

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



September 1, 2024

## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN

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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

**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

**Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5:00 pm**

For the soul (†) of Gloria Freeman  
requested by her family

**Sunday, September 8, 9:15 am**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

For the soul (†) of Rev. Stanley J. Piwowar  
requested by Ron and Marilyn Gilbert

There is no 2nd Collection today.

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024</b>	<b>80 Souls</b>
Offertory	\$1,009.00
Church Maintenance	\$366.00
Fuel	\$30.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$10.00
Funeral Luncheon	\$700.00
Votive Candles	\$12.00
Mass intentions	\$100.00
<b>8-25-24 TOTAL AT MASS</b>	<b>\$2,227.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$165.95
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$165.95</b>
<b>8-25-24 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$2,392.95</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



Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our parish community prosper.

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 a special intention requested by Mirka Wilczoch.**



**Masses and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions** may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to [stjosephscclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephscclaremont@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 [stjosephscclaremont.org](http://stjosephscclaremont.org)

## Feast Days and Memorials

### Sept 3: St Gregory the Great, c.540-604, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Patron of musicians, singers, students and teachers

This future Pope was born into a wealthy Italian home two years before the Plague of Justinian swept through the region. He and his family survived and he grew to become prefect of Rome, the highest civil role possible, as had his father before him. But Gregory decided to abandon his wealth and privilege and to take up the austere life of a monk, converting his inherited home and elegant estates into monasteries. Against his will, he was called upon to become one of the seven deacons of Rome and later was chosen as the first medieval Pope. Pope Gregory the Great was known for his emphasis on missionary work and giving alms to the poor.

### Sept 5: St Teresa of Calcutta, 1910-1997

Patron of World Youth Day

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Agnes entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin when she was eighteen. She was sent to India where she taught history and geography in a school for wealthy students. Now using the name Teresa, she received permission to leave the convent and establish a new religious community in Calcutta. She opened a school for poor children in the slums and worked for forty years on behalf of the poor. She worked tirelessly at simple tasks, washing the sores of children, caring for the elderly lying on the side of the road, and nursing those dying of hunger and tuberculosis. Previously she had spent twenty years teaching in a school for girls, and many of her former students were inspired to join her in the Missionaries of Charity. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970.

**Videos about Mother Teresa may be seen online at 'Formed.'**  
**See the box below for instructions on accessing this Free service**

### Sept 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. A quote from Saint Augustine makes the connection between Mary's birth and Jesus' saving work. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."



### Sunday, September 1, 2024

Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8; Ps 15: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday September 2 2024

1 Cor 2: 1-5; Ps 119: 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4: 16-30

### Tuesday September 3 2024

1 Cor 2: 10b-16; Ps 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14; Lk 4: 31-37

### Wed. September 4, 2024

1 Cor 3: 1-9; Ps 33: 12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-4

### Thursday, September 5, 2024

1 Cor 3: 18-23; Ps 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

### Friday, September 6, 2024

1 Cor 4: 1-5; Ps 37: 3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5: 33-39

### Saturday September 7, 2024

1 Cor 4: 6b-15; Ps 145: 17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

The Month of September  
is dedicated to  
Our Lady of Sorrows.



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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.

Search for **Mother Teresa** for a large selection of videos for all ages.

**Mother Teresa**  
**Seeing the Face of Jesus**  
is a good choice for children and adults.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### How much will it cost to run the Appeal?

The Office of Development and Communications will make every effort to keep costs down in marketing and managing the NHCA. Good stewardship of donations is essential to any Catholic fundraising program. The first years' administrative costs were 10% which included first year set up costs and fixed costs of bringing all 88 parishes into the appeal. The intent of the Diocese is to keep the costs at 5% or lower in future years. Expenses are accounted for in the publication of an annual report for the NHCA – this report includes an accounting of how all dollars raised were used. All NHCA donors receive this report and copies are sent to parishes. The expenses include the cost of producing and mailing the informational materials for the Appeal as well as for the processing of all gifts to the NHCA.

##### Why should I give to the NHCA if I already support my parish?

Your participation helps the entire Church in New Hampshire where the needs are the greatest –recruiting new priests, evangelization, the vulnerable, and more. Your support makes these ministries possible that no one parish could support on its own. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to the greater Church. We are many parts in the Diocese of Manchester but one body in Christ with a common mission.



**May God Send His Blessings  
on all our Parishioners,  
Families, and Friends on this  
Labor Day Weekend!**

#### 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)

#### 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)



#### St. Mary and St. Joseph Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father Sebastian, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.

Homebound visits are made on the second Monday of every month.

Father is assisted by one of the Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist:  
Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill,  
Bill Pamplin, or Gary Lambert.

#### 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.

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)  
[www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat](http://www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat)  
[FrRay3@gmail.com](mailto:FrRay3@gmail.com)  
(603) 224-4393 x1.

**Hymns for  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 331  
"A Living Faith"

Offertory Hymn: No. 323  
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional: No. 374  
"Go Make of All Disciples"



**MASS READINGS**

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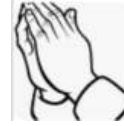
**CONFESSIONS**  
St. Mary Church  
Friday 9:30 am  
Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Wed. Sept.4, 2024**

**6:30 pm**

**All are Welcome to Join**



Please pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
Henry Ferland who  
died this past week.



Next Sunday,  
September 8  
**COFFEE  
HOUR AFTER  
MASS**  
No Charge  
Free Will Offerings Accepted

**Tootsie Roll Fundraiser**

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

**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 today  
in the Parish Hall.  
Drawing to take place at our Coffee  
Hour on December 8  
1st PRIZE. \$500.00  
2nd PRIZE \$200.00  
3rd PRIZE. \$20.00 (20 prizes)

**Safety and  
Security**

Please remember  
to lock your car  
doors when at-  
tending events in  
the church.

Knights of Columbus  
Council Meeting

Monday, Sept. 9, 7:00 pm  
St. Mary's Gym  
Council Chambers



**BULLETIN DEADLINE 3pm  
Tuesdays**

Because of this weekend's holiday,  
the Sept. 8 bulletin has already  
been completed.  
Items submitted this week will not  
be printed until the Sept.15 bulletin.  
If you have something you would  
like put into future bulletins, please  
send it to  
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

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)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:00pm

St. Joseph Church Hall  
Program:  
One Pound Bag Auction



**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 request-  
ed 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  
unmanageable if we honored every re-  
quest that comes in.

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.

[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

You can view our bulletin, and other valuable  
information, 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 Gigantic  
Indoor Yard Sale**  
Gym – Main Street. Claremont, NH

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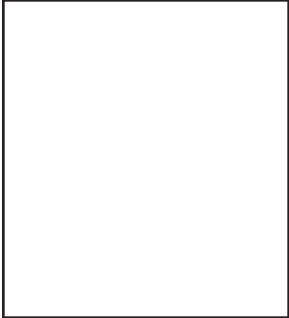
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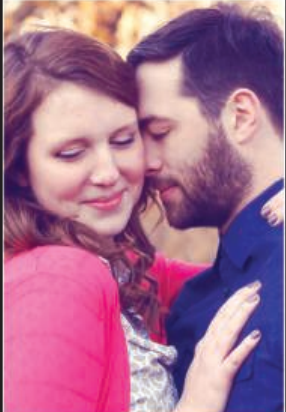
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