

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



April 28, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, April 28, 9:15 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday, May 1, 5:00 pm

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

Sunday, May 5, 9:15 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

COLLECTIONS: APRIL 21, 2024	
Offertory	\$638.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$510.00
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	\$82.00
Candles	50.00
4-21-24 TOTAL at MASS	1,280.00
There were 80 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$119.36
Fuel	\$99.47
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$218.83
4-21-24 TOTAL MASS & ONLINE	\$1,498.83

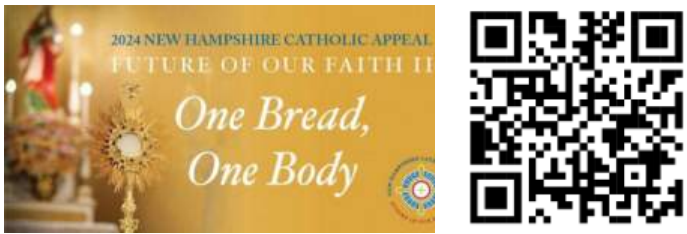


UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- May 5: NH Catholic Appeal**
- May 12: Catholic Communications**
- May 19: Fuel**
- May 26: Church Maintenance**

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

2024 NH Catholic Appeal
Grand Annual Collection



This weekend we kick off this annual appeal, an initiative for our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It has consolidated six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities NH in-pew special collection appeal and the *Parable* magazine drive.

I am grateful to all who donated to the NHCA last year. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal again will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, *Parable* magazine, the Community Services program Catholic Charities NH and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate.

As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarium Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Catholic Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH) plus to *Parable* Magazine and the Catholic Charities NH Special collection appeal.

Our parish goal this year is \$7,650.00 and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs. Together, we are many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail, visit the Appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online, or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170.


With gratitude,
Fr. Sebastian

Next Sunday May 5th is NHCA WEEKEND. We welcome Marc Cousineau from Catholic Charities as our guest speaker.

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.

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



All of the intentions have been filled. We thank everyone who participated.

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 Gladys Kudej Fray requested by Sharon and Steve Wood.



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.

5th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: No. 259
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Offertory Hymn: No.350
"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me
Grace"

Communion: Choir

Recessional Hymn: No. 266
"The Strife Is O'er"

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. May 1 6:30 pm
New members
welcome!

**Mass
Readings
B 560**



Sunday, April 28, 2024
Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30,
31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday, April 29, 2024
Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4,
15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11,
12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a,
2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a,
2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 3, 2024
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;
Jn 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4, 2024
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5;
Jn 15:18-21

**Please pray for the
Soul of Connie Zullo Barth,
whose funeral was last week.**

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

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

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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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
Joshua White	

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION (ASCENSION THURSDAY)

is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Vigil Mass Wednesday, May 8th,
5:30 pm at St. Joseph Church**

**Holy Day Mass, Thursday, May 9th,
9:00 am at St. Mary Church**



Prayer for the

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL
FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II

Lord God and Father,

We are Your people, united in our love for You and for one another. We thank You for the many gifts You have given to us and we welcome Your presence in our lives at all times. We ask that You continue to draw us closer to You and to strengthen our resolve to assist those among us who are most in need.

Our diocese is many parts, and one body of Christ. Through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith, allow us to come together to share our time, talent and treasure with those who need our assistance.

Let us grasp more fully that the help we extend to others is the most powerful expression of our gratitude to You, as well as a genuine testimony to our faith.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, make our prayer to You one that brings hope and charity to the future of our faith in New Hampshire.

Amen.



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.

**Our Monthly Coffee Hour
Sunday, May 12
is a
Mother's Day Brunch**

We need a head count (no names) so we know how much food to prepare. Please look for the clipboard at the back of the church and let us know if you plan to come. All are welcome. No charge. Free Will Offerings Welcome

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



Mother's Day Bake Sale

Following:
4:00 mass on Saturday, May 11th and
8:00 x 10:30 masses on Sunday, May 12th

Volunteer to help and/or
bake your specialty.



Please call Gail Leclerc-Roberts @ 603-543-4187
to coordinate your support.

FREE WILL DONATIONS

Pecan Fundraiser

Only Plain Roasted Cashews Left

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

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

Safety and Security

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE
3pm Tuesdays**

If you have something you would like
put into future bulletins, please send it
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**Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy
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opportunity. Go to formed.org, click on "sign up," type in
our church's zip code (03743) and
select the St Mary Church pop-up.

