

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, April 21, 9:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga
requested by

Concord Carmelite OCDS Community

Wednesday, April 24, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Henri Frechette, Sr.
requested by the Bourque family

Sunday, April 28, 9:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

There is no 2nd Collection today.

| COLLECTIONS : APRIL 14, 2024 | |
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| Offertory | \$763.00 |
| Fuel | \$706.50 |
| Diocesan Grant | \$750.00 |
| Grand Annual Collection | \$250.00 |
| Candles | \$56.00 |
| 4-14-24 TOTAL at MASS | \$2,525.50 |
| There were 78 souls in attendance. | |
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| PARISH GIVING ONLINE | |
| Offertory | \$118.22 |
| Fuel | \$49.26 |
| PARISH GIVING TOTAL | \$167.48 |
| 4-14-24 TOTAL MASS & ONLINE | \$2,692.98 |

**New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:
Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, One Body (NHCA)**

This annual appeal begins next week and will take place at Mass over the next two weekends. This initiative is designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, our parish along with the other 87 parishes raised more than \$3.8M.

Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year.

The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future.

For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nh>



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

**April 28: Church
Maintenance**

May 5: NH Catholic Appeal

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

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

Grand Annual Collection
\$2,810.00

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 Roger Sheehan requested by his 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 the Lamp may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by sending an email to

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Suggested donation: \$10.00.



The Month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. The Marian Candelabrum will be lit on the Blessed Mother Altar on all Sundays in May and on the Holy Day of Ascension Thursday.

If you wish to schedule an intention, please see Sherri Smith in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. A donation of \$10.00 is requested.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards may be picked up at the back of the Church. Please write your Intentions on the outside of the outer envelope and return it with your donation in the collection basket.

The cards with your Intentions will be placed on the altar for the month of May.

**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

**Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer
35 Fawn Ledge Lane, Jamaica, VT 05343**

Weekday Mass **Weekend Masses**
Monday- 9.00 am 10.30am
Wed. to Fri. 4.30 pm

Confession: Before and after all Masse
and by appointment

3rd Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: No. 432
"Shepherd of Souls, in Love, Come"

Offertory Hymn: No. 447
"Shepherd of Souls"

Communion: Choir

Recessional Hymn: No. 353
"What Wondrous Love is This"

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. April 24 6:30 pm
New members
welcome!

Mass
Readings
B 557



Sunday, April 21, 2024
Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,
26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 22, 2024
Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday April 23, 2024
Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5,
6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday April 24, 2024
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6
and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday April 25, 2024
Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Friday, April 26, 2024
Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9,
10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27, 2024
Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-
4 Jn 14:7-14

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 or
send an email to
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THANK YOU TO ALL

who worked on and attended our April
Coffee Hour. Our next Coffee Hour will
be on Sunday, May 12. Please join us
for our Mother's Day Brunch!



We need a head count (no names) so we know
how much food to prepare. Please look for the clip-
board at the back of the church and let us know if
you plan to come.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

3pm Tuesdays

If you have something you would like
put into future bulletins, please send it
to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Did you miss getting a printed copy of
our bulletin because of travel, illness
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.

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.

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)**



THANK YOU!
to Mike LaFont
for making a new
Church Supper sign
to replace the one
that had served us
for the last two years.

CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday May 4th
4:30 – 6:30 pm
St Joseph Church Hall
Elm St
Claremont, NH

Spaghetti,
Homemade Meatballs,
Vegetable, Salad, Dessert,
and
Beverage

\$15.00

Dine In or Take Out



Our Bulletin Policy

We have received requests from other parishes asking us to put a notice in our bulletin. Because our space is limited, our policy is to limit our notices to those relating to St. Joseph and St. Mary Churches, items requested by our Pastor and Bishop, events we are participating in that are sponsored by other area churches, and Polish cultural events in the Northeast. The item below fits into the last category.

St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, MA is hosting
Rev. Msgr. Józef Niżnik, custodian of the
Sanctuary of St. Andrew Bobola, Strachocina, Poland
on **Sat. April 27 at 11am.**

Complimentary lunch will follow with opportunity to speak with Rev. Niżnik
(interpreter will be available)

RSVP to niksa@charter.net by email, or by text or phone to 774-402-4147.

A flyer with more information may be seen in the Church Hall after Mass.

Feast Days and Memorials

April 23: St. George, 12th century, Martyr

Patron of soldiers, and of England and Constantinople

Legend portrays St. George as a knight and dragon slayer. He was a soldier in service of the Roman emperor Diocletian, who ordered him killed for refusing to denounce his Christian faith and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. Saint George's dragons have been interpreted as symbolizing the devil and he has often been called upon to offer his intercession against our struggles with the "dragons" or evils faced in daily life.

April 23: St. Adalbert of Prague, 956-997, Bishop

Patron of Bohemia, Czech Republic, Poland and Prussia

This future saint was born to a noble family in Bohemia. His birth name was Voytech, which is Wojciech in Polish. He was well educated and at Confirmation, took the name of his teacher, Adalbert of Magdeburg. He became the 2nd bishop of Prague and was a missionary to the Hungarians, Poles, and Prussians. St. Adalbert was martyred because of his efforts to convert the Baltic Prussians to Christianity.

April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, c. 1577–1622, Priest, Martyr

Patron of lawyers and the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples

Born Mark Roy, in Germany, this future saint was well-educated and respected both as a student and teacher. He became a lawyer, advocating for the poor, and was greatly upset by the dishonesty of his colleagues. Changing his path in life, he became a Capuchin friar, taking the name of Fidelis, meaning "faithful".

Fidelis lived a life of prayer and penance. As a missionary to Switzerland and Austria, he was known for his zealous preaching in defense of the Catholic faith. After ten years of religious life, he died at the hands of an angry mob at the age of forty-five. St. Fidelis was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV in 1746

April 24: St. Mark, c12-c68, Evangelist

Patron of attorneys, captives, shoemakers, lions, notaries, glass workers, Egypt, and Venice

The Acts of the Apostles and various Epistles speak of both "Mark" and "John Mark." It is believed they are the same person, with John being his Jewish name and Mark, his Roman name. His Gospel, the oldest and shortest of the four, is full of vivid detail of Jesus' mighty works. By faithfully writing down the life of Christ for others to read, he became one of God's most powerful evangelists. Mark established the first Church in Africa and preached the Gospel in Alexandria, Egypt as its first bishop. After twenty years of ministering there, he was tortured, imprisoned and martyred for his faith.

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