

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



May 5, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Sharon Wood

Music Director

Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

Sunday, May 5, 9:15 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 pm

Solemnity of the Ascension

For the soul (†) of Carol Bourque
requested by the Bourque family

Sunday, May 12, 9:15 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

For the soul (†) of Joyce Pardue
requested by Roger and Bessie Sheehan

COLLECTIONS: APRIL 28, 2024	
Offertory	\$698.50
Church Maintenance	\$443.25
Funeral Luncheon	\$1,200.00
Funeral Mass	\$200.00
Nut Fundraiser	\$118.00
Candles	\$92.00
Mother's Day Cards	\$30.00
4-28-24 TOTAL at MASS	\$2,781.75
There were 81 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$151.85
Church Maintenance	68.58
PARISH GIVING TOTAL	\$220.43
4-28-24 TOTAL MASS & ONLINE	\$3,002.18



This is NHCA Weekend.

We welcome Marc Cousineau from Catholic Charities as our guest speaker on behalf of the NH Catholic Appeal.

We thank all who make their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more.

If you are not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.

NOTE: If the link doesn't work, type the URL into your browser to see the Diocesan website.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 12: Catholic Communications
May 19: Fuel
May 26: Church Maintenance

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

2024 NH Catholic Appeal
 Grand Annual Collection

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.

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 Offering

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.




Today the lamp is lit for **Stephen Grogan**, at the request of Rick and Carol Logan.

At the Holy Day Mass on Wednesday, May 8, it will be lit in **memory of Amelia Skill**, at the request of Sharon Wood.

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.



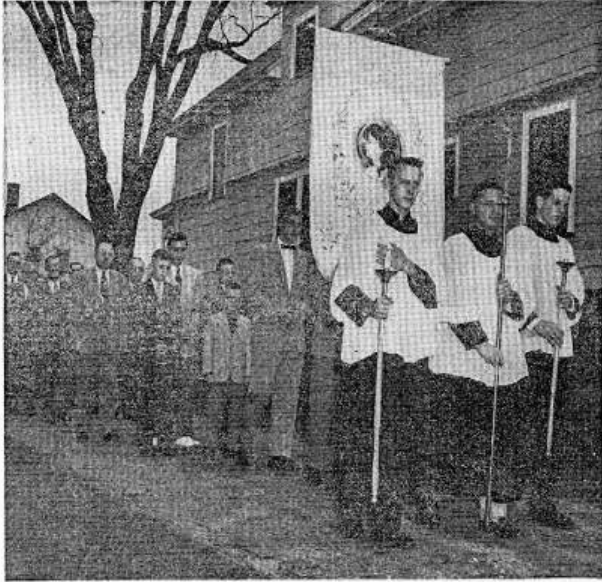
Masses and Sanctuary Lamp

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.

Procession Marks



OUTDOOR PROCESSION. Carrying the cross and candles, Altar Boys John Koziell, Walter Kowalczyk and Philip Fontaine, left to right, lead the procession as it rounds St. Joseph church in Claremont. Behind them follow members of the Junior Holy Name Society. Despite scudding clouds and sullen skies, the rains that marked much of early May held off long enough to allow the ceremony to proceed as originally scheduled.

Procession Marks Marian Year

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"Holy Name Society 1921" (the year it was founded) is embroidered on the back of the banner above left. It is shown in the 1954 newspaper photo above and farthest on the left in the photo on the right.

The words "Adoration Society at St Joseph's Parish Claremont NH founded September 1921" are embroidered on the back of the 2nd banner. The front has "My Lord, My God" embroidered on the front with a picture of a Monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament. We think it is the one that can be seen behind the ladies marching in the photo.



Seventy-Year Old Banners Tell a Story from St. Joseph Church History

On September 8, 1953, Pope Pius XII issued his encyclical, *Fulgens Corona*, proclaiming the start of the first international Marian year in Church history. That date marked the 100th anniversary of when the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary was defined.

The only other Marian year since then was declared in 1987 by Pope John Paul II. Each Pope's intention was to designate a calendar year in which Mary was to be particularly revered and celebrated. All over the world, Marian devotions, pilgrimages, and cultural events were held in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

Here in Claremont, a procession was held in May of 1954 by parishioners of St. Joseph Church to commemorate that first Marian Year. Our Church scrapbook holds copies of a period photo and newspaper clippings documenting that event.

