

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



## 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 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

**Wednesday, Aug. 28, 5:00 pm**  
For the soul (†) of William Walsh  
requested by his family.

**Sunday, September 1, 9:15 am**  
**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
For the soul (†) of Roger Sheehan  
requested by his godparents

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.**

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024</b>		<b>64 Souls</b>
<b>Offertory</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus Donation (Rectory Kitchen Cabinets)</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Tootsie Roll fundraiser</b>		<b>\$83.00</b>
<b>Votive Candles</b>		<b>\$15.75</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>		<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Mass intentions</b>		<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>8-18-24 TOTAL AT MASS</b>		<b>\$2,528.75</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>		<b>\$118.99</b>
<b>Fuel</b>		<b>\$118.99</b>
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>		<b>\$237.98</b>
<b>8-18-24 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>		<b>\$2,766.73</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024</b>		<b>59 Souls</b>
<b>Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>		<b>\$275.00</b>
<b>8-14-24 TOTAL AT MASS</b>		<b>\$275.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>		<b>\$99.16</b>
<b>8-14-24 TOTAL ONLINE</b>		<b>\$99.16</b>
<b>8-14 TOTAL MASS &amp; ONLINE</b>		<b>\$374.16</b>



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 \$3,105.00 with \$600.00 pledged for future payment giving a Grand Total of \$3,705.00 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](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca).

See pg. 4 for more information about the Appeal.



**UPCOMING COLLECTION**  
Sept. 8: Fuel

**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**  
2024 NH Catholic Appeal  
Grand Annual Collection



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



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 healing for Tim Roberts** requested by fellow parishioners.



**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](mailto: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.**

**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](http://stjosephclaremont.org)

## Feast Days and Memorials

### August 25: St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1905 - 1938

Helena Kowalska entered the convent in Krakow, Poland and took the name Sister Maria Faustina. Through her visions, she brought about the Divine Mercy devotions which have now spread around the world.

### August 26 - Our Lady of Czestochowa

On this Feast day, Polish people all over the world honor Our Lady of Czestochowa as the patroness of Poland. Celebrations are held at the Shrines in Czestochowa, Poland; Doylestown, PA and hundreds of places named after the beloved Czarna Madonna (Black Madonna). The Polish immigrants who founded St Joseph Church chose to honor Our Lady by hanging this famous image above the side altar dedicated to her.

### Aug 27: Memorial of St Monica, 331-387

Patron of wives, mothers, and of victims of abuse

Monica, a devoted Christian, was given in marriage to a pagan but she never lost her faith. When her son Augustine went astray, she prayed constantly for his conversion. He tried to escape his mother's devotion by going to Italy, but he could not escape her prayers. She followed him there and he experienced a powerful conversion a year before his death.

### Aug 28: St Augustine, 354-430, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Patron of bricklayers, stone cutters, printers, those with sore eyes, and against the death of children

All mothers can empathize with the pain St. Monica felt when her beloved son, raised in a Christian home, rejected her teachings and spent many years in wicked living and false beliefs. His sins and his pride took over his mind and he lost sight of Divine Truth. Augustine's conversion gives hope to parents who pray that their children will grow in faith and love. It is also an inspiration to many who struggle with a lifestyle or habit they long to break. Augustine became a devout and charitable priest and bishop, a famous Catholic writer, and one of the greatest saints who ever lived.

### Aug 29: The Passion of St. John, the Baptist

St. John the Baptist was the son of St. Elizabeth, the nephew of our Lady and the cousin of Jesus. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he didn't take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage that he wasn't afraid to speak out about the immoral activities of his day. John was martyred approximately A.D. 30.

[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) [www.mycatholic.life](http://www.mycatholic.life) [www.newmanministry.com](http://www.newmanministry.com)



### Sunday, August 25, 2024

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5: 21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6: 60-69

### Monday August 26 2024

2 Thes 1 :1-5, 11-12;  
Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5;  
Mt 23: 13-22

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

2 Thes 2: 1-3A, 14-17; Ps 96: 10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23: 23-26

### Wednesday August 28, 2024

2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23: 27-32

### Thursday, August 29, 2024

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
Mk 6: 17-29

### Friday, August 30, 2024

1 Cor 1: 17-25; Ps 33 :1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25: 1-13

### Saturday August 31, 2024

1 Cor 1: 26-31; Ps 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25: 14-30



**The National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
"America's Czestochowa"  
Pauline Fathers and Brothers

**Solemnity of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
Celebrated at the Shrine  
August 24, 2024 All Day

**Polish American Family Festival and Country Fair**

Sept. 7, 8, 14, 15  
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901  
215-345-0600

More details at [PolishShrine.com](http://PolishShrine.com)

**St John the Baptist  
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## NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

### FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### **Does the money raised by the NHCA go to support the Bishop?**

No. Although the proceeds from the NHCA are remitted to the Appeals Office at Diocese of Manchester, the funds raised will go towards imperative ministries that move our faith forward. These ministries benefit all Catholics and parishes throughout the Diocese of Manchester. No proceeds will be used to support the bishop or go to the bishop's office.

