

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



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## Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

## Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

## Sunday, May 12, 9:15 am

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

## Wednesday, May 15, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Lena Jewell  
requested by the Bourque family

## Sunday, May 19, 9:15 am

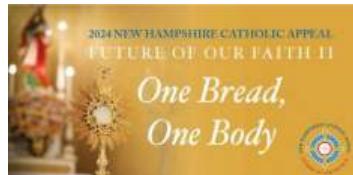
### Pentecost Sunday

For the deceased members of the  
Antonio & Congetta Zullo family  
requested by Connie Barth

Today's Second Collection is for Catholic Communications

COLLECTIONS: MAY 5, 2024	
Offertory	\$905.00
Church Maintenance	\$500.00
Mother's Day Cards	\$200.00
Marian Candelabrum	\$40.00
Candles	\$29.00
<b>5-5-24 TOTAL AT MASS</b>	<b>\$1,674.00</b>
There were 81 souls in	attendance.
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$118.36
Church Maintenance	\$118.36
Fuel	\$19.73
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$256.44</b>
<b>5-5-24 Total Mass &amp; Online</b>	<b>\$1,930.44</b>
<b>5-4-24 Spaghetti Supper</b>	<b>\$1,193.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,123.44</b>

The Crowning of Mary, Our Blessed Mother,  
Queen of Heaven,  
will take place at the beginning of today's Mass.



#### New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Our goal is **\$7,650.00**. We will report the amount received thus far in next week's bulletin. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass or make your gift online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal.

Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

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

**NOTE:** It has come to our attention that some of the mailings received from NHCA by St. Joseph parishioners contained the wrong parish affiliation and ID code. If this is the case, please pick up a new envelope in the church with the correct information. Please also notify Sherri Smith in the Parish Hall after Mass. We are working with the Diocese to correct these errors.

#### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 19: Fuel

May 26: Church Maintenance

#### ONGOING COLLECTIONS

2024 NH Catholic Appeal  
Grand Annual Collection

#### Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

envelopes may be returned in the Collection basket. They will be placed on the Altar during the Month of May

#### Mother's Day Brunch TODAY AFTER MASS

All are welcome.  
Even if you didn't sign up ahead, we have plenty of food.  
No charge.  
Free Will Offerings Welcomed

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 Jean Drena,  
requested by Rick and Carol Logan.

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

[stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com)

Suggested donation: \$10.00.

## **Feast Days and Memorials**

**May, the Month of Mary**

**May 13 is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.**

### **May 14: St. Mathias, Apostle**

Patron of Tailors

Jesus himself chose the original twelve apostles, but it fell to the remaining eleven to choose someone to replace Judas Iscariot after his betrayal of Jesus. They looked for someone who had been Jesus' disciple from the very beginning, from His baptism by John until His Ascension, and who witnessed Jesus' resurrection. Matthias and Joseph (called Barsabbas) fit this description, but the apostles were not willing to make a choice between the two. They cast lots, trusting that God's will would direct their selection. Matthias was chosen. Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy, but because he would become worthy.

"Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus  
in the way we live the eternal life we have right now."

### **May 15: St. Isidore, 1070-1130**

Patron of Madrid, farmers, and rural communities

Born in Madrid, Spain, Isidore worked for most of his life as a farm laborer. He experienced celestial visions while at work in the fields, and sometimes saw angels helping him with his work. He is known for his piety towards the poor and animals. Known as Isidore the Laborer or Isidore the Farmer, his parents named him after St. Isidore of Seville.

### **May 18: St John I, Pope, 470-526**

Italy had been ruled for thirty years by an emperor who promoted the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. When Pope St. Hormisdaso died in 523, his replacement was a young archdeacon from Tuscany who chose the name John. When the next Pope chose to keep that name, they became known as John I and John II.

The Eastern emperor, who had tolerated Christians, began severely mistreating them. The Western emperor ordered John I to lead a delegation to convince the East to soften their treatment of the faithful. On the return trip John was imprisoned at Ravenna because the formerly sympathetic emperor feared that John's friendship with his Eastern rival would threaten his position. Already in poor health, John I died from severe treatment in prison. His body was taken to Rome for burial in the Basilica of St. Peter.

### **May 18, 1920**

Birthday of Pope John Paul II, born Karol J. Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland.

He served as Pope from 1978 until his death in 2005.

Quotes and notes from <http://www.catholic.org>

### **Morning Offering**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day  
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,  
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians,  
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.

Amen.

*(Written in 1844 by Fr. François-Xavier Goutrelet;  
found in Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, pg. 48)*

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. usccb.org

## Today's Second Collection

### What is the Catholic Communications Campaign?

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in your diocese stay in your diocese to support your local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, usccb.org



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**Pentecost Sunday**

Entrance Hymn: No. 452  
"At That First Eucharist"  
Offertory Hymn: No. 414  
"On This Day, O Beautiful Mother"  
Communion: (Choir)  
Recessional Hymn: No. 419  
"Hail, Holy Queen  
Enthroned Above"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Wed. May 15 6:30 pm**  
**New members welcome!**

**Mass Readings**  
**B/567**

**Sunday, May 12, 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 13, 2024**

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

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26;  
Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
Jn 15: 9-17

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

Acts 20: 28-38; Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab; Jn 17: 11b-19

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11;  
Ps 16 :1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

Acts 25:13b-21;  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;  
Jn 21:20-25

**Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree**  
**Meets Monday May 13, 7:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers**  
**St Mary's Gym**

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 pm  
St. Joseph Church Hall.  
Recitation of the Rosary  
Baby Shower to benefit  
Pregnancy Center of Upper Valley.

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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

**Prayer List**

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	
Mandy Albanese	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

**Pecan Fundraiser**

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**Safety and Security**

Please remember to lock  
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any event in the church.

**Bulletin Deadline: 3pm Tuesdays**  
[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

**Our Bulletin Policy**

We have received requests from other parishes to put notices in our bulletin. Our space is limited, so our policy is to limit our notices to those relating to St. Joseph and St. Mary Churches, notices 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.

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 & 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**

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 us an email.

[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

You can view our bulletin, and other valuable information, on our website  
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