From Steve Denis: I would like to thank all who volunteered
for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Divine Mercy
Sunday in the Adoration Chapel as well as those who made a
visit. We started out with 3 people for the first hour and for the
recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the closing of the
chapel was full. God was adored and glorified.

Did you miss getting a printed copy of our bulletin
because of travel, illness or snow? Recent copies
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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
address is singular (St Joseph)**

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. We thank you for understanding that space would become unmanageable if we honored every request that comes in.

Feast Days and Memorials

Apr 29: St. Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Patron of fire prevention, illness, miscarriages

St Catherine and her twin were born in Siena, Italy, as the bubonic plague (Black Death) was beginning. Her 40-year old mother had already given birth to twenty-four children, half of them, including this twin, did not survive childhood. Refusing to marry an older sister's widower, Catherine insisted on leading a religious life in prayerful isolation in her home. She often gave away her family's food and clothing to people in need. At 21 Catherine had a vision telling her to enter public life in order to help the poor and the sick. This recluse suddenly became an activist! She began traveling widely, visiting hospitals and spreading her message of reform. She became involved in politics, worked to keep city states loyal to the Pope, started a crusade to the Holy Land, helped to restore the Papacy to Rome and acted as peace maker between warring city states. Over 400 influential letters, now called her Dialogue, earned St. Catherine of Siena the title of Doctor of the Church.

April 30: St. Pius V, 1504-1572, Pope

Born into a poor family in Bosco, Italy, Antonio Ghislieri became one of the foremost leaders of the Catholic Reformation. He worked as a shepherd until the age of fourteen and then joined the Dominicans and was called Brother Michele. He followed on his religious path as a priest, was elected prior of more than one priory, and became known as a zealous reformist. Appointed as Bishop, Inquisitor of the Faith, and then a Cardinal before being elected Pope. Although he only held onto the position for a little over six years, his impact on the Church was monumental. He was known for his piety and strict moral compass, and as Pope, he helped to reshape the Church's reputation. Among his many accomplishments was implementing the reforms of the Council of Trent, and promoting the Roman Catechism, the Roman Missal, and the Roman Breviary.

May 1: St. Joseph, the Worker, Priest, Martyr

Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death

We all know Joseph as the Jewish man of Nazareth who was married to Mary and was the legal father of Jesus. On March 19 we celebrated the feast of Joseph, Spouse of Mary. The additional Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" celebrated on May 1 was established in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. The date is significant, since it is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and reflects Joseph's status as the patron of workers. The life of St Joseph shows us the dignity of human work. He was not rich, although he came from a royal lineage, descended from David, the greatest King of Israel.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying and of a happy death because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

May 2: St. Athanasius, 296/298- 373, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Patron of Theologians, faithful Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christians

Born in Alexandria, Egypt to a prominent Christian family, Athanasius received an excellent education in Christian doctrine, Greek literature, philosophy, rhetoric and law. He became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism. He was the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known. His devotion to orthodoxy and lifetime of work earned him such popular titles as Athanasius the Great, Athanasius the Confessor, Pillar of the Church, Father of Orthodoxy, and Champion of Christ's Divinity.

May 3: St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

St Philip: Patron of Hatmakers

Philip was born in Bethsaida, Galilee, as were Simon Peter and Andrew. He may have been a disciple of John the Baptist before becoming one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is mentioned in the Gospel of John as being called by Jesus Himself and for bringing Nathanael to Christ. Philip was present at the miracle of the loaves and fishes, when he engaged in a brief dialogue with the Lord, and was the Apostle approached by the Hellenistic Jews from Bethsaida to introduce them to Jesus. Just before the Passion, Jesus answered Philip's query to show them the Father, and he was among the Apostles awaiting the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room. According to tradition he served as a missionary to Greece, Syria, and Phrygia and died a martyr.

St. James, the son of Alphaeus

This apostle has been referred to as St. James the Lesser, to distinguish him from an earlier Apostle, St. James the Greater or St. James, the brother of John. St. James the Lesser's mother was a close relative of the Blessed Virgin. As was the Jewish custom, he was sometimes called the "brother" of Jesus. He was prominent among early Christians, served as the first Bishop of Jerusalem, attended the Council of Jerusalem about the year 50, and wrote the first Catholic Epistle.

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