

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
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### Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

## Sunday, June 23, 9:15 am Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

For the souls (†) of John and Lucille Merchant  
requested by their daughter and family  
and for Jennifer Gallant  
requested by her parents

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

## Sunday, June 30, 9:15 am Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

For the souls (†) of Fred and Bernice Zullo  
requested by Connie Barth

Today's Second Collection is for Church Maintenance.

<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$604.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Grand Annual Collection</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>6-16-24 TOTAL at Mass</b>	<b>\$684.00</b>
<b>There were 82 souls in attendance.</b>	
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$118.83</b>
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$118.83</b>
<b>TOTAL Mass &amp; Online</b>	<b>\$802.83</b>



**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, contributions from 21 donors have totaled \$3505.00 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](http://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.

**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 and some have been corrected.



**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**  
**June 30: Peter's Pence**  
**July 14: Fuel**  
**July 28: Church Maintenance**  
**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**  
 2024 NH Catholic Appeal  
 Grand Annual Collection

**Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet**  
 envelopes are present on the Altar for the month of June.

We welcome **Fr. Theodore Mbaegbu**, who has been celebrating Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's & St. Mary's while Fr. Sebastian is in India. There will be no weekday Masses at either church.

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 for Frank Riviezzo** requested by Mary Stone and family.



**Masses and Candle Intentions**  
 Intentions for Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to [stjosephclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephclaremont@gmail.com)  
 Suggested donation: \$10.00.

The Sacred Heart Candelabrum is lit today  
**in Thanksgiving to God for the blessings He continues to give our church.**



The Holy Father's **Peter's Pence Collection** is held every year on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, or the nearest Sunday. We are all invited to pray in a special way for the Pope and to offer our contribution in the Church where we attend Mass. Donations support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those most in need. Our donations may be small, but are of great symbolic value, expressing our sense of belonging to the Church and our love and trust for the Holy Father, Peter's successor.

## Feast Days and Memorials

### June 24: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

From the 2007 address by Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square

“John the Baptist was the precursor, the "voice" sent to announce the Incarnate Word. For this reason, to commemorate the birth of John the Baptist in reality means to celebrate Christ, the fulfillment of the promises of all the prophets, of whom John was the greatest, called to "prepare the way" before the Messiah (cf. Matthew 11:9-10)...All the Gospels begin the narrative of Jesus' public life with the account of the Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John... From Jerusalem and from every part of Judea people came to listen to John the Baptist and be baptized by him in the river, confessing their sins (cf. Mark 1:5)... he is the first "witness" of Jesus, having received instruction about him from heaven...As an authentic prophet, John bore witness to the truth without compromise. He denounced transgressions of God's commandments, even when the protagonists were people in power. Thus, when he accused Herod and Herodius of adultery, he paid for it with his life, sealing with martyrdom his service to Christ, who is the truth in person.”

### June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 378-444 C.E.

Cyril was a noted scholar who wrote extensively and was a leading Father of the Church. Even today, his work is noted as “Pillar of Faith” and “Seal of the Father. He was the Christian patriarch of Alexandria when the city was at its height in influence and power within the Roman empire and was a central figure in the “First Council of Ephesus” in the year 431.

### June 28: St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

The ancient Greek city of Smyrna was where this future saint studied under St. Polycarp, who is said to be the last living connection with the Apostles because of his having known John the Baptist. It was Polycarp who sent Irenaeus to the French city of Lyon as a missionary, where he was ordained to the priesthood and became one of the founders of the Catholic Church in France. As Bishop of Lyon he defended the Church against the heresy of Gnostics and Montanists.

Irenaeus of Lyon wrote, “The glory of God gives life; those who see God receive life. For this reason, God-who cannot be grasped, comprehended, or seen-allows Himself to be seen, comprehended, and grasped by men, that He may give life to those who see and receive Him. It is impossible to live without life, and the actualization of life comes from participation in God, while participation in God is to see God and enjoy His goodness.”

