

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



August 18, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
David Smith
Sharon Wood

Music Director

Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

Sunday, August 18, 9:15 am
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

For the soul (†) of John Barth
requested by Connie Barth

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Paul St. Martin
requested by Tom DeVoyd

Sunday, August 25, 9:15 am
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
For Lawrence and Marianne Kepler and children
requested by the Kepler family

There is no 2nd Collection today.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024	
Offertory	\$522.00
Fuel	\$251.00
Candles	\$30.00
8-11-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$803.00
There were 80 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$590.53
Church Maintenance	\$19.78
TOTAL ONLINE	\$610.31
TOTAL Mass & Online	\$1,413.31



We are grateful to all who have given to New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is \$7,650. The amount given thus far is \$3,055.00 with \$600.00 pledged for future payment giving a Grand Total of \$3,655.00 This represents 48% of our goal, which will be paid by our parish. If gifts are not received to cover it, the balance will need to be paid from our parish savings. We need the support of all our parish families in order to reach our parish goal without having to do that.

Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church. 100% of the funds raised above this goal will be returned to our parish this year. Gift envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may make your gift by using this QR code or going online to www.catholicnh.org/nhca.

See pg. 4 for more information about the Appeal.



UPCOMING COLLECTION
 August 25: Church Maintenance
 Sept. 8: Fuel

ONGOING COLLECTIONS
 2024 NH Catholic Appeal
 Grand Annual Collection



**The Month of August
 is dedicated to the
 Immaculate Heart of Mary**

WE THANK
 Fr. Matthew HGN for
 concelebrating Mass with
 Fr. Sebastian August 11.

**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.

GRATITUDE
 Your Parish Community is
GRATEFUL
 for your consistent contributions.

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
 his daughter Mary and family



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.

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

Feast Days and Memorials

Aug 19: St John Eudes, 1601-1680, Priest

Patron of Gibraltar, missionaries, Eudists

The son of a farmer in Normandy, France, John was ordained a priest and became a well known preacher and confessor. He volunteered to care for victims of two 17th century plagues and worked as a missionary. He founded a refuge for penitent wayward women, which became the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge. He also founded several seminaries including the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists), composed of secular priests dedicated to upgrading the clergy.

Aug 20: St Bernard of Clairvaux, 1115-1128

Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Born into French nobility, Bernard was sent to college at a young age to study theology and the Holy Scripture. Known for his piety and remarkable memory, he was the first Abbot of the Abbey of Clairvaux. An austere and contemplative monk, St. Bernard was said to have been given the gift of miracles as he denounced injustice and worked for peace.

Aug 21: Memorial of St Pius X, Pope, 1835-1914

Patron of sick pilgrims

Born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto in Venice, our 259th Pope's last will and testament bears the striking sentence: "I was born poor. I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor." His Papacy was noted for liturgical reform, including communion for children and more frequent communion for adults.

Aug 22: Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, based on the roots of the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship in Scripture. Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and her intercessory power.

Aug 23: St Rose of Lima, 1586 - 1617

Patron of embroiderers, gardeners, florists,

those ridiculed for their piety, those suffering with family problems

The first canonized saint of the Americas was born Isabel Flores de Olivia to Spanish colonists in Lima, Peru. A beautiful child, she was given the nickname "Rose," which she took as her confirmation name. Pious from a young age, she wished to become a nun. This caused conflict with her parents who wished her to marry. Eventually she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, living a life of extreme prayer, fasting, and penance.

Aug 24: St Bartholomew, Apostle, 24 BC - 69 AD

Patron of bookbinders, butchers, and leather workers

Little is known about Bartholomew—even his name is uncertain. Perhaps he is the same person who is referred to as Nathaniel in other writings. We do know that he was an Apostle of Jesus and an evangelist in the early Church. It was thought he traveled to spread the Gospel in India, Persia, Mesopotamia and Egypt and died at the hands of cruel pagans

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



Sunday, August 18, 2024

Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Monday August 19, 2024

Ez 24: 15-23; De 32: 18-19, 20, 21;
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ez 28: 1-10; De 32: 26-27AB,
27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB;
Mt 19: 23-30

Wednesday August 21, 2024

Ez 34: 1-11; Ps 23: 1-3A,
3B-4, 5, 6; Mt 20: 1-16

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Ez 36: 23-28; Ps 51: 12-13, 14-15,
18-19; Mt 22: 1-14

Friday, August 23, 2024

Ez 37: 1-14; Ps 107: 2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9; Mt 22: 34-40

Saturday August 24, 2024

Rv 21: 9b-14; Ps 145: 10-11,
12-13, 17-18; Jn 1: 45-51

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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



Sept. 15th to Nov. 2nd
Nationwide campaign of
Prayer and Fasting
for an end to abortion
Local organizers are planning
a 10-day vigil in the public
right-of-way outside
CVS in Claremont
For more information, call
802-591-1207 or
beckymatthews2003@gmail.com

STREAMING ON FORMED

St Peter

Egyptian actor, Omar Sharif, portrays St. Peter in the 2005 Italian film of that title. It runs over three hours, so we recommend watching it in several viewings. But be warned: like a good book that you can't put down, you may find that you lose track of time and don't want to turn it off!

