

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



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Sunday, May 26, 9:15 am

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

For Eric and Jennifer Gallant
requested by their parents

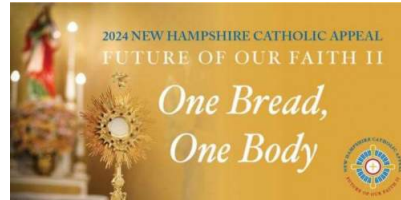
**There will be no Wednesday Masses
while Fr. Sebastian is away.
The Mass intentions will be rescheduled.**

Sunday, June 2, 9:15 am

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)

For cancer healing for Christine O.
requested by Nurse Susan

Today's Second Collection is for Church Maintenance.



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024	
Offertory	\$684.00
Fuel	\$384.00
Candles	\$29.00
Candelabra	\$10.00
5-19-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,107.00
There were 79 souls in	attendance
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$129.13
Fuel	\$99.33
Feast of the Ascension Offertory	\$99.33
TOTAL ONLINE	\$327.78
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$1,434.78

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$1,270 towards our parish goal of \$7,650.

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

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

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

2024 NH Catholic Appeal
 Grand Annual Collection

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.

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 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



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 in memory of Cliff and Lucille Bonneville
 requested by Jean and Larry Duval.



June 9 Coffee Hour
 After Mass in our Parish Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME
 No Charge!
 Free Will Offerings Accepted



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.



Feast Days and Memorials

May 27: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, d605

Augustine was the prior of a monastery who was selected by Pope St. Gregory the Great to lead thirty monks as missionaries to England. Earlier converts there had been forced into hiding when Anglo-Saxons conquered the land. Stories of the barbarous treatment of Christians caused many of the monks to turn back to Rome. The Pope, however, believed that the marriage of the King of England to a Christian princess meant that the country would be more receptive to evangelization. That proved to be true. King Ethelbert converted, allowing his subjects to decide for themselves, and many embraced the new faith too. Augustine, also known as Austin, died after living in England for eight years.

May 29 St. Paul VI, Pope; 1897-1978

His given name at birth was Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1920 at the age of 23. He studied philosophy, civil law and canon law and was appointed attaché at the Apostolic Nunciature in Warsaw, Poland. A year later he returned to Rome and began serving in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican. In 1963 he was elected Pope, succeeding John XXIII, taking the name of Paul VI. He continued the Second Vatican Council until 1965, implementing its numerous reforms. He is known for always encouraging the Church to be open in the modern world while respecting her tradition, and always seeking communion among the Council Fathers.

May 31: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

This Feast commemorates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, when each one found herself pregnant in unusual circumstances — Elizabeth in her old age after suffering from infertility, and Mary by the Holy Spirit. At their meeting, John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth, who then blessed Mary and the Christ Child. Mary responded with the famous Magnificat, praising the Lord. As Pope Benedict XVI said, this feast day is a day to recognize Mary's humility and willingness to be used by God, and for us to strive to do the same in our own lives.

June 1: St. Justin, Martyr, c100-c165

Patron of philosophers and apologists

St. Justin was a Christian apologist, someone who argued in defense of Christianity, as did the Apostle St. Paul, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Anselm of Canterbury. St. Justin was born in Samaria, on the West Bank, north of Jerusalem. He converted to Christianity and devoted his life to teaching and defending it in Asia and at Rome.

He was an important writer who wrote one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass.

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The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the
 strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered
 his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his children forever.
 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn End of Month 3

"I can suck my thumb!"
 Thank you for praying for me.
 My heart is beating after 1 month.
 My brain is functioning at 40 days.
 I love to hop, jump and flip.
 I am 3 months old now,
 about 3 inches long & weigh one ounce.
 That's not much, but I'm fully formed
 and can even suck my thumb!
 Your spiritually adopted baby is
 becoming very active in the womb now.
 Here are some things he/she can do:
 squint, swallow, move his tongue,
 make a tight fist if you touch her palm.



THANK YOU
 to those who have
 spiritually adopted an
 unborn child through the
 Pro-Life Ministry at
 St. Mary Parish.
 For more information,
 contact Juanita Sweet at
 603-477-1348.

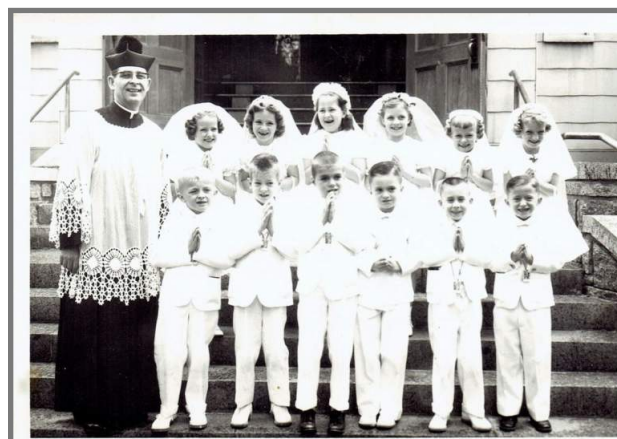
St Joseph Church First Holy Communion Memories



Children's First Holy Communion in 1924
 Rev. Bernard Skulik died in June, so if the photo was taken in May, he would be the priest who is pictured here.
 Rev. Maurice Sekiewicz became our pastor in June of 1924.



This was labeled "First 1st Communion." It could be May, 1926 when the new church building was dedicated. Two priests are pictured. Rev. Maurice Sekiewicz was the pastor from 1924-1936. The banner on the left says Kosciuszko Society and the one on the right may represent the Ladies Adoration Society.



May 25, 1958 First Holy Communion Class
Fr. Henry Ustaszewski, Pastor



May 30, 1982 First Holy Communion Class
Fr. Stanley Piwowar, Pastor
Deanna Vertone, Instructor



Undated First Holy Communion Class
with Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
Please tell us if you know the date.



May, 2009 First Holy Communion Class
Fr. George Majka, Pastor, Sharon Rivet, Instructor
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly

Hymns for Trinity Sunday

Entrance Hymn: No. 279
"O God, Almighty Father"

Offertory Hymn: No. 278
"How Wonderful the Three-in-One"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 472
"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. May 29 6:30 pm
New members welcome!

Mass
Readings
B/573



Sunday, May 26, 2024

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9,
18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17;
Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 27, 2024

1 Pt 1: 3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c;
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, May 30, 2024

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5;
Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 31, 2024

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Jud 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mk 11:27-33

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.



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

Pecan Fundraiser

Our inventory has been sold out.
Thank you to all who supported
this fundraiser!

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

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

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
let us know by email .

CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday June 1st
4:30 – 6:30 pm
St Joseph Church Hall
Elm St
Claremont, NH

Baked Haddock with Seafood Stuffing
Baked Potato
Cole Slaw
Vegetable
Dessert
and
Beverage

\$15.00

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Safety and Security

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event in our church.

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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 participat-
ing 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.

Homebound Ministry

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 2nd
Monday of every month,
contact the Homebound Ministry.

Steve Denis, Director, is assisted by
Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, Gary Lambert
Call Steve at 603-558-5209.

If you use email and would like to be-
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timely updates to our church schedule,
please send us an email.

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but the website address is singular
(St Joseph)

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