### June 29: Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

#### St. Peter is patron of fishermen, net makers, and ship builders.

Also known as Simon Peter or Cephas, he had humble beginnings and was chosen by Jesus to be one of his Apostles. In the time following Christ's Ascension, Peter was accepted as the head of the Apostles and is seen as the first Pope. Through his leadership, Matthias was selected to replace Judas Iscariot. Peter spoke first to the crowds after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and he was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord.

#### St. Paul is patron of missions, theologians & Gentile Christians.

As missionary and evangelist, Paul stayed in touch with the faithful through letters that survived and became part of the Bible. It is believed that Paul wrote other letters that were lost even before the Bible was established by the Church. Paul's writings are important because they provide advice for how Christians should live.

[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) <https://www.santantonio.org/> [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



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#### Sunday June 23, 2024

Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26,  
28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

#### Monday June 24, 2024

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
14c-15 Acts 13:22-26;  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

#### Tuesday, June 25, 2024

2 Kgs 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36;  
Ps 48:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 10-11;  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

#### Wednesday June 26, 2024

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33,  
34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

#### Thursday, June 27, 2024

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2,  
3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

#### Friday June 28, 2024

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3,  
4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4

#### Saturday June 29, 2024

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30,  
31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34

## THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.



*When Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary, He made 12 promises to those who would respond to the pleading of His Heart and make an effort to return His love.*

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

See <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/> for more reflections.

### ONLINE RESOURCES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



The April 2017 issue of *St. Antony Messenger* features an article by Fr. Don Miller, OFM, about the traditional devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In "*Sacred Heart of Jesus: A Symbol of Love and Mercy*" Fr. Miller wrote, "The human heart has long been a symbol of love. At one time, it was viewed as the source of all human activity—intellectual and emotional. It has also metaphorically symbolized the center of things, such as the heart of a relationship or the heart of a city. It could also represent the character of a person, such as describing someone as having a good heart. Further on in his article, he explained, "Devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to Jesus and his love. It is a sign or a symbol of both the divine and human love that Jesus has for his Father and for us." Fr. Miller's full article can be read at It can be read online at <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

The online platform "**Formed**" has a video at <https://watch.formed.org/june-24-the-most-sacred-heart-of-jesus> Both St Mary and St Joseph parishioners can access the site by going to **formed.org**, and clicking on "sign up." Type in Claremont's zip code (03743) and select the St Mary Church pop-up. Create a free account and then you can sign in with your password to watch their large variety of videos related to our faith.

The video titled, **June 7 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** is for viewing by adults. There is also a link on the site to a large variety of videos recorded for children.

**Hymns for  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 300  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"  
Offertory Hymn: No. 345  
"How Firm a Foundation"  
Communion: (Choir)  
Recessional Hymn: No. 363  
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**Wed. June 26 6:30 pm**  
**New members welcome!**

**Mass  
Readings  
B/612**

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

**Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn**

**THANK YOU**  
to those who have spiritually adopted  
an unborn child through the Pro-Life  
Ministry at St. Mary Parish.

Information is available  
at the back of the church.

Contact Juanita Sweet  
603-477-1348.

**Homebound Ministry**

If you or someone you know is not able to  
leave their home, and would like to re-  
ceive 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.

**Prayer List**

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



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

**THANK YOU**

to all who supported our  
Homemade Donut  
Fundraiser  
and to our bakers,  
Roy and Debbie Stone!

**HAM and BEAN SUPPER**



**Saturday July 6**  
**4:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**St Joseph Church Hall**

**Ham, Homemade Baked Beans,  
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad,  
Dessert, Beverage**  
**\$15.00**  
**Eat In or Take Out**



**Safety and Security**

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



**Coffee Hour**  
Sunday, July 14  
After Mass

No charge  
Free Will Offerings  
Welcome  
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US!**

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**Bulletins for June 30 and July 7 are  
being designed early because of  
volunteer vacations and printer holiday.**  
**Please submit requests for each of those  
dates ASAP, and be understanding if we  
cannot honor your request.**

**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.



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timely updates to our church schedule,  
please send us an email.

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valuable information, on our website  
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uses St Josephs (plural)  
but the website address is singular  
(St Joseph)**

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