

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



December 29, 2024

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 29, 9:15 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

For the soul (†) of Rev. George Majka
requested by Connie Barth

Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 p.m.

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

For Fr. Maria Sebastian Susairaj
requested by St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, January 5, 9:15 a.m.
Solemnity of the Epiphany

For the souls (†) of
Czesława and Franciszek Długosiewicz
requested by their daughter
Mirka Wilczoch and family

There is No Second Collection Today.

HOLY DAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024	46 Souls
At Mass	\$173.00
Online	\$99.11
HOLY DAY TOTAL, MASS & ONLINE	\$272.11
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024	68 Souls
Offertory	\$588.00
Fuel	\$220.00
Church Maintenance	\$20.00
Christmas flowers	\$170.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00
Baptism donation	\$50.00
12-15-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,061.00
12-15-24 ONLINE	\$149.65
12-15-24 TOTAL MASS & ONLINE	\$1,210.65
TOTAL 12-9 and 12-15	\$1,482.76

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL



St. Joseph Parish has met and exceeded its goal of \$7,650.00.

\$8,150.00 has been received and credited to St Joseph's. The additional \$500.00 as well as any future NHCA donations will be returned to our parish.

We sincerely thank all of those who donated to help us achieve our goal!

THANK YOU

Mike LaFont, David Smith, Jim Hanlon, Richard Brown and Mary Brown for putting up our Christmas decorations this year!

OOPS!

Last week's bulletin stated that collection figures for both Dec. 15 and Dec. 22 would be printed today. The early deadline for this bulletin was Dec. 20th, so the Dec. 22nd figures will have to wait to be included in our Jan. 5th bulletin.

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

Jan. 12: Fuel

Jan. 26: Church Maintenance

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 for all the families of St. Joseph Parish.



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 stjosephclaremont@gmail.com Suggested donations: \$10.00.



Feast Days and Memorials

December 29: The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the "true model of life" from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.



12-31-24 St. Sylvester I, Pope; c. Late 3rd Century–335

Patron of animals, harvests, and stone masons

Saint Sylvester I was the first pope to rule Rome during the Church's liberty, which was guaranteed by the Edict of Milan in 313. He was the first pope to serve with the legal support of the emperor, and served for 21 years, from 314 until his death in 335. He is believed to have been born in Rome to Christian parents, and was ordained a priest in Rome. Medieval legends say that Sylvester miraculously cured Emperor Constantine of leprosy and influenced Constantine's conversion to Christianity. New Year's Eve is called "Sylvester" in many countries in honor of this saint's feast day.

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

The word "Solemnity" is used for days in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar that are of the highest rank - higher than feast days or memorials. A Solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine.

January 1: World Day of Peace

In 1967, Pope Paul VI established the tradition of the Holy Father issuing a special message each year on January 1st, inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace.

January 2: St Basil the Great, 330-379 and St. Gregory Nazienzen, 325-389, Doctors of the Church Patrons of hospital administrators

These saints were two of the giants of the early Church who were influential in the development of the theology of that time. They were well educated statesmen, men of great personal holiness, and among the great speakers of Christianity.

January 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1774-1821, Religious Patron of seafarers and widows

Elizabeth Ann Bayley, granddaughter of an Episcopal priest, was born into the upper class of New York society 2 years before the American Revolution. From an early age she joined in her family's practice of charity and service to the poor. She married William Seton and had five children. After her husband died, Elizabeth found comfort in the Catholic Church and converted. Although not blessed with a long life (she died at 46) Mother Seton accomplished much in the years remaining to her.

In Emmitsburg, Maryland she founded the Sisters of Charity, the first American congregation of religious sisters, and St Joseph's Academy, the first Catholic girls' school in our country.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. On the occasion of her beatification in 1963, Pope John XXIII said, "In a house that was very small, but with ample space for charity, she sowed a seed in America which by Divine Grace grew into a large tree."

<https://www.usccb.org/> <https://www.vaticannews.va/> www.catholic.org



Sunday, December 29, 2024

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5;
Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 30, 2024

1 Jn 2: 12-17; Ps 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Lk 2: 36-40

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

1 Jn 2: 18-21; Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13;
Jn 1: 1-18

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Nm 6: 22-27; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

Thursday, January 2, 2025

1 Jn 2: 22-28; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 1: 19-28

Friday, January 3, 2025

1 Jn 2: 29-3:6; Ps 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Jn 1: 29-34


Saturday, January 4, 2025

1 Jn 3: 7-10; Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9;
Jn 1: 35-42

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 Arsenault	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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Novus annus!
Latin

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!
Polish

Bonne Année!
French

Buon anno!
Italian

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
Spanish

Feliz Ano Novo
Portuguese

athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!
Irish

Hyvää uutta vuotta!
Finnish

Eftikhisméno to néo étos!
Greek

šťastný nový rok!
Czech

Un An Nou Fericit!
Romanian

Frohes Neues Jahr!
German

Akemashite omedetō!
Japanese

Xīnnián kuàilè!
Chinese

saehae bog manh-i bad-euseyo!
Korean

S nóvym godom!
Russian

Godt nytår!
Danish

Gott nytt år!
Swedish/Norwegian

Sretna Nova godina!
Croatian

blwyddyn newydd dda !
Welsh

Shubh Naya Saal
India

boldog új évet
Hungarian

Selamat Tahun Baru!
Indonesian

Manigong Bagong Taon!
Filipino

heri ya mwaka mpya
Swahili

Kia hari te tau hou!
Maori

Wewelis ni wikwam!
Abenaki

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!
Hawaiian

DO YOU SPEAK MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE?

