

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



December 8, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

Sunday, December 8, 9:15 am

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 9, 5:30 pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

For the soul (†) of Roger Sheehan
requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Roger Sheehan
requested by his wife
and for the soul (†) of William Matthews
requested by Bessie Sheehan

Sunday, December 15, 9:15 am

Third Sunday of Advent

For the soul (†) of John Merchant
requested by his daughter and family

Today's 2nd Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024	75 Souls
Offertory	\$504.80
Church Maintenance	\$320.00
Fuel	\$190.00
Hall Rental	\$100.00
Christmas flowers	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$26.25
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	\$140.00
Pecan Fundraiser	\$1,075.80
Turkey Party Fundraiser	\$1,863.00
11-24-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$4,319.85
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$154.03
Fuel	\$98.73
TOTAL ONLINE	\$252.76
TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$4,572.61

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024	66 Souls
Offertory	\$805.01
Fuel	\$267.00
Votive Candles	\$24.00
Marian Candelabra	\$10.00
Christmas flowers	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
12-1-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,136.01
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$171.39
Fuel	\$25.32
Church Maintenance	\$19.48
TOTAL ONLINE	\$216.19
TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$1,352.20

Grand Annual Collection

Our parish's Grand Annual Collection is an ongoing collection to build a fund for larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, both and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years. Grand Annual Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are not able to bring your weekly offertory or other donations to Mass, you may mail them to St Joseph Church, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743 or donate online at our website: stjosephclaremont.org We thank the donors who contributed since October 1st.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Sunday December 15
No Second Collection
Sunday December 22
Church Maintenance
Sunday December 29
No Second Collection


ONGOING COLLECTION
Grand Annual Fund
October 2024 - October 2025
\$2,053.00



St. Joseph Parish has met and exceeded its goal in the NHCA Appeal. \$7,750.00 has been received and credited to St Joseph's plus \$300.00 in pledges remain, for a total of \$8,050.00. The excess of \$400.00 above our goal as well as any future NHCA donations credited to St. Joseph Church will be returned to our parish. We sincerely thank all of those who donated to help us achieve our goal!




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 today in memory of Frank and Vera Jones** requested by Halford and Emelda Jones.



CANDLE DONATIONS
Please deposit the requested amount in the slot on the candle stand to offset the cost of replacing the candle you lit. Thank you!

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 donations: \$10.00.

Our Marian Candelabrum will be lit on Dec. 9, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception **in memory of the deceased members of Court Virgil H. Barber, Catholic Daughters of the Americas,** requested by the current members.



Feast Days and Memorials

December 8: Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

Advent Candles, shining brightly in the midst of darkness, are symbols that remind us of Jesus, who came as Light into our dark world. During this 2nd week of Advent, the "Candle of Peace" is lit. Let us we reflect on our lives and orient ourselves toward Christ's coming, preparing our hearts to receive Him anew.

December 9: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This holy day was established on December 8, 1854 when Pope Pius IX pronounced in *Ineffabilis Deus* that the Blessed Virgin Mary was given the grace to be sinless at the instant of her conception. He proclaimed, "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

December 10: Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

Patron of aircraft pilots and crews, aviation, and construction workers

The title 'Our Lady of Loreto' refers to the Holy House of Loreto, the house in which Mary was born and the archangel Gabriel appeared to her. It was moved from Nazareth to other European locations before finally settling in Loreto, Italy. It was the first internationally renowned shrine dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and is the third largest in Europe, next to Lourdes and Fatima.

December 11: St Damasus, Pope, 306-384

Damasus was elected Pope when he was a sixty-year-old deacon. His reign was marked by violence because of a rival group that fought to overthrow him in favor of another candidate. Although his Papacy was marked by continued struggle, Pope Damasus left his mark with accomplishments that have lasted longer than his opponents. He was responsible for changing the liturgical language of the Church from Greek to Latin, and commissioned Saint Jerome to translate the Scriptures into Latin. He worked hard to preserve and restore the catacombs, the graves of the martyrs, and relics. He is also known for his epigrams (short sayings in verse) about martyrs and saints.

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patron of the Americas

On December 9, 1531, in Mexico, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, a humble Aztec Indian who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. She asked him to go to the Bishop to ask for a church to be built on Tepeyac Hill, and as proof that he had truly seen her, she told him to pick beautiful roses that were growing on the hill, despite the rocky ground and winter cold. The image that we know as Our Lady of Guadalupe was imprinted on his cloak by the flowers as he carried them to the Bishop. Juan Diego became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas and is their patron.

December 13: St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, 283-304

Patron of the blind and of eyesight

Lucia, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," was a young Christian woman in the early 4th century who lived in Syracuse, a city on the Italian island of Sicily. She was martyred during the persecution of Christians under the reign of Diocletian. Refusing an arranged marriage with a pagan, Lucy prayed to St. Agatha to cure her mother's illness and persuade her to allow her daughter to commit her life to God. The rejected bridegroom reported to the governor that she was a Christian, and he ordered that she be tortured and executed.

