

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, March 24, 9:15 am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

For the soul (†) of Joseph Januszewski
requested by his wife and family

Wednesday, March 27, 5:15 pm

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

Sunday, March 31, 9:15 am

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

Sunday, Mar. 17, 2024	
Offertory	\$1,013.00
Diocesan Grant	\$750.00
School Grant	\$720.00
Easter Flowers	\$60.00
Candles	\$66.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$10.00
TOTAL at Mass	\$2,679.00
Parish Giving Online	
Offertory	\$118.93
Fuel	\$49.55
Parish Giving TOTAL	\$168.48
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,847.48

This past Sunday, 74 Souls were in attendance at Mass.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

March 31: Special Collection
(see explanation on this page)

April 14: Fuel

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)
Suggested donations are \$10.00.

Pecan Fundraiser

Our inventory is getting low!
Cinnamon Glazed Pecans
and plain Roasted Cashews.
Available after Mass in the Parish Hall.



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

PARISH GIVING is Growing!

You can sign up too by going to the Parish website at <https://stjosephclaremont.org/> and clicking on the Parish Giving button. Pick up a brochure at the back of the Church or go to www.paritygiving.org

If you make arrangements for online giving, you can place one of the laminated Online Giving Cards (available at the back of the church) in the Collection Basket in place of cash or check.

Special Collection on March 31


Upon recommendation of the Finance Council and the support of Fr. Sebastian, there will be a Special Collection on Easter Sunday to help defray the cost of infrastructure repairs and upgrades to the church and rectory that were not budgeted for in this fiscal year.


Please use the Grand Annual Appeal envelopes as all proceeds will be placed into that account, which has been earmarked for this specific purpose. All money raised will stay here at St. Joseph's.

Thank you all for your generosity!

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 Ed and Carol Gregory.





Easter Flower Donations

NOTE: Because the Easter Sunday bulletin went to print on last Friday, March 22, intentions and donor names collected today will be published in the April 7 bulletin.

Envelopes are at the back of the church.

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

Land- 802-896-6000m
Cell- 802-839-0635
<https://www.ourladyofephesus.houseofprayer.org/>
Fr. Jay - Director OLEHOP

Holy Week

March 25-27, 2024
(Monday ,Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mass-4.30 pm

March 28,2024- Holy Thursday
Mass- 4.30 pm

March 29,2024
Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
4.30 pm Stations of the Cross,
Service and Holy Communion.
(there is no Mass at any part of the world)

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lo rd
Solemn High Mass -10.30 am

EASTER SCHEDULE

St Joseph Church
Palm Sunday, March 24
9:15 am Mass
Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27
5:00 pm Mass
5:30 pm Confessions
Good Friday, March 29
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, March 30
11:00 am Blessing of the Food
Easter Sunday, March 31
9:15 am Easter Mass



**Good Friday is a
day of Fast
and Abstinence.**

EASTER SCHEDULE

St Mary Church
Palm Sunday, March 24
4:00 pm Mass (Saturday)
7:45 am & 10:30 am Mass (Sunday)
Holy Thursday, March 28
6:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper/
followed by Adoration
Good Friday, March 29
2:30 pm Passion/Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday
7:30 pm Easter Vigil
8:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Mass

Polish Lenten and Easter Traditions

Blessing of the Food (święconka)

Holy Saturday, March 30, 11am

All are welcome to join us and experience this treasured Easter tradition.



This beloved tradition has been carried on in Polish homes for many generations. Baskets lined with white linen or a lace napkin are filled with a sampling of Easter foods for the priest to bless. Bread, butter, eggs, salt, ham, and horseradish each hold special meaning in the blessing basket. In earlier times, the priest would visit his parishioner's homes to bless food that they set out for him. Many of us remember Fr. Stan carrying on that tradition so many years ago. Today, it is more common for parishioners to bring a basket of food to the church to be blessed.

Learn what special things are included in Polish Easter baskets:
<https://www.polishamericancenter.org/SwieconkaBasket.htm>

Easter Breakfast (śniadanie wielkanocne)

Foods from the święconka basket that were blessed at church on Holy Saturday are shared by the family on Easter morning. This often includes butter or a cake formed like a lamb, representing Christ, the Lamb of God, holding the cross of victory over death.



Hymns for March 24, 2024

Processional Hymn: No. 244
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Offertory Hymn: No. 283
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Communion: Choir

Recessional Hymn: No. 250
"O Sacred Head Surrounded"

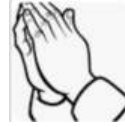


Mass Readings

Palm Sunday
B 521

Passion
B 523

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. March 27 6:30 pm
New members
welcome!



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 11:1-10

Monday, March 25, 2024

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn
8:51-59

Friday, March 29, 2024

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-
6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12,
13-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18; Ex
14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a,
18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

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

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 when attending
any event in the church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE 3pm Tuesdays

**The bulletin for Easter Sunday
has already gone to print.**
**The deadline for the
April 7th bulletin will be 3pm,
Tues. April 2**

If you have something you would
like put into future bulletins,
please send it to
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Did you miss getting a printed
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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)**

If you or someone you know is not able to leave
their home and would like to receive a visit from
Father Sebastian on
the Second Monday of every month,

Contact the
Homebound Ministry
Steve Denis, Director,
assisted by Jackie Merrill,
Bill Pamplin and Gary Lambert
Call Steve Denis at
603-558-5209.

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 12th, 1531. If you would like
this very special Image to visit your home for a week,
please contact Juanita Sweet at:

juanitajoy2@gmail.com or 603-477-1348.
Information sheet available in the Church Hall after
Mass.



**Nine Day Novena to Divine Mercy
beginning on Good Friday, March 29
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7**

You are invited to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary's Adoration Chapel from 12 noon to 3 PM each day.

Each hour will begin with the recitation of the rosary and will conclude at 3 PM with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Volunteers are needed.

If you can spend an hour in Adoration please contact Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.

VOLUNTEERS
What would we do
without them?

WE ARE GRATEFUL

WE THANK:

All those who prepared and attended

Our March Coffee Hour! The next one will be on April 14.

Our combined St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day Celebration Brunch

Our Bread and Soup Penitential Meals

Alizabeth Roberts for steam cleaning our Passion veils

Our work crew of *Rick & Carol Logan, Steve Denis, and Mary & Richard Brown* for preparing the church as we entered into the traditional season of Passiontide.



The Easter "palm" is a symbolic twig prepared before Easter in memory of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The palms are blessed in churches during the celebration of Palm Sunday.

Polish palms are long bunches made of young tree twigs, herbs, and flowers. Traditionally, they should include willow twigs, the first green signs of spring in Poland, symbolizing life and resurrection.

Palms decorated with ribbons and dried or artificial flowers are sold in open-air markets so that families can purchase them to bring to church on Palm Sunday.

What Do You Do With Your Palms?

Palms are green and bendable when they are fresh, but they dry out, unless you put them into a vase of water (just like fresh flowers!) when you get home.

When they are fresh, you can use them for crafts. But remember, they have been blessed, so they must not be put into the trash when they are dry and you want to dispose of them. Please remember that they should be burned, and their ashes returned to the ground.

You can find many crafty ideas online for using palms. The website that gave us these tips is

<https://www.catholicicing.com/10-things-to-do-with-palms-from-palm-sunday/>

I'm going to put my palms in water this year. I never thought of that before and it's a good idea!



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