##### **Does the money raised by the NHCA pay for financial settlements?**

No. Funding for financial settlements has come from insurance policies, a specific non-restricted insurance fund, diocesan savings, and diocesan investment income. All funds raised from the NHCA will be used to support the ministries listed in last week's bulletin.

#### Prayer List



Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	
Mandy Albanese	Deborah Hemingway
John Arsenault	Karen Ouellette
John Casey	Tim Roberts
Anne Cherry	Brenda Ruest
Chris Currier	Janet Ruest
Jean Drena	Bob St. Aubin
Frederick Gallant	Darlene St. Aubin
Isabella Gowell	Barbara Trask
Stephen Grogan	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Family and friends of Helena	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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

#### FORMED

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Parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Mary Churches can take advantage of this opportunity at [formed.org](http://formed.org).

Click on "sign-up" type in our church's Zip Code, select the St. Mary Church pop-up.

Let us know what features you enjoy and we'll share your recommendation in a future bulletin!

#### STREAMING ON FORMED

After you've signed up, search the many choices at the links: Movies, Documentaries, Saints of History.

Some are lecture/discussions; others are dramatizations.

Here's one about

St. Faustina Kowalska:

**Divine Mercy with  
Fr. Michael Gaitley:**

**Episode 4:**

**Faustina and the Spread of  
Divine Mercy**

#### 42nd Annual Scout Retreat

Fri. Sept. 13 – Sun. Sept. 15, 2024  
Camp Fatima,  
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH

Like a Camporee, this Retreat is very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities.

Climbing wall	High ropes
Capture the flag	A dance

Open to all Scouts (Boys & Girls) in grades 6-12 and adult leaders from BSA, GSUSA, American Heritage Girls, Venture Crews, Trail Life, Troops of St. George, Knights of Columbus Squires

Scouts: \$20 Adults: \$13

Info & Registration:  
[www.catholicnh.org/scout](http://www.catholicnh.org/scout)  
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(603) 224-4393 x1.

#### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

Pray for the end of abortion. But what does God say to us? He says, "Even if a mother could forget her child, I would not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of my hand." We are carved in the palm of His hand. That unborn child has been carved in the hand of God from conception and is called by God to love and be loved, not only now in this life, but forever. God can never forget us."



St. Teresa of Calcutta  
(Mother Teresa)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:beckymatthews2003@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.

**Hymns for  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Offertory Hymn: No. 345  
"How Firm a Foundation"

Communion: (Choir)

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



**MASS READINGS**

**B/639**

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Wed. Aug. 21, 2024**

**6:30 pm**

**All are Welcome to Join**

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Mary Church**

**Friday 9:30 am**

**Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm**



**THANK YOU**

to Knights of Columbus Council #1820  
for their recent donations of \$2,000.00 for  
new kitchen cabinets in our Rectory and  
\$100.00 towards our 2025 calendars.  
Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

**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  
Eat In or Take Out**



**1-20 RAFFLE TICKETS**  
to benefit our Fuel Fund  
will go on sale  
September 1  
Labor Day Weekend  
Drawing to take place  
at our Coffee Hour on  
December 8

**Tootsie Roll Fundraiser**

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

**Safety and Security**

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

**PARISH PICNIC!**

Due to conflicts with the August 24th date,  
our Annual Friendship Party  
had to be postponed.  
Please check upcoming bulletins  
for a rescheduled date.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE  
3pm Tuesdays**

**EARLY DEADLINE  
3pm THURSDAY  
AUG. 29  
for Sept. 8 bulletin  
(Labor Day Weekend)**

If you have something  
you would like put into  
future bulletins,  
please send it to  
[stjosephsclaremont@g  
mail.com](mailto: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 par-  
ticipating in that are sponsored by other  
area churches, and Polish cultural events  
in the Northeast. We thank you for under-  
standing that space would become un-  
manageable if we honored every request  
that comes in.

**VOLUNTEERS** ↴  
*What would we do  
without them?*

Did you miss getting a printed copy  
of our bulletin because of travel,  
illness or snow?

Recent copies are available in the  
church hall after Mass.  
Let us know if you'd like older ones.

Ask Sharon Wood or email  
[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

If you use email and would like to be placed on  
the Parish email list to receive timely updates to  
our church schedule, please send us an email.

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You can view our bulletin, and other valuable in-  
formation, on our website **[stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The email address uses St Josephs (plural)  
but the website address is singular (St Joseph)**

**St. Mary's Annual Yard Sale**  
Gym – Main Street. Claremont, NH

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

**Workers are needed**

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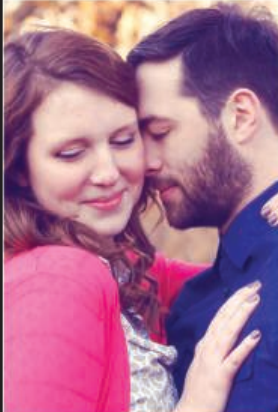
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