

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 5:00 pm
For the soul (†) of Paul St.Martin
requested by Tom DeVoyd

Sunday, August 11, 9:15 am
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

For Katey Comstock
requested by her godparents

Today's 2nd Collection is for HGN Seminarians.

WELCOME HOME, FR. SEBASTIAN!

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024	
Offertory	\$420.00
Church Maintenance	\$238.00
Votive Candles	\$14.50
Kof C donation for Church Calendars	\$100.00
7-28-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$772.50
There were 79 souls in	attendance.
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$165.95
TOTAL ONLINE	\$165.95
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$938.45



Polish banner, Lourdes, France July, 2024

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 11: Fuel

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


WE THANK
Father John Fleming
for celebrating Holy Mass
for us last Sunday.

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 Stuart Stone
requested by his wife Mary and family.



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

 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.

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

Aug 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

After the Council of Ephesus declared Mary as "God-bearer" in the year 431, this basilica was built in Rome by Pope Sixtus III. It is the oldest in the West dedicated to the Mother of God and is the Patriarchal Basilica of Antioch. There are four Patriarchal Basilicas of Rome, which are distinguished by their special "holy door." The other three are St. John Lateran, cathedral of the Pope, Patriarch of the West; St. Peter's, Patriarchal Basilica of Constantinople, and St. Paul's, assigned to the Patriarch of Alexandria.

Aug 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. Mark 9: 2-8

On August 6 and 9, the world will commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As these events are recalled, we are urged to pray for world peace and for increased "efforts in favor of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament." (Pope Benedict XVI to Japanese ambassador to the Holy See, Nov. 29, 2010)

Aug 7: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

A Roman of Greek descent, Sixtus was elected to the papacy in 257. He repaired the rift that had developed over the issue of baptism and rebaptism between the sees of Rome and Carthage. During the persecution of Christians by the Emperor Valerian, he was martyred along with seven deacons, including St. Lawrence of Rome.

Aug 7: St. Cajetan, 1480-1547, Priest

Patron saint of workers, gamblers, job seekers, the unemployed
Gaetano dei Conti di Thiene was an Italian priest and religious reformer who co-founded the Theatine order. Concerned by corruption and excess in the Church that prompted the Reformation, Cajetan and other clergy chose not to split from it as Martin Luther and others did, but to restore it. He died in Naples on the Feast of the Transfiguration, when the city was still in serious spiritual, political, and social trouble.

Aug 8: St Dominic, 1170-1221, Priest

Patron saint of astronomers, astronomy, and those who are falsely accused
Born into Spanish nobility, this saint rejected his wealth and led a life of poverty, humility, and obedience. As a young man, he sold all he had to help feed the homeless. He studied theology and the arts and founded the Dominican order.

Aug 9: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, 1891-1942, Virgin and Martyr

Born into a large Jewish family in Breslau, Poland, Edith Stein was drawn to the Catholic faith and joined a Carmelite convent in Germany. Even though she was sent to a monastery in Holland for her own safety, she was arrested there and sent to Auschwitz. She was beatified as a martyr in 1997 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by him the next year.

Aug 10: St Lawrence, 225-258, Deacon and Martyr

Patron saint of Rome, students, firefighters, chefs and the poor
Lawrence was among the 3rd Century Christian clergy who were killed by the Emperor Valerian in his effort to eliminate followers of Christ from Rome. When asked to turn over the Church's treasures, Lawrence gathered the poor, handicapped, and the unfortunate and presented them as the true gold and silver of the Church.

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



Sunday, August 4, 2024

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Monday August 5, 2024

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2; Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday August 7, 2024

Jer 31: 1-7, 10, 11-12 AB, 13; Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16: 13-23

Friday, August 9, 2024

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; De 32: 35CD-36AB, 39ABCD, 41; Mt 16: 24-28

Saturday August 10, 2024

2 Cor 9: 6-10; Ps 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12: 24-26

CONFESSIONS

St. Mary Church

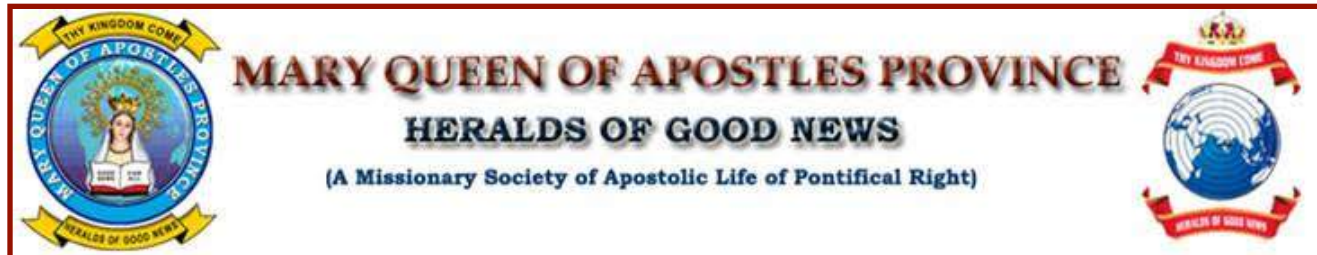
Friday 9:30 am

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 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

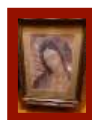
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| Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert |  |
| Fr. John Loughnane | |
| Mandy Albanese | John Arsenault |
| Brenda | John Casey |
| Anne Cherry | Chris Currier |
| Jean Drena | Frederick Gallant |
| Isabella Gowell | Stephen Grogan |
| Deborah Hemingway | Karen 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
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 432
"Shepherd of Souls, in Love Come"

Offertory Hymn: No. 444
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional: No. 319
"Father, We Thank Thee,
Who Hast Planted"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Aug. 7, 2024

6:30 pm

All are welcome to join!

MASS READINGS

B/630

THANK YOU

to all who worked on and came
to support our fundraising
dinner last night!

Your contributions are
appreciated!



Knights of Columbus

Council Meeting
Monday August 12th
7:00 pm
Council Chambers
St.Mary's Gym



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
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 unmanage-
able if we honored every request
that comes in.

VOLUNTEERS ↴
*What would we do
without them?*

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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You can view our bulletin, and other valuable informa-
tion, on our website **stjosephclaremont.org**

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

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

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in the Parish Hall.

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