

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



July 28, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, July 28, 9:15 am Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

For the soul (†) of Lucille Merchant
requested by her daughter and family
and for the souls (†) of Edward and Lillian Wagner
requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

There will be no 5:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, July 31.

The intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, August 4, 9:15 am Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024	
Offertory	\$613.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Candles	\$16.00
6-30-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$649.00
There were 75 souls in	attendance.
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$119.24
Fuel	\$119.24
TOTAL ONLINE	\$238.48
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$887.48

Please continue to pray for Fr. Sebastian as he carries out his pilgrimage in Lourdes, France. May he and his fellow pilgrims enjoy safe travels and have a peaceful, grace-filled time of retreat at Our Lady's shrine.

Sunday Masses will be covered, but there will be no weekday Masses at either church.



Do you have your copy of the July/August Issue of the Diocesan magazine, **PARABLE**?

If you are a registered parishioner, you should be receiving each issue at your home address.

Extra copies are available on the table in the church vestibule.

MANY THANKS
to all who have signed up for **Online Giving**.

If you have tried to sign up and have encountered problems, a parishioner would like to share a hint that helped him. Try changing the Internet browser that you're using for the process. He found that he was able to complete the procedure using Google Chrome.

Reminder:
you can sign up at our website stjosephclaremont.org

UPCOMING COLLECTION
August 4: HGN Seminarians (see page 4)
August 11: Fuel

ONGOING COLLECTIONS
2024 NH Catholic Appeal
\$3,655.00, 24 donors (48% of goal)
Grand Annual Collection



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 Joseph Januszewski
requested by his wife Susan.



THANK YOU to Stephen Pinel for sharing his time and talent last Sunday and today on the organ bench playing our Midmer & Son Pipe Organ. Stephen was instrumental in obtaining this historic organ at no cost to our Parish. We are blessed to have him play for us when he vacations nearby.

Thursday August 15
is a
Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church
Wednesday August 14
5:30 pm

Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
Suggested donation: \$10.00.

VOTIVE CANDLE DONATIONS

PLEASE DEPOSIT the requested amount in the slot on the candle stand to offset the cost of replacing the candle that you have burned.

THANK YOU.

Feast Days and Memorials

July 29: St Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Patrons of servants and cooks

From the Gospel writings of John and Luke, we know that the sisters Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus often entertained Jesus at their home. We're all familiar with the story of the sisters disagreeing on their roles and responsibilities in serving their beloved guest. Jesus told Martha not to be distracted by worldly concerns, but that time spent listening to Him was more important.

July 30 : St Peter Chrysologus, 380-750, Doctor of the Church

Born at Imola, Italy, this future saint was ordained a deacon and later named Bishop of Ravenna. His sermons were praised for being simple, practical, and clear, and still have relevance for us today. The name Chrysologus (golden-worded) was given to him because of his exceptional skill as a speaker.

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556, Priest

Patron of soldiers, teachers, the Society of Jesus

This Spanish priest, along with Peter Faber and Francis Xavier, was one of the founders of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, who are dedicated to teaching and missionary work. What a change from his early life, when he was obsessed with heroic tales of El Cid, Knights of the Round Table and the romance of chivalry! His youthful military career and dissolute living ended when he suffered injury in battle, and then experienced a spiritual conversion during his recovery. Riches and dreams of glory were replaced by a desire to study religious texts and the lives of the saints. A vision of the Virgin Mary and Infant Jesus while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led him to hang his sword and dagger at the shrine of Santa Maria de Montserrat and turn his life around.

Aug 1: Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Alphonsus Maria de Ligouri was born near Naples, Italy, the son of a captain in the Royal Navy and a very devoted mother from a noble family. He honored his father's wishes by becoming a lawyer, but left that profession to enter the priesthood, dedicating himself to the poor and most abandoned. He was known to be a brilliant preacher, spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the order known as the Redemptorists and the author of the traditional Stations of the Cross meditations.

