seriously affected. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, please consult Fr. Sebastian.

February 14: St. Valentine

February 14th is widely known as Valentine's Day. But were you fully aware that the day is named after St. Valentine, making it St. Valentine's Day? For a short period, Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage to keep men available as soldiers for the Roman army. However, Valentine, a Roman priest refused to accept this error and he continued to marry young couples. Claudius attempted to convert St. Valentine to paganism, but St. Valentine resisted and attempted to bring Claudius to the Church and Jesus Christ. For this, the emperor had St. Valentine put into prison, where he helped other prisoners, and one of his jailer's young daughters who has been blind since birth. According to legend, on the eve of his execution the saintly priest wrote a note to her, telling her to stay close to God, and signed it, "From your Valentine." Today, on February 14, the anniversary of his death, messages of affection, love, and devotion are exchanged around the world.

February 17, 2024

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

The Servants of Mary (Servite Order) was founded by seven holy men of Florence, Italy. The Blessed Virgin appeared to them in 1233, on the feasts of the Assumption in August and her Nativity in September. She urged them to leave the world and live for God alone, saying, "I have chosen you to be my first Servants, and under this name you are to till my Son's Vineyard."

The order developed rapidly in Italy, France and Germany, urging meditation on the Passion of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary. The order had three branches: the First Order of Servite Friars, the Second Order of Cloistered Nuns, and the Third Order of Mantellate Sisters, devoted to teaching and caring for the sick and orphans.

<https://www.catholic.org>

<https://www.catholicculture.org/>

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Lenten Rules of Fast and Abstinence

As noted above, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence from meat.

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!

Hymns for February 11, 2024

Entrance Hymn: No. 305
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 321
"Now Thank We All Our God"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Feb. 14
6:30 pm
New members
welcome!

Mass Readings
6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
B 594

CONFESSIONS

St Mary Church
Saturday
3:00 to 3:45



Sunday, February 11, 2024

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Lk 7:16

Monday, February 12, 2024

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024

Jl 2: 12-18; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9: 22-25

Friday, February 16, 2024

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

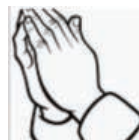
Saturday, February 10, 2024

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

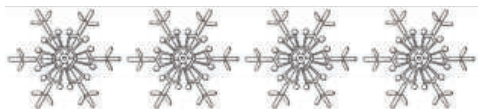
Prayer List

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

Beginning on
Ash Wednesday, our
Memorial Acclamation
will change to
"Save us,
Savior of the world"



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



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.

Safety and Security

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

**Cinnamon Pecans
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in the Parish Hall.

If you use email and would like to be
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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
sebaafri@comcast.net

BULLETIN DEADLINE 3pm Tuesdays

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

TODAY!

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

CATHOLIC KIDS BULLETIN
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How many times do you say "and with your spirit" during Mass?

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On Ash Wednesday, everyone in the church can have a cross drawn on their forehead. You can get a cross too! Walk forward quietly, stand still while the cross is drawn, then walk quietly back to your seat. Listen carefully when you get the cross on your forehead. What did the priest say?

Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love.

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

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Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.
 OR
 Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.

Where do we get the ashes?
 Do you remember Palm Sunday? Everyone got a palm leaf and the extra palms are burned for the ashes that we use today!

When we say, "And with your spirit," we remember that God is working through the priest to offer Mass.

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