Recently, several historical artifacts were discovered that offer a more complete picture of how devoted the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish were to participating in this world-wide celebration. Five cloth banners with pictures and lettering on both sides were found in a closet in St. Joseph Rectory. Some of the images were embroidered, some painted, on silk. We think they were made by parishioners for use during the Marian Year of 1954.

We asked Allison Zito, a local artist with experience in the care of textiles, to examine them. She judged their conditions to be surprisingly good, considering their age.

The banners had been folded and stacked on a shelf for many years. When discovered they were protected with tissue and placed in a box. After they were spread out for viewing, we were advised not to fold them again, but to store them lying flat. This presented a problem, since they are large and space had to be found where they could be stored in this manner. David Putnam was consulted, and he provided the proper archival paper to be placed between each banner for storage. Luckily, the rectory has the ideal storage area: a cedar closet large enough to accommodate them.

We hope to apply for grants for proper long-term storage, and perhaps for restoration of each of these magnificent historic artifacts from our church's history. We welcome help from anyone with experience with a project such as this.

Do you know anything else about these banners? Please share what you know with us. Do you recognize anyone (including yourself) in the photos? Do you have experience with grant writing and would be able to help us with this project?



Left:
Immaculate Mother
Pray for Us

On Reverse:
Society of the
Children of Mary
St Joseph Parish
founded
29 October 1921

Below: Under Your Protection
We Fly
On Reverse: Polish Eagle &
in Polish, For Faith and Country



Right:
HOLY NAME SOCIETY.
Devout members join the
congregation in saying the
Rosary. Their beads entwined
in their hands and their eyes
fixed on the altar, the men are,
left to right, Victor
Chrystowski, Joseph
Rzeczycki, John Novak and
Stanley Bucko, Jr. Four
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procession held in the
month of May.

MANCHESTER, N. H., MAY 16, 1954

Marian Year



HOLY NAME SOCIETY. Devout members join the congregation in saying the Rosary. Their beads entwined in their hands and their eyes fixed upon the altar, the men are, left to right, Victor Chrystowski, Joseph Rzeczycki, John Novak and Stanley Bucko, Jr. Four organizations of the Polish parish marched in the procession held in observance of the Marian Year and the month of May.

Feast Days and Memorials

Friday May 10: St. John of Avila, 1499-1569, Priest, Doctor of the Church

This future saint was a Spanish preacher, scholastic author and religious mystic. He is called the "Apostle of Andalusia" because of his ministry in that region of Spain. Crowds packed the churches to hear his sermons, but he was not without controversy. His saintly reputation and efforts to reform the clergy, establish schools and colleges, and catechise the laity inspired many reformers who came after him.

Friday May 10: St. Damien de Veuster, c. 1840-1889

This was a Belgian who joined the Fathers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary (also known as the Picpus Fathers) He began his ministry in Honolulu in 1864, and later served on the island of Molokai, then called "Devil's Island" because it was used as a leper colony. "I make myself a leper with the lepers, to gain all for Jesus Christ."

Apologies to St. Joseph for listing him as a Priest and Martyr in last week's entry for May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In using the previous week's bulletin pages as a template for the next, I failed to remove that designation from where it had described one of the saints featured in April.

Those of us on the Bulletin Committee appreciate your patience and understanding when errors are made, despite our sincere efforts to produce an accurate bulletin. We are grateful for our proofreaders for catching more errors each week than the number that do manage to slip by!

If any parishioners are able to work with us, we would welcome your assistance. Email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or speak to Sharon Wood after Mass if you are able to help.

6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Hymn: No. 427
"I Come with Joy"
Offertory Hymn: No. 444
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
Communion: Choir
Recessional Hymn: No. 255
"Be Joyful, Mary"

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
this week due to the
Holy Day Mass on Wednesday

Mass
Readings
B/563



Sunday, May 5, 2024

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1; Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Monday, May 6, 2024

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23

Friday, May 10, 2024

Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 11 2024

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

The Crowning of Mary,

Our Blessed Mother,
Queen of Heaven,
will take place at the
beginning of Mass on
Mother's Day, May 12.

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

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
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

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



K of C 3rd Degree Meeting
Monday May 13, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
St Mary's Gym

Thank You to all who worked on or
supported our first Church Supper
Fundraiser of the season last night. Our
next supper will be
Saturday, June 1.

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

Pecan Fundraiser
While supplies last
Only Plain Roasted Cashews Left
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser
\$2.00 for a Large Tootsie Roll
Available after Mass in the
Parish Hall.

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.

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.

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