Aug 2: St Eusebius of Vermeicelli, 283-371 Bishop

When Constantine declared Christianity as state religion in 313, there was widespread hope among the faithful that persecution of Christians would end. But many of those who adopted the religion did so only for political reasons, without understanding or truly believing. This led to the rise of numerous heresies, such as Arianism, which claimed that Jesus was not God. Powerful Arians with armies under their command were a threat to true Christianity. Eusebius, a historian, was considered to be one of the most learned Christians of his time. Sent to a council in Milan where he tried to secure a peaceful settlement with Arians, Eusebius staunchly defended supporters of Christianity. He and others suffered exile and torture for their beliefs, leading some to describe him as "a latter-day Saint Paul traveling all over in order to strengthen the faith and spread the truth."

Aug 2: St Peter Julian Eymard, 1811-1868, Priest

This French Catholic priest was the founder of two religious institutes: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. Throughout his life, Eymard was in poor health, particularly weakness of the lungs and migraine headaches. He had a deep devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and worked to promote devotion to her and to the Eucharist, through the Forty Hours. Named as Provincial of the Society at Lyon in 1844, he was in charge of the Third Order of Mary, a lay group dedicated to Marist spirituality and to the promotion of the Christian family. St. John Vianney was a member. Learning of the practice of sustained eucharistic worship during a visit to Paris, he established the "Society of the Blessed Sacrament", a fraternity promoting adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He began working with children preparing for first Holy Communion and later, with non-practicing Catholics, encouraging their repentance, absolution and once again receive Communion. He counseled: "You take Communion to become holy, not because you already are."

More information about these and other saints may be found at www.catholic.org



Sunday, July 28, 2024

Kgs 4: 42-44; Ps 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Monday July 29, 2024

Jer 13:1-11; De 32:1 8-19, 20, 21; Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79: 8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt 13: 36-43

Wednesday July 31, 2024

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59: 2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13: 44-46

Thursday, Aug 1, 2024

Jer 18: 1-6; Ps 146: 1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB; Mt 13: 47-53

Friday, Aug 2, 2024

Jer 26: 1-9; Ps 69: 5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13: 54-58

Saturday Aug 3, 2024

Jer 26: 11-16, 24; Ps 69: 15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14: 1-12

CONFESSIONS

St. Mary Church

Friday 9:30 am

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm

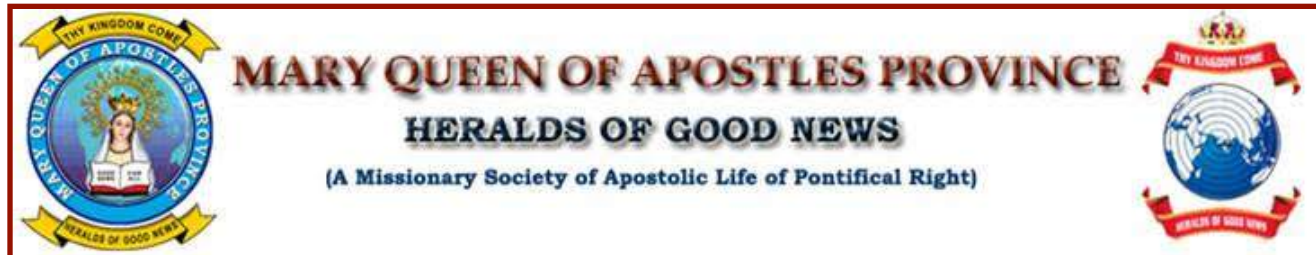
Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

20 weeks—End of Month 5

*"Mommy felt me kick today!"
I am 5 months old. I am 12 inches
long and weigh about one pound.
I'm really getting big and can
kick and move around.
Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer!
Thank you for praying for me!"*

We are now midway through the pregnancy! Your spiritually adopted baby is growing stronger each day, and now can kick hard enough for his mother to feel.

