

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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April 7, 2024

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Sunday, April 7, 9:15 am Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

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

There will be no 5:00pm Mass on Wednesday, April 10.

The intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, April 14, 9:15 am Third Sunday of Easter

For the soul (†) of Frank Riviezzo
requested by his daughter, Mary Stone, and family

There is no 2nd Collection today.

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24	
Offertory	\$493.00
Church Maintenance	\$191.00
Easter Flowers	\$125.00
3-24-24 TOTAL at MASS	\$809.00
There were 51 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$242.13
Church Maintenance	\$97.15
Fuel	\$95.90
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$435.18
3-24-24 TOTAL MASS & ONLINE	\$1,244.18

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31	
Offertory	\$972.00
Special Colection- Infrastructure	\$1,966.00
Candles	\$86.00
Intentions	\$50.00
3-31-24 TOTAL at MASS	\$3,074.00
There were 106 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$119.03
Church Maintenance	\$148.79
Fuel	\$19.84
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$287.66
3-31-24 TOTAL MASS & ONLINE	\$3,361.66

THANK YOU
 To all who contributed to our Special Second Collection last Sunday. Your generosity is most appreciated!

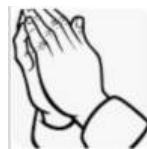


THANK YOU
 To all who worked to prepare and carry out all the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter. First, our Pastor Fr. Sebastian, and our Guest Celebrant Fr. Joachim, the Ushers, St. Cecilia Choir, Organist and Choir Director, Canopy Bearers, Altar Servers, Lectors and all who prepared the altars.

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 Frank Riviezzo requested by Mary Stone and family.



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 for Masses and Lamp 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 donation: \$10.00.




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 by appointment


UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
April 14: Fuel
ONGOING COLLECTIONS
 2023 NH Catholic Appeal **\$2,916** (24 donors)
 Grand Annual Collection **\$2,560.00**

Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy Coloring Book
 Tells the story of this Polish saint's life. Available for sale in the Parish Hall after Mass \$7.00 each

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree
 Monday April 8. 7:00 pm
 Council Chambers St. Mary's Gym



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Tuesday April 16th 6:00 pm
 St. Joseph's Parish Hall



2nd Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: No. 256
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Offertory: No. 260
"O Sons and Daughters "

Communion: Choir

Recessional Hymn: No. 257
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. April 10 6:30 pm
New members welcome!

Mass Readings
ABC/552

Please pray for the repose of the soul
of Patricia Creem, whose funeral Mass
was held in our church on Saturday.



Sunday, April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15,
22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 8, 2024

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 9 2024

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 ;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9,
17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 12, 2024 J

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
Fr. John Loughnane
Brenda
Anne Cherry
Chris Currier
Jean Drena
Frederick Gallant
Isabella Gowell
Stephen Grogan
Deborah Hemingway
Karen Ouellette
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, leave
a message on the Rectory answer-
ing machine (603-542-5732) or at
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com.

CONFESSIONS

St Mary Church
Friday
after 9:00 Mass
Saturday
3:00 to 3:45 pm

Coffee Hour Next Sunday April 14

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



Italian Dinner

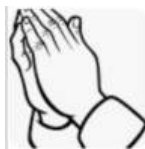
Prepared by Louis Millette

Friday, April 19, 2024 4:30 to 7:00 pm
St Mary's Gym

Spaghetti with Meatballs, Italian Bread,
Salad, Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Soft
Drinks

Free Will Offering FBO Church
Maintenance Fund

PLEASE RSVP: 603-542-9518 or
stmarysclaremont@comcast.net



Pecan Fundraiser

Cinnamon Glazed Pecans
and plain Roasted Cashews

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

\$2.00 for a Large Tootsie Roll
Available after Mass in the Parish

BULLETIN DEADLINE

3pm Tuesdays

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put into future bulletins, please send it
to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

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or snow? Past copies are available in
the church hall after Mass, or email
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and a copy will be located for you.

Safety and Security

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

Homebound Ministry

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday
at St. Mary Church, members of the Homebound
Ministry, Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, and
Gary Lambert, were commissioned as lay ministers of
Holy Communion.

Please keep them, Father Sebastian, and the
homebound they serve, in your prayers.

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, Call Steve Denis, Director, at
603-558-5209.

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
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PLEASE NOTE: The email address uses
St Josephs (plural) but the website

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024



The Second Sunday of Easter, marking the end of the Octave of Easter, was designated as the Feast of the Divine Mercy, or Divine Mercy Sunday. On the Feast of St Faustina Kowalska in October, we wrote a brief story of her life and her writings that led to the establishment of this day. We add some more to that story today.

Born in Poland in 1905, Helena Kowalska took her first vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy when she was twenty years old, becoming Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Although mostly illiterate and with only a minimal education, she kept a diary recording her encounters with our Lord Jesus Christ and His instructions to her for making His wishes known to the world.