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL
FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
What ministries and needs will be included in the
New Hampshire Catholic Appeal?**

- The **Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH** (CCNH) The NHCA does not fully fund CCNH. Gifts to the NHCA only support CCNH's Community Services program, which is only 1 out of 10 of their core social services programs, which provide transformative change through case management and compassionate guidance. It is important to note that the NHCA does not fund all CCNH's programs. For instance, Our Place, Liberty House, New Generation, Mental Health Counseling Services, among others are supported through appeals conducted directly by CCNH throughout the year. This is why you will continue to hear from CCNH via direct mail, online campaigns, special events, and more outside of the NHCA appeal time frame. To learn more about the Community Services program at Catholic Charities, please visit their website:

www.cc-nh.org/services/community-services-assistance/

- **Catholic Education and Catholic Schools**
- **Seminarians, Deacons, and Vocations**
- **Priest Retirement**
- **Parable magazine**
- **Parish needs (Parish to Parish Support Fund & individual parish support)**
- **Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in NH**
- **Catholic University of America & the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**
- **Faith Formation: Campus Ministry and Totus Tuus**
- **Catholic cemeteries**



Many of these needs and ministries were previously funded through second collections, which have been eliminated or consolidated into the NHCA. Parishioners can still give to these causes and programs separately, though it **does not count** toward the overall parish appeal goal.

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 |
| Tim Roberts | Brenda Ruest |
| Janet Ruest | Lorraine Skowronski-Boggis |
| Bob St. Aubin | Darlene St. Aubin |
| Barbara Trask | Chee Chee Tyrrell |
| Janice Vilgats | 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

**Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist
needed for Homebound Ministry**

We encourage others to join us to serve the great need for this ministry in our Parishes.

If you feel called to this ministry,
please reach out to

Steve Denis, Director, at 603-558-5209.

Homebound visits are made by

Father Sebastian

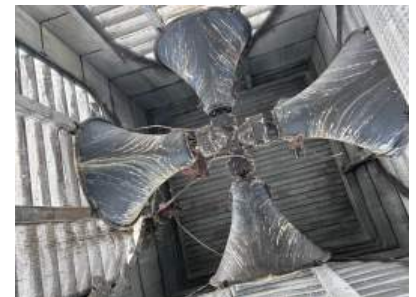
or one of the Lay Ministers: Steve Denis,
Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, Gary Lambert.

YOUR CHURCH MAINTENANCE DOLLARS AT WORK

Bye-Bye Birdies!

Work began on Wednesday August 7th to remove pigeons from the attic of the Church. Sully's Pest Services of Claremont is working to humanely remove approximately forty adult birds and several babies from the attic. A one-way door was installed on west side louvers to allow the birds to fly out. Eggs have been removed and dead birds that can be reached will be removed.

Work in the tower was completed with a mesh barrier installed between the louvers and the speakers for our bell ringer system. The work is scheduled to be completed on September 11th, as time was needed to allow some of the baby birds to mature so they could fly out on their own. This project should help to alleviate some of the plaster and plaster dust problems that we are experiencing in the Church. Most likely they are being caused by moisture and other bird-related issues. We thank all who have been working many hours to take care of this problem.



Inside the bell tower, looking up from below
The mesh barrier on the left was installed to keep birds out of the tower in the future.

**Hymns for
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 281
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Offertory Hymn: No. 311
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional: No. 318
"Let All Things Now Living"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wed. Aug. 21, 2024

6:30 pm

All are Welcome to Join

MASS READINGS

B/636

CONFESSIONS

St. Mary Church

Friday 9:30 am

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

Available in Church Hall

after Mass

Safety and Security

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

**St. Mary's Annual Yard
Sale**

Gym – Main Street.

Claremont, NH

Saturday, September 7

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Workers are needed.

If you can help, contact
Norma Limoges (603)542-2916

**Thank You
to all who attended our
Coffee Hour
last week and donated
food to share.**



THANK YOU

Rusty & Ann-Marie Fowler for your
donation of an HP color copier for
the choir loft, replacing the one that
was on loan to 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.

PARISH PICNIC!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Parish Friendship Party & BBQ

Saturday August 24th

4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Hamburgers & Hotdogs provided

Potluck side salads and deserts

Please see Sherri Smith or Carol Logan
in the Parish Hall after Mass

to indicate what you'll be bringing.

**PLEASE JOIN US!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



1-20 RAFFLE TICKETS
to benefit our Fuel Fund
will go on sale
September 1
Labor Day Weekend

HAM and BEAN SUPPER

Saturday September 7

4:30 - 6:30 pm

St Joseph Church Hall



Ham, Homemade Baked Beans,

Cole Slaw, Potato Salad,

Dessert, Beverage

\$15.00

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of our bulletin because of travel,
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Let us know if you'd like older ones.

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and a copy will be located for you.

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the Parish email list to receive timely updates to
our church schedule, please send us an email.

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

You can view our bulletin, and other valuable in-
formation, 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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Saint Joseph Regional School and Our
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seeking a Spanish teacher for middle
school introductory Spanish and all levels of
high school Spanish (College Prep/Honors)

For more information, visit

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Ann Szot, Executive Director

aszot@stjosephkeene.org

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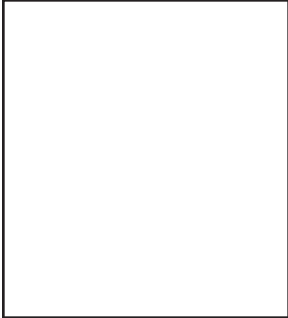
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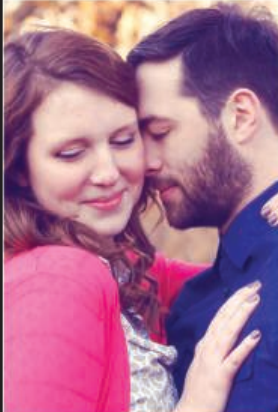
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