

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



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Parish Finance Council

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Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

Sunday, September 22, 9:15 am Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Connie Barth
requested by Carole Hayward

Sunday, September 29, 9:15 am
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
For the soul (†) of Florence Zurek Couto
requested by Cindy Kordys and Michael Bonneville

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 77 Souls	
Offertory	\$838.00
Sanctuary Lamp	\$30.00
Votive Candles	\$14.00
Marian Candelabrum	\$10.00
CDA Donation for Calendars	\$100.00
Mass Intentions	\$170.00
9-15-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,162.00
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$138.71
Fuel	\$24.77
TOTAL ONLINE	\$163.48
9-15-24 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$1,325.48
Ham & Bean Supper (9-7-24)	\$1,092.00



We ask you to take a moment to reflect on our request for donations to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. We are grateful to all who have already given and/or pledged \$3,705.00 towards our parish goal of \$7,650. Unfortunately, this represents only 48% of that goal. Fr. Sebastian does not want to have to take the balance from our parish savings. If you find that you can make a contribution at this time, gift envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may also make your gift by using this QR code or going online to www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.



See pg. 4 for more information about the Appeal.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roger Hamel, whose funeral was held here on Friday.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October 13: Fuel

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

2024 NH Catholic Appeal
(Ministry Fund managed by the Diocese of New Hampshire)

Grand Annual Fund
October 2024 - October 2025
(Parish Collection)

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Marian Candelabrum will be lit on the four Sundays in October. Intentions may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the church hall after Mass. A donation of \$10



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 George Nortrand** requested by Lew & Jeanne Brooks.



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.

Feast Days and Memorials

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

Sept. 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcius (Padre Pio), Priest, 1887-1968

Patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, stress relief, & January blues
Francesco Forgione, the son of devout Italian peasant farmers, joined the Capuchin Franciscan Friars at fifteen, taking on the name "Friar Pio." He served in the Italian Medical Corps during WWI, but was given a medical discharge. He spent the next fifty years at the monastery, devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. After it became known that he was experiencing painful stigmata, the wounds of Christ on his hands, feet, and side, Padre Pio was sought after by pilgrims as a spiritual advisor and confessor. He would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays."

Sept. 26: Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs, d. circa 300 A.D.

Patrons of the medical profession, druggists, barbers and the blind
Arabian-born twin brothers, both physicians, embraced Christianity and cared for the sick without payment, earning them the name "the moneyless ones." They were said to have cured blindness, fever, and paralysis and were arrested during the Diocletian persecution because of their faith and their fame as healers. They are mentioned in the Roman Canon and in the Litany of Saints.

Sept. 27: St Vincent de Paul, 1581-1660, Priest

Patron of charities, horses, hospitals, lepers, prisoners, and Madagascar
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 as a voluntary organization dedicated to serving the poor. It was named after a French Catholic priest who carried out that mission in his own life. He founded the Congregation of the Mission known as the "Vincenians." With St. Louise de Marillac he founded the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Sept. 28: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, d. 929

Patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia
This Duke of Bohemia was taught Christianity by his grandmother, St. Ludmila. When he tried to bring the faith to his people, he was killed by his pagan brother, called Boleslaus the Cruel, on the Feast of Sts Cosmas and Damian and on the Vigil of Saint Michael the Archangel. "Brother, may God forgive you" were this martyr's last words.

Sept. 28: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs, d. 1630's

Sixteen Christians who were tortured, burned and their ashes scattered by the order of the ruler of Nagasaki, Japan are remembered on this day. They were Japanese, Spanish, French, Italian and the first Filipino martyr, Lorenzo (Lawrence) Ruiz.

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

Wis 2: 12, 17-20; Ps 54: 3-4, 5, 6 & 8-9; Jas 3:16-4: 3; Mk 9:30-37

Monday, September 23 2024

Prv 3: 27-34; Ps 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8: 16-18

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8: 19-21

Wednesday,

September 25, 2024

Prv 30: 5-9; Ps 119: 29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9: 1-6

Thursday, September 26, 2024

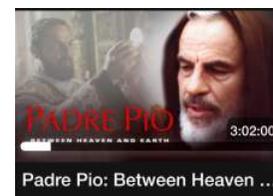
Ecc 1: 2-11; Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17BC; Lk 9: 7-9

Friday, September 27, 2024

Ecc 3:1-11; Ps 144: 1b & 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9: 18-22

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Ecc 11: 9-12; 8 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Lk 9: 43b-45



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. For more information see the display on the table at the back of the church or contact

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"Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth" a fascinating three-hour film about the saint's life.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

"How are the goals for each parish determined?"

The parish NHCA goal is calculated as 10% of the parish average assessable income over the last three fiscal years. This year's calculation was 10% of the average assessable income for fiscal years 2023, 2022, and 2021. The goal formula will be reviewed after the 2024 appeal cycle

If the parish goal is exceeded, does the parish get to keep the amount raised over the goal?

Yes. The NHCA will allow parishes to keep 100% of their revenue over their set goal for the first three years of the appeal. In June 2024, the Diocese will assess whether or not this has been successful or may need adjustments.

What happens if a parish does not make their goal?

If a parish does not reach its goal, it will be assessed (billed) the remainder. An abatement program is available for parishes who may qualify (and the difference will not be assessed).

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Prayer List

Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	
Mandy Albanese	Karen Ouellette
John Arsenaault	Tim Roberts
John Casey	Brenda Ruest
Anne Cherry	Janet Ruest
Chris Currier	Roger Sheehan Jr.
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
Deborah Hemingway	Joshua White

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, then notify Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after Mass or send an email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

St. Mary and St. Joseph Homebound Ministry

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.

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

Church Maintenance Updates

1. Earlier this summer the NH Department of Labor Inspection Division made a scheduled visit to our parish. Inspections were done on the two boilers in the church and the rectory furnace. All passed Inspection for a two year period. Rick Logan was present.
2. Last month, the NH Department of Labor Inspection Division, Otis Elevator Company and Vermont Life Safety visited the parish for the yearly elevator inspection. The elevator, fire alarm system and all the fire extinguishers in the church, rectory and Confraternity Center passed inspection. Richard Brown was present for these inspections.
3. Last week Mike LaFont changed the fluorescent light tubes in the elevator over to LEDs, which will result in major savings for the parish.
4. Also last week, Sully's Pest Control Service finished the pigeon removal from the attic. One more Inspection will be done after the chimney and roof vents are capped by McNeil Metal to prevent re-entry of birds.
5. R.E. Hinkley Co. was here last week to clean the church and rectory boilers for peak operation during the winter months. Through the foresight of Fr. Sebastian and the Parish Finance Council, all fuel oil has been purchased for the winter. The pre-buy contract saved the parish close to \$2,000 last year based on the highest price fluctuation.
6. Our snow removal, salting and sanding contract is in place for the winter with Norman St. Aubin & Sons, Inc. with only a slight price increase for the cost of the salt.

**Hymns for
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 427
"I Come with Joy"

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

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional: No. 369
"God's Blessing
Sends Us Forth"



CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. Sept.25, 2024
6:30 pm
All are Welcome to Join

MASS READINGS
B/651

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

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

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

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

**1-20 RAFFLE TICKETS
to benefit our Fuel Fund
will be sold in the
Parish Hall after Mass.**

Drawing to take place at our
Coffee Hour on December 8

1st PRIZE. \$500.00
2nd PRIZE \$200.00
3rd PRIZE. \$20.00 (20

**Polish American Heritage Month
2024**

St. Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH

stjosephclaremont.org



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:30 PM

Polish Cooking Class

Suggested donation \$10.00
Reservations: 603 542-6454

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 5-7PM
DOZYNKI (Polish Harvest Supper)**

Gołąbki, Pierogi, Kielbasa and more
\$20 Eat In or Take Out

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

Tickets sold in Church Hall
Sundays after 9:15 AM Mass
Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Information: 603-542-2394
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 9:15 AM
Polish Month Mass and Coffee Hour**

9:15 AM Mass: Polish hymns sung
by the St. Cecelia Choir
Coffee Hour with Polish and American
pastries after Mass in the Church Hall
No Charge; Free Will Offerings Welcome!



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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 unmanageable if
we honored every request that comes in.

**ST. MARY PARISH
OLD-TIME PENNY SALE
Saturday, October 5, 2024**

St. Mary Gym, Main Street, Claremont
Doors open at 5:00 PM

Drawings begin at 6:00 PM
Grand Prize: \$\$1,500 Cash (if present)
\$1,200 (if not present)

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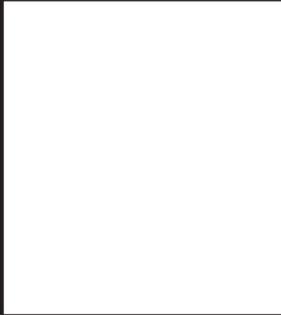
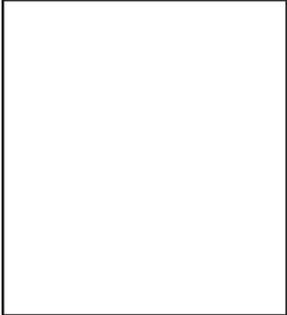
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