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalski - Divine Mercy in My Soul chronicles the visions she experienced in the 1930s in which Jesus instructed her to paint an image as she saw Him, to write down what He said to her and to encourage devotion to His Divine Mercy. In Entry 965 of this diary, Jesus referred to Faustina as “Secretary of My mercy” and told her to “write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near.”

Sister Faustina lived a life of sacrifice, demonstrating how to be merciful to others, bringing joy and peace especially to serious sinners and the dying. By writing about God's mercy, she encouraged others to trust in Him. She became an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world. Tuberculosis took her life in 1938, but even those closest to her had not realized how much pain and suffering were hidden behind her humble and always cheerful demeanor. It may be said that two of Saint Maria Faustina's mottos were: “Be merciful even as your heavenly Father is merciful” and “Act in such a way that everyone who comes in contact with you will go away joyful.”

Instructions from Jesus recorded in *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*

“Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature:

Jesus, I trust in you.” (Diary 47)

“I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.

I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death.

I myself will defend it as my own glory.” (Diary 48)

More information is available at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

The Nine Day Novena to Divine Mercy that began on Good Friday, March 29, concludes today. You are invited to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary's Adoration Chapel from 12 noon to 3 PM. Each hour will begin with the recitation of the rosary and at 3 PM will conclude 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday at the National Shrine, Stockbridge, Massachusetts

On Divine Mercy Sunday (the Octave Day of Easter), the Magdalen College Choir from Warner, NH, will travel to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, to sing for the Solemn Mass and for the Holy Hour at the Great Hour of Mercy. This liturgy will be televised live on EWTN.*

The Choir is under the direction of Tristan Smith, son of parishioners, David and Sherri Smith. Tristan grew up in our parish, playing piano during our Polish Month events, and then our organ at Masses and funerals. He and his father devoted many hours to livestreaming our Masses during the CoVid quarantine. We are grateful when Tristan's busy schedule allows him to return as our organist. We offer our prayers and good wishes to every member of the Magdalen College and their Director as they bring their beautiful music to the celebration of this Solemn Mass.

*The Solemn Mass at the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine will be at 1:00 pm. It will be broadcast on EWTN starting at 12 Noon and available to view on Facebook (DivineMercyOfficial) and TheDivineMercy.org.

Feast Days and Memorials

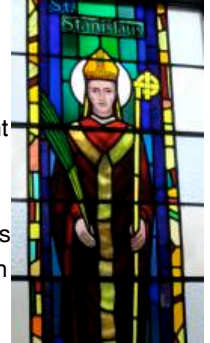
Monday, April 8: The Solemnity of the Annnciation of the Lord

On this day we celebrate the archangel Gabriel's announcing to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son who would be the Son of God and her acceptance of that news. The feast forecasts Christmas, because it occurs exactly nine months before December 25. This connection between the two feasts shows us that the liturgical year is clearly an endless circle of days. In many parts of the world this feast day is celebrated by serving a round cake, coffee ring, wreath-shaped cookies, or other foods served in a ring mold. In Sweden and other parts of Europe, the Annunciation is commemorated by serving waffles, a traditional food in Sweden. Since the Lutheran faith became the state religion of that country in 1593, the only feast of Mary still celebrated there is the Annunciation. Catholics throughout much of Europe join their Swedish brothers and sisters in enjoying that tradition.

Thursday, April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr; 1030-1079

Patron of Poland and Krakow, soldiers in battle and of moral order

Born to a wealthy family in Szczepanow, the young man was educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, the capital of Poland at that time, and at Paris. He was ordained a priest and became well known for his eloquent preaching. In 1072 he became bishop of Kraków, one of the earliest native Polish bishops. He excommunicated King Boleslaus the Bold because of his cruelties and injustices, and was killed by the King himself while saying Mass. St. Stanislaus is remembered with Saints Thomas More and Thomas Becket for opposing the evils of an unjust government. He was the first native Polish saint. The picture here is of the St. Stanislaus window in St. Louis Church, Portland, Maine.



Saturday, April 13: St. Martin, Bishop and Martyr; d655

St. Martin was born in Italy and died in Cherson, Crimea (now Kherson, Ukraine) He was Pope from 649 to 653, during the time when relations between the Eastern and Western churches were strained by controversy over monothelism, a heresy that maintained that Christ had only one will, not two (human and divine). To bring an end to the controversy, Pope Martin presided over the Lateran Council of 649 that condemned monothelism and the Typos, an order by Emperor Constans II Pogonatus forbidding discussion of Christ's wills. He also excommunicated the Emperor, who ordered the pope's arrest, public humiliation and torture. This holy man was then banished to the Crimean Peninsula, where he soon died from his injuries. Pope St. Martin is recognized the last pope to be honored as a martyr.



Blessing of the Food, 2024

We thank Fr. Sebastian for his prayers and blessings at our Święconka, all who came and bought their baskets of food to be blessed, and Alicja Millette for her photos.

Each item on the table was truly a work of art! Everyone appreciated being able to come together for this traditional Polish custom that has continued at St. Joseph Church for so many years.

Dziękuję bardzo!

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