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 or juanitajoy2@gmail.com



Heralds of Good News is an indigenous Missionary Society, founded in Eluru Diocese in India in 1984. It became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the society is the promotion of vocations to priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to parishes that experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations. Right from its inception, the society was sending missionaries to dioceses in India and abroad.

Fr. Sebastian was recently appointed to be the new Mission Superior for **Mary, Queen of Apostles Province** here in the United States! He will be in charge of over forty priests and will conduct the administrative duties from here in Claremont. He tells us that he may have to do a bit of traveling but not consistently or frequently.

This is a great honor for him and for his two parishes here in Claremont. On the weekend of August 3 and 4, both churches will have a special collection for HGN Seminarians, as was done last year.

Please be as generous as you can to St. Joseph Church's contribution to help Father Sebastian's religious brothers. Our Parish, as well as many others in New Hampshire, are blessed by HGN priests' willingness to come to our state and serve Our Lord in our state.

If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to St. Joseph Church and the parish will write a check for our total donation. Dziekue bardzo! Thank you very much!

**The Homebound Ministry
is in need of additional
Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.**

The Ministry has grown and is still growing. Home visits alone have more than doubled since March of this year.

We are still trying to incorporate Sullivan County Health Care and the Elmwood Center.

Steve Denis, Director, is assisted by Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin and Gary Lambert. We encourage others to join us to serve the great need for this ministry in our Parishes.

If you feel called to this ministry as a Lay Minister of the Holy Eucharist then please reach out to Steve Denis at 603-558-5209. Homebound visits are made by Father Sebastian or one of the Lay Ministers.

Prayer List



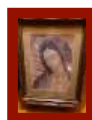
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| Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert | |
| Fr. John Loughnane | |
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| Brenda | Anne Cherry |
| Chris Currier | Jean Drena |
| Frederick Gallant | Isabella Gowell |
| Stephen Grogan | Deborah Hemingway |
| Karen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

The power of prayer!
PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Home Visitation of Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

If you would like this very special Image to visit your home for a week, please contact Juanita Sweet at: juanitajoy2@gmail.com or 603-477-1348.



**Hymns for
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 352
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Offertory Hymn: No. 447
"Shepherd of Souls"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional: No. 335
"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"



**THERE WILL BE NO
CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. July 31**

**Mass Readings
B/627**



**COFFEE HOUR
August 11
After Mass
No Charge
Free Will Offering

All are welcome!
Please Join Us!**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE
3pm Tuesdays (subject to
change)**

If you have something you would
like put into future bulletins,
please send it to
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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
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 unmanage-
able if we honored every request
that comes in.

CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday August 3rd

4:30 – 6:30 pm

St Joseph Church Hall

Elm St

Claremont, NH

Chicken Cacciatore
Pasta, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert,
and Beverage

\$15.00

Dine In or Take Out



St. Mary's Annual Yard Sale

Gym – Main Street. Claremont, NH

Saturday, September 7, 2024 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Donations will be received in the gym as follows:

Monday, Aug. 19	3:00 to 7:00 pm	Monday, Aug. 26	3:00 to 7:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 21	3:00 to 7:00 pm	Wed., Aug. 28	3:00 to 7:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 24	9:00 to 1:00 pm	Sat., Aug. 31	9:00 to 1:00 pm

Accepted Items: tools, small furniture, small appliances, glassware, china, dishes, pot/pans, Christmas items, crafts, toys, jewelry, pictures/frames, movies, puzzles, linens, home decorative items, etc.

Not Accepted: books, large appliances, large furniture, mattresses, luggage, broken items, rugs, carpeting, clothes, shoes, exercise equipment, ski's/poles, golf clubs, typewriters, computers, VHS, and TV's.

Contact: Norma Limoges (603) 542-2916

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tion, on our website **stjosephclaremont.org**

PLEASE NOTE: The email address uses
St Josephs (plural)
but the website address is singular
(St Joseph)

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Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00
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in the Parish Hall.

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attending events in the church.

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