

# 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

## Sunday, March 10, 9:15 am

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

For the souls (†) of Jesse and Marion Stone  
requested by their son and his family

## Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Faye Bopp  
requested by Nurse Susan

## Sunday, March 17, 9:15 am

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

For the People

**Today's 2nd Collection is for  
Catholic Relief Services  
and Catholic Home Missions**

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$927.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$405.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$81.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$79.00</b>
<b>TOTAL at Mass</b>	<b>\$1,492.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$118.83</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$19.18</b>
<b>Church Maintenance</b>	<b>\$119.18</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$257.19</b>
<b>TOTAL at Mass plus Online</b>	<b>\$1,749.19</b>

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

**March 24: Church Maintenance**

**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**

2023 NH Catholic Appeal **\$2,916** (24 donors)

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

**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 by leaving a message on the Rectory phone (603-542-5732)

**Pecan Fundraiser**

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

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

**Thank You for Parish Giving!**

We are grateful to everyone who has already signed up to make 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](http://www.parishgiving.org).

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.



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 Ruben R. Martinez, Marianito S. Revilla, and Belen C. Revilla requested by Halford and Emelda Jones.



**Easter Flower Donations**

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Intentions and donor names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

**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

Confession: Before and after all  
Masses and at any time by  
appointment

**March 23,2024  
Confirmation Pilgrimage  
by the Diocese of Burlington, VT**

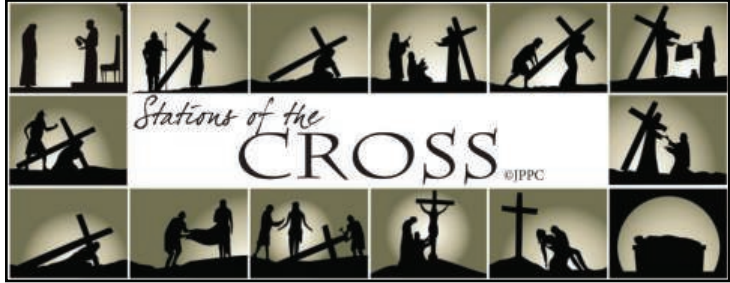
**10.00 am Arrival  
Opening Address  
Stations of the Cross  
One-on-one with Jesus  
( personal prayer)  
LUNCH**

**3:00 pm Adoration  
and confession  
4:00 pm Holy Mass**

Land- 802-896-6000m  
Cell- 802-839-0635  
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Jesus at Gethsemane  
 Stained Glass Window in St. Joseph Church Sacristy  
 Gift of Rev. Maurice K. Sekiewicz  
 "In loving memory of my parents"



Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory will be prayed after each daily Mass during Lent at St. Mary Church and after the Friday "Bread and Soup" meal at St. Joseph Church.



After Mass in our Parish Hall.  
**TODAY**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
 No Charge!  
 Free Will Offerings Accepted

**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**

**St Patrick's Day/St Joseph's Day Brunch**  
**after Mass March 17**  
**Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
**NO CHARGE**  
**FREE WILL OFFERINGS ACCEPTED**  
 Please sign up at back of church so we know how much food to prepare.  
**DESSERTS NEEDED!**



**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 March 10, 2024

Entrance Hymn: No. 239  
"The Glory of These Forty Days"

Offertory Hymn: No. 353  
"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Communion: Choir

Recessional Hymn: No. 237  
"From Ashes to the Living Font"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**Wed. March 13 6:30 pm**  
**New members**  
**welcome!**

Mass Readings  
Third Sunday  
of Lent  
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### Sunday March 10, 2024

Chr 36:14-16, 19-23;  
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;  
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

### Monday March 11, 2024

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6,  
11-12a and 13b;  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday March 12, 2024

Ez 47:1-9, 12;  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday March 13, 2024

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9,  
13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday March 14, 2024

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;  
Lk 11:14-23

### Friday March 15, 2024

Wis 2:1a, 12-22;  
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday March 16, 2024

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,  
11-12; Jn 7:40-53

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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)



**CONFESSIONS**  
**St Mary Church**  
**Saturday**  
**3:00 to 3:45 pm**

### Prayer List

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

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

3pm Tuesdays

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

K of C 3rd Degree  
Monday March 11th; 7 pm  
Council Chambers  
St. Mary's Gym.



