

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



December 15, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Sharon Wood

Music Director

Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
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Sunday, December 15, 9:15 am

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Wednesday, December 18, 5:00 pm

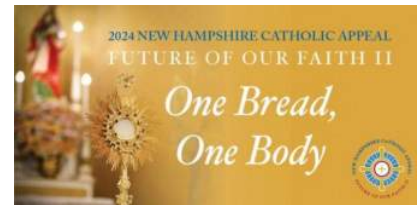
For the soul (†) of Robert Whitcomb
requested by Rick and Carol Logan

Sunday, December 22, 9:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

For Donna Jenkins
requested by her sister and family

There is no Second Collection Today.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024	54 Souls
Offertory	\$397.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$274.00
Christmas flowers	\$40.00
Votive Candles	\$14.00
Hall Rental	\$100.00
Fuel Raffle (Fundraiser)	\$920.00
Craft Fair (Fundraiser)	\$366.00
12-8-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$2111.00
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$597.16
Church Maintenance	\$124.78
Catholic Relief Services	\$148.55
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$99.03
TOTAL ONLINE	\$969.52
GRAND TOTAL	\$3080.52

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

St. Joseph Parish has met and exceeded its goal in the NHCA Appeal. \$8,050.00 has been received and credited to St Joseph's plus \$100.00 in pledges remain, for a total of **\$8,150.00**.

The excess of \$500.00 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!




WHEN WRITING CHECKS
to St. Joseph Church, please mark the name of the collection (Offertory or Special Collection) to make sure it is put into the correct account. Thank you!

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
Sunday December 22
Church Maintenance
Wed. December 25
Special Collection for Fuel
Sunday December 29
No Second Collection'
ONGOING COLLECTION
Grand Annual Fund
 October 2024 - October 2025
 \$2,053.00

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.

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 Alejandra and Emilio Subia** 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.



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.

Feast Days and Memorials

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent (Joy) Gaudete Sunday

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 3rd week of Advent, the rose colored candle is lit and priests may wear rose colored vest-ments, to express joy in the coming of Jesus, our Savior. This Sunday is called “Gaudete Sunday” because when the Mass was said in Latin, the opening antiphon was “Gaudete in Domino semper” — “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

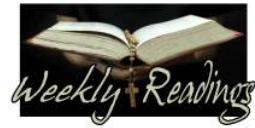
Dec 21: St Peter Canisius, Doctor of the Church: 1521-1597

Dutch scholar is known for editing and writing several volumes on Church history and theology, serving as a delegate to the Council of Trent, and reforming German universities from heresy. He won the hearts of the German people by ministering to the sick and dying during a plague. Believing strongly in the importance of studying and understanding the Catholic faith, he helped to write several Catholic Catechisms. St Peter Canisius is known as the Second Apostle of Germany.



Catholic Daughters
Court #892
Advent Gathering/
Luncheon
TODAY 1:00 pm

St. Joseph
Church Hall



Sunday, December 15, 2024

Zep 3: 14-18a; Is 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4: 4-7; Lk 3: 10-18

Monday, December 16, 2024

Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25: 4-5ab,
6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Ps 72: 1-2,
3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1: 18-25

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1: 5-25

Friday, December 20, 2024

Is 7: 10-14; Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Sgs 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a;
Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1: 39-45

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



Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn

40 weeks – End of Month 9

“Here I Am!!” It’s my birthday!

Thank you so much for all your prayers! Because you prayed for me,
I got the best of all gifts - Life!

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month. She is truly a miracle.

She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we can now see and hold in our arms. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Thank you for your participation in the Spiritual Adoption program. We will begin this program again in January.

THANK YOU RECEIVED FOR BABY SHOWER GIFTS

Thank you all, so very much, for the generosity you expressed during St. Joseph's Baby Shower for us. So many moms (and babies) will be blessed and encouraged by you.

Warmly, Anne Burge, Director
Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley.

PRAYER LIST



Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert

Fr. John Loughnane

Mandy Albanese

John Arsenault

Brooke

Jean Brown

John Casey

Anne Cherry

Elissa Coburn

Chris Currier

Jean Drena

Frederick Gallant

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Roger Sheehan Jr.

Bob St.Aubin

Darlene St.Aubin

Barbara Trask

Chee Chee Tyrrell

Janice Vilgats

Joshua White

On Saturday, December 7th a communication was received from The Very Rev. Jason Jalbert, Rector of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester for all churches in the Diocese of Manchester to ring their church bells at 2:00 pm to celebrate the reopening of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. Our pastor, Fr. Sebastian, directed that the Basilican Tower Bells be rung at St. Joseph's Church, Claremont for 10 minutes, one minute for each Hail Mary recited in a decade of the Rosary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, December 18

5:30 p.m.

St. Mary Church

Friday, December 20

9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 21

3:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary Church

December 24th 4:00 p.m.

December 25th 12:00 a.m.

St. Joseph Church

December 25th 9:00 a.m.



**Christmas
Lessons and Carols**
St. Mary Church
December 19th
6:00 PM

Mount Royal Academy Choir
 Music Director: Katherine Yost

Join us for an hour of Christmas
 carols and scripture readings to
 celebrate the birth of Christ.

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2024 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



**Hymns for
the Third Sunday of Advent**

Entrance Hymn:

No.190 vs. 1-4

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Offertory Hymn: No. 217

"Lo, How a Rose Everything Blooming"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 194

"On Jordan's Bank"

CHOIR REHEARSAL

NEW DAY & TIME

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024

1:00pm

All are Welcome to Join!



**The Holy Day Mass for
the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
will be held at
St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, December 31
at 5:30pm**

**MASS READINGS
C/485**

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



THANK YOU
to all who attended
and worked on our
Coffee Hour

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the 1-20 Fuel Raffle!

1st Prize (\$500) winner: Jacqueline Baril (#95)

2nd Prize (\$200) winner: Buddy Braga (#111)

3rd Prize (\$20) winners:

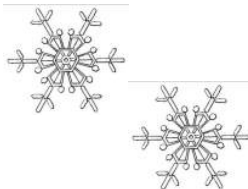
Rusty Fowler Jr. (#1)	Emelda Jones (#32)	Louis Millette (#79)
Rusty Fowler (#3)	Cindy Kordys (#34)	Richard Brown (#80)
Becky Deschamps (#6)	Mary Brown (#52)	Richard Brown (#81)
Joan Baillargeon (#13)	Ron Gilbert (#53)	Lorraine Goyette (#91)
Jim Hanlon (#21)	Charlene Lovett (#58)	Mike Duval (#109)
Betty Gierko (#28)	John Simonds (#67)	Bonnie Miles (#114)
Paul Shupenko (#31)	Mike Rivard (#69)	

THANK YOU TO THE 1-20 FUEL RAFFLE COMMITTEE!

Rusty Fowler Ron Gilbert Richard and Mary Brown
and all who supported this fundraiser!

Winter Weather Cancellations

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



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.

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

Large Tootsie Roll \$2.00

Available after Mass
in the Parish Hall.

Oplátky 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.



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Pecans

(Cinnamon covered, Chocolate covered and plain)
plus

Caramel Clusters

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

Get your favorites while supplies last!
In the Church Hall after Mass

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

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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