

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

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Rick Logan, Chairman

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Tristan Smith

Deborah Stone

Parish Office Hours

There will be no office hours this week
because of the Monday holiday.

603-542-5732

Sunday, February 18, 9:15 am

First Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday, February 21, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of William Matthews
requested by Betty Gierko

Sunday, February 25, 9:15 am

Second Sunday of Lent

For the soul (†) of Simone Riviezzo
requested by her daughter Mary Stone

There is no 2nd Collection today.

Feb. 11, 2024	
Offertory	\$687.00
Fuel	\$457.00
Diocesan Grant	\$750.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$20.00
Nut Fundraiser	\$48.00
Candles	\$65.35
Donut Fundraiser	\$97.00
Sanctuary Candle	20.00
2/11/24 TOTAL	\$2144.35
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$116.83
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$116.83

This Sunday is Electronic Giving Sunday!

We thank everyone who has already signed up for making their donations online. We will continue to assist those who want to sign up for Parish Giving. 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 today for more information and assistance.

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.



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

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Feb. 25: Church Maintenance
(4th Sunday each month)
March 10: Fuel (2nd Sunday)

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

NH Catholic Appeal \$2,916 (24 donors)
Grand Annual Collection **\$2,560.00**

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 in memory of Julius Fray Jr. requested by Sharon and Steve Wood & family.



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

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 by leaving a message on the Rectory phone (603-542-5732)
Suggested donations are \$10.00.

Pecan Fundraiser
Our inventory is getting low! Still available:
Cinnamon Glazed Pecans, plain Roasted Cashews, and plain Pecans.

Buy now before Easter!
Available after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer
35 Fawn Ledge Lane; Jamaica, VT 05343
Weekday Mass

Monday- 9.00 am; Wed. to Fri. 4.30 pm

Weekend Masses
10.30am

Stations of the Cross

Fridays after 4.30 pm Mass and
Sundays 3.00 pm; Refreshments

March 1, 2024 - First Friday, 3.30 pm Adoration
4.30 pm Holy Mass and Stations of the Cross

March 2, 2024 - First Saturday
Mass 10.30 am at Replica

Confession: Before and after all masses

Feast Days and Memorials

Feb 21: St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, 1007-1072

Peter Damian embraced the life of a monastic hermit, devoted to prayer and reading, and became well versed in Holy Scriptures. He advanced to abbot of his monastery, and in addition, founded five other hermitages. He strove to promote humility and charity in the disciples in his care. Reluctantly he served as Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia, but always hoped to be allowed to return to his life of solitude. When Pope Alexander II did grant his petition, St Peter Damian chose to return not as an abbot, but as a simple monk.

Feb 22: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

The Chair of Saint Peter is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. According to tradition, it is the wooden throne that Saint Peter, Apostle and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome, although modern testing has not verified that. In the 17th century the relic was enclosed in a gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

This feast does not celebrate the chair itself, which of course is merely a piece of furniture, but the office of the Pope within the Church. It is a reminder of that office, which has been around for over 2,000 years, and is now held by Pope Francis. It celebrates the authority, given to Peter by Jesus, to lead and guide the Church. The mission to be a teacher and pastor that Christ conferred on Peter has continued through the years to our Pope today.

Feb 23: St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, 69-155 AD

Patron of relief from earaches

Polycarp was Bishop of Smyrna, Turkey and a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century. A disciple of St John the Evangelist, he was part of the second generation of Church leaders who were instructed by the apostles. When all the apostles had passed away, heresies and controversies over how to celebrate the liturgy arose. Polycarp chose to be true to and to imitate the life of Jesus. His strength came from his trust in God, even though that led him to be martyred at age of 86. His friend, Saint Ignatius of Antioch said of him, "your mind is grounded in God as on an immovable rock."

<https://www.catholic.org>

<https://www.catholicculture.org>

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Lenten Rules of Fasting and Abstinence:

All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence from meat.

Good Friday is a day of Fasting as well as Abstinence.

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 18, 2024

Entrance Hymn: No. 241
"Again We Keep This Solemn Fast"

Offertory Hymn: No. 243
"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Communion:Choir

Recessional Hymn: No. 238
"Lord, Who throughout
These Forty Days"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Feb. 21

6:30 pm

New members
welcome!

Mass Readings

First Sunday
of Lent
B 503

CONFESSIONS

St Mary Church
Saturday
3:00 to 3:45



Sunday February 18, 2024

Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.
1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

Monday February 19, 2024 Lv

19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday February 20, 2024 Is

55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,
18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday February 21,

2024 Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-
13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday February 22,

2024 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4,
5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

Friday February 23, 2024 Ez

18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

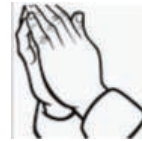
Saturday February 24,

2024 Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,
4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

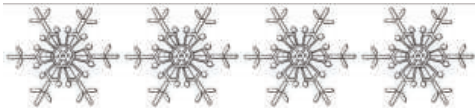
Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Fr. John Loughnane
Brenda	Anne Cherry
Paula Cote	Chris Currier
Jean Drena	Frederick Gallant
Isabella Gowell	Stephen Grogan
Deborah Hemingway	Karen Ouelette
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
while attending any
event in the church.



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

You can view our bulletin, and other
valuable information,
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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Email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
or tell Sharon Wood at Mass and
a copy will be located for you.



Thanks to all who joined us for our Mardi Gras coffee hour as well as those who prepared it. Our next coffee hour is coming up soon. Don't forget to mark it on your calendar.

March 10th

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.

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

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Did You Ever Wonder...About Lent?

Lent is a time to get ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter. Lent lasts for 40 days. There are many ways to get ready. We pray, go to Mass more often, read the bible or religious stories, and pray the stations of the cross. Many people fast. That means they eat smaller meals and don't have snacks between meals. Catholics also abstain from (don't eat) meat on Fridays. People often give up something they like a lot, like candy. Others give up a bad habit, like biting their fingernails. Some people help by giving alms. That means giving money or food to people who need it. Another way to give alms is to use our time and talents to help others. During Lent we try to do God's will more faithfully.



Donna Therrien c2024

Circle the ways you can take part in Lent.

- No meat on Fridays Read Bible stories Go to Mass
- Give to people in need Go to Stations of the Cross
- Help at home Pray more often
- Do something kind for others Pray for the sick
- Visit someone who needs company (with your parents' permission)
- Give someone a picture you made Make someone smile
- Make a card for someone

Cathedral Gift Shop

The Cathedral Gift Shop, located at 145 Lowell Street in Manchester, is offering all New Hampshire Catholics a coupon for 15% off their entire purchase during this season of Lent. Whether you are looking for a book to help guide you through this season or a gift for someone who will be received in to the Church, the Gift Shop has a large selection of religious items and sacramental gifts in stock. Stop by and visit us today—and don't forget to bring your coupon!

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Gift Shop Hours:
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 Saturday: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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