Catholic Daughters  
of the Americas  
Tuesday March 19th 6 pm  
St. Joseph's Parish Hall

### Safety and Security

Please remember to lock your car doors when 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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

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)**

### Homebound?

Schedule a visit with Fr. Sebastian on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Contact him at [sebaafri@comcast.net](mailto:sebaafri@comcast.net)

Did you miss getting a printed copy of our bulletin because of travel, illness or snow?

Past copies are available.

Email [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com) or tell Sharon Wood at Mass and a copy will be located for you.

### NEW ON "FORMED"

St. Joseph Novena

on the Catholic app: "Amen"

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

Scroll down in the videos to pray the Novena to St. Joseph.

AND

Go to [amenapp.org](http://amenapp.org) to sign up for a daily email reminder from March 11 to 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph.



### Home Visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

This is an authentic reproduction made by NASA of the upper portion of the miraculous Image of the Mother of God which appeared on the tilma (cloak) of Juan Diego, a humble Indian and devout Catholic in Mexico City on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1531. If you would like this very special Image to visit your home for a week, please contact Juanita Sweet at: [juanitajoy2@gmail.com](mailto:juanitajoy2@gmail.com) or 603-477-1348.

Information sheet available in the Church Hall after Mass.

## Feast Days and Memorials

There are no Feast Days on the calendar this week, so we are listing those that were not printed last week.



**March 4** was the Feast of St. Kazimierz of Poland. We printed his story in last week's bulletin. This stained glass window depicting St. Kazimierz was the gift of Casimir and Barbara Skill in memory of their family.

### March 7: Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Patron of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers

Vivia Perpetua, a young noblewoman with an infant son, suffered abuse from her pagan father, and was arrested and imprisoned under the Emperor Severus for being a Christian. Felicity, her pregnant slave, several other catechumens and their instructor were arrested with her. All were martyred by wild beasts in the arena at Carthage, Roman Province of Africa, in the year 203. Their names are among the martyrs mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass. Perpetua left a diary detailing her suffering, providing us with details of the lives and deaths of these early Christian martyrs.

### March 8: St John of God, Religious, 1495-1550

**Patron of hospitals and the sick, heart patients, nurses, booksellers, printers and firefighters**

The list of this saint's many patronages appears to be an odd assortment, until we learn that each one reflects a specific time and event in his life. He was described as impulsively acting on ideas and constantly changing the direction his his life in ways that appeared to be madness. Running away from home as an 8-year-old to follow an adventurous priest, he grew up to live a rowdy life as a soldier. After a sudden decision to reform, he became ill, was nursed back to health and immediately began to care for others who were sick. John discovered the joys of reading, become a traveling salesman of religious books and cards and later opened a bookshop in Granada. Impulsive, but good-hearted, St. John of God could never see suffering without trying to do something about it. He was judged insane for his erratic behavior, hospitalized and subjected to the cruel treatment given the mentally ill of that time. After being released from that facility, he again began to nurse others and eventually formed his own hospital for the poor and mistreated. He was credited with saving patients trapped in a burning hospital and died of pneumonia after attempting to rescue someone from drowning. St. John of God was canonized by Pope Alexander VIII in 1690.

### March 9: St Frances of Rome, Religious, 1384-1440

**Patron of widows and motorists**

From a young age, Francesca longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service but submitted to her noble family's insistence on an arranged marriage. She maintained her devotion to God despite difficult circumstances and founded a community of Benedictine Oblate women committed to serving the poorest of the poor in Rome. A legend arose that when she traveled around the city at night, an angel with a lantern would light the road ahead of her. In 1925, Pope Pius XI declared St. Francesca Romana the patron saint of automobile drivers.

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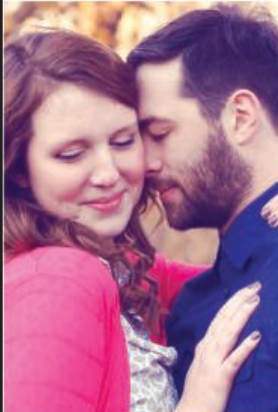
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