

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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May 19, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, May 19, 9:15 am

Pentecost Sunday

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

**There will be no Wednesday Masses
while Fr. Sebastian is away.**

The Mass intentions will be rescheduled.

Sunday, May 26, 9:15 am

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

For Eric and Jennifer Gallant
requested by their parents

Today's Second Collection is for Fuel.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS	
ASCENSION VIGIL MASS MAY 8, 2024	
TOTAL OFFERTORY	\$252.00
There were 53 souls in	attendance.
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024	
Offertory	\$608.00
Catholic Communication	\$166.00
Mother's Day Intentions	\$70.00
Candles	\$25.00
Diocesan Grant	\$750.00
5-12-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,619.00
There were 79 souls in	attendance.
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$577.46
Fuel	\$69.45
Church Maintenance	\$9.92
TOTAL ONLINE	\$656.83
TOTAL HOLY DAY, SUNDAY, & ONLINE	\$2,527.83



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$7,650. The amount given thus far is pending.

100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal will be returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next Sunday or you can make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all our parish families in order to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

If the online 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, you may still use those envelopes, but write "St Joseph Claremont Code #900" or use a new envelope from the back of the church. Please also notify Sherri Smith in the Parish Hall after Mass. We are working with the Diocese to correct these errors.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- May 26: Church Maintenance
- June 2: Fuel
- June 9: Medical Missionaries
- June 16: No 2nd Collection
- June 23: Church Maintenance
- June 30: Peter's Pence

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- 2024 NH Catholic Appeal
- Grand Annual Collection

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



Today the lamp is lit for the deceased members of the Madden & Smith families requested by their family.

Thank you

to all who prepared & attended our Mother's Day Brunch/Coffee Hour last Sunday.

Our next Coffee Hour will be June 9th.

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 Carol Bourque requested by Celeste & David Bourque



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.

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

envelopes are available at the back of the church. They will be placed on the Altar during the Month of June.

Feast Days and Memorials

May, the Month of Mary

May 20: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

“Glorious things are said of you, O Virgin Mary.

As Eve became the mother of the living, you became the mother of those born in Christ.

On the Cross, he gave you to be our mother, with the disciples, you awaited the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companians, Martyrs

A poor Mexican shepherd, Cristóbal Magallanes Jara entered a seminary at 19, and was ordained a priest at the age of 30. He helped to found schools, carpentry shops, and even major hydrological works such as dams. He founded a mission for the indigenous Huichol people and opened a seminary in his hometown. Although writing and preaching against armed rebellion, he was accused of promoting the Cristero Rebellion in the 1920s. He was arrested while on the way to celebrate Mass at a farm. Forgiving his executioners, St. Christopher Magallanes is quoted as saying, “I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican Brethren.”

May 22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

St. Rita was an Italian widow who became an Augustinian nun. She is known as the patron of impossible causes and of heartbroken women, specifically for sterility, abuse, loneliness, widowhood, and difficulties with marriage and parenting.

May 25: St Bede the Venerable, 673-735, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Patron of English writers and historians

Raised and educated in a monastery from the age of three, Bede became a monk and devoted his life to studying Scripture, teaching, and writing. He is said to have been one of the first to date events as *anno domini* (A.D.) and has been called the “father of English history.” St. Bede was the only Englishman to be named a Doctor of the Church.

May 25 : St Gregory, VII, Pope, 1020-1085

Hildegard was chaplain to Pope Gregory VI (Gregory the Great) and accompanied him into exile. When the Pope died, Hildegard entered a monastery until he was called back to Rome to serve as treasurer of the Church. When he himself was elected as Pope, he chose the name Gregory to honor his predecessor. St Gregory VII is known as one of the great Church reformers.

May 25: St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin, 1566-1607

Patron against bodily ills, sickness, sexual temptation

Born to a distinguished family in Florence, Italy, nine-year old Catherine. was taught mental prayer, which involves half an hour of meditation. She became a Carmelite nun who, at thirty-eight, was confined to bed with headaches and paralysis. She experienced great pain when touched and spiritual depression and religious experiences known as ecstasies. She had the gift of knowing what others were thinking, what we would call mind-reading, and performed miracles of healing, which have been documented. Maria Magdalen viewed these experiences as penance for her faults, not rewards for holiness. and believed that she was unworthy to serve God. Hers was a lifelong struggle to show love and gratitude to God.

Did You Ever Wonder...About Pentecost?

Pentecost is thought of as the Church's birthday! We celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter and ten days after Jesus went up to heaven (Ascension).

Pentecost was when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles, Mary and the early followers of Jesus. They were gathered together when they heard a sound like the wind blowing. Above each person's head was something like a flame called a “tongue of fire.” Everyone could speak in new languages. This helped to unify the early Church because they were able to talk to each other better.

The Holy Spirit gave the early Christians the energy and courage to do what Jesus taught; “Go out and preach the gospel to all nations.”

What will you do with the Holy Spirit's gifts?

Donna Therrien c2024





May 12, 2024
Mother's Day Crowning Ceremony
*Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May!*



THANK YOU to
 Priscilla, Alicja & Christopher Millette for participating in (and filming) the Crowning Ceremony last Sunday. We are pleased to have this tradition continue in our church and thank all who helped make it such a special event.



May 12, 2021 Fr. Arockia's 10th Anniversary Mass

We welcome
Fr. Theodore Mbaegbu,
 who will be celebrating Sunday Masses at St. Joseph and St. Mary Churches while Fr. Sebastian is in India.
 There will be no weekday Masses at either church.



May God Be With You on your Journey, Fr Sebastian!
 We pray you will have safe travels to your home in India, and an enjoyable visit with your family and friends who are anxiously awaiting your arrival. We also pray for your safe return to Claremont in June.

Pentecost Sunday

Entrance Hymn: No. 276
"Come, Holy Ghost"

Offertory Hymn: No. 273
"Veni Creator Spiritus"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 428
"O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God"

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. May 22 6:30 pm
New members welcome!

Mass
Readings
ABC/570



Sunday, May 19, 2024

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday, May 20, 2024

Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87: 1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7;
Jn 19: 25-34

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Jas 4: 1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a,
10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-3

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49: 2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16,
17-18, 19-20; Mk 9:41-5

Friday, May 24, 2024

Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Jas 5: 13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 & 8;
Mk 10:13-16 8

The Sacred Heart Candelabrum
will be lit on the side altar on
Sundays in June.
See Sherri Smith in the church hall
after Mass to schedule an
intention. A \$10.00 donation is
requested.



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

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.



Prayer List

Mandy Albanese	Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
Brenda	Fr. John Loughnane
Chris Currier	Anne Cherry
Frederick Gallant	Jean Drena
Stephen Grogan	Isabella Gowell
Karen Ouellette	Deborah Hemingway
Janet Ruest	Brenda Ruest
Chee Chee Tyrrell	Barbara Trask
	Joshua White

To add a name to our Prayer List,
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Church Hall after Mass
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Pecan Fundraiser

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notices to those relating to St. Joseph and St.
Mary Churches, notices requested by our
Pastor and Bishop, events we are participat-
ing in that are sponsored by other area
churches, and Polish cultural events in the
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that space would become unmanageable if
we honored every request that comes in.

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any event in the church.

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