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Tomorrow, Monday December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be at
9:00 am at St. Mary Church
5:30 pm at St. Joseph Church

Christmas Flower Fund

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for donations for Christmas altar flowers. Please write your memorial intentions clearly on the envelopes so the names can be listed in our bulletin during the Christmas season.



Sunday, December 8, 2024

Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6

Monday, December 9, 2024

Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Is 40: 1-11; Ps 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13; Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a,
10ab; Jud 13: 18bcde, 19; Lk 1: 26-38
or Lk 1: 39-47

Friday, December 13, 2024

Is 48: 17-19; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Mt 11: 16-19

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13

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



PRAYER LIST



Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	
Mandy Albanese	David Kangas
John Arsenaunt	Karen Ouellette
Brooke	Karen Parker
Jean Brown	Tim Roberts
John Casey	Brenda Ruest
Anne Cherry	Janet Ruest
Elissa Coburn	Roger Sheehan Jr.
Chris Currier	Bob St.Aubin
Jean Drena	Darlene St.Aubin
Frederick Gallant	Barbara Trask
Marilyn Gilbert	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Isabella Gowell	Janice Vilgats
Stephen Grogan	Joshua White
Deborah Hemingway	Lawrence Woodward

TURKEY PARTY 2024

The Lucky Winners!

Complete Turkey Dinner

Albert Cole

Guitar

David Belisle

Grand Prize: Large Ham

Towle family



THANK YOU

to all who helped in any way with
our
Annual Turkey Party!

A good time was had by all and our
fundraising efforts were rewarded!

PROCEEDS

Turkey Raffles	\$1,419.00
Turkey Dinner Raffle	\$225.00
Guitar Raffle	\$105.00
Ham Grand Prize Raffle	\$56.00
Food sales	\$58.00
TOTAL	\$1,863.00

**Hymns for
the Second Sunday of Advent**

Entrance Hymn: No.194
"On Jordan's Bank"

Offertory Hymn: No. 191
"People, Look East"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No.1988
"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

CHOIR REHEARSAL

NEW DAY & TIME

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024

1:00pm

All are Welcome to Join!



The Area Choir

final concerts are this
afternoon and evening at
3:00pm and 7:00 pm
South Congregational
Church,
20 Church Street, Newport
All are welcome to attend this
annual Christmas Concert.

**MASS READINGS
C/482**

Memorial Acclamation
"We proclaim
your death, O Lord, and
profess your
resurrection until you
come again."



**COFFEE HOUR TODAY
after Mass**

**LAST CHANCE
to buy your winning
tickets for the
1-20 Raffle!**

Prizes will be awarded!

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

CONFESSIONS

St. Mary Church

Friday 9:30 am

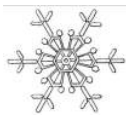
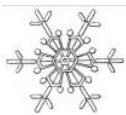
Saturday 3:00 to 3:45

THANK YOU!

**to all who worked on or
attended our Christmas
Craft Fair yesterday!**

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



Winter Weather Cancellations

If it becomes necessary to cancel
the Wednesday afternoon Mass,
choir rehearsal, or other church
events because of the weather, we
will again post the cancellation on
the WMUR-TV notification system.
Please check their website or
on-air broadcast for our listing.



Catholic Daughters Court #892

Advent Gathering/ Pizza Luncheon

Sunday, December 15, 1:00 pm

St. Joseph Church Hall



Kof C Council 1820 Meeting

Dec. 9 at 7pm

St Mary's Gym

Knights Room

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

Available after Mass
in the Parish Hall.

Housekeeping

If you choose not to
take your bulletins
home with you after
Mass, please return
them to the tables in
the back of the church
as you leave.
Thank you!

Oplatki for Christmas

\$3 for a packages of four traditional Polish wafers inside
an illustrated envelope with the story of the tradition printed
on the back. Available in the church hall after Mass,
email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or
call Sharon Wood at 603-542- 5732.

THEY'RE HERE!

Our popular Holiday Fundraiser
has begun!

Pecans

(Cinnamon covered, Chocolate
covered and plain)
plus

Caramel Clusters

(Also known as **Turtles**)
and **Cashews**)

YUM!

Get your favorites while supplies last!

CHANGE IN BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of upcoming holiday schedules at JCCP, our
bulletin printers, there are much earlier deadlines coming
up for sending our completed bulletins for printing.
If you have something you would like to see put into our
bulletin over the next two months, please send it
well in advance of the printing date to
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com.

Our current bulletin may be viewed online at
<https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/9021template.pdf>



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schedule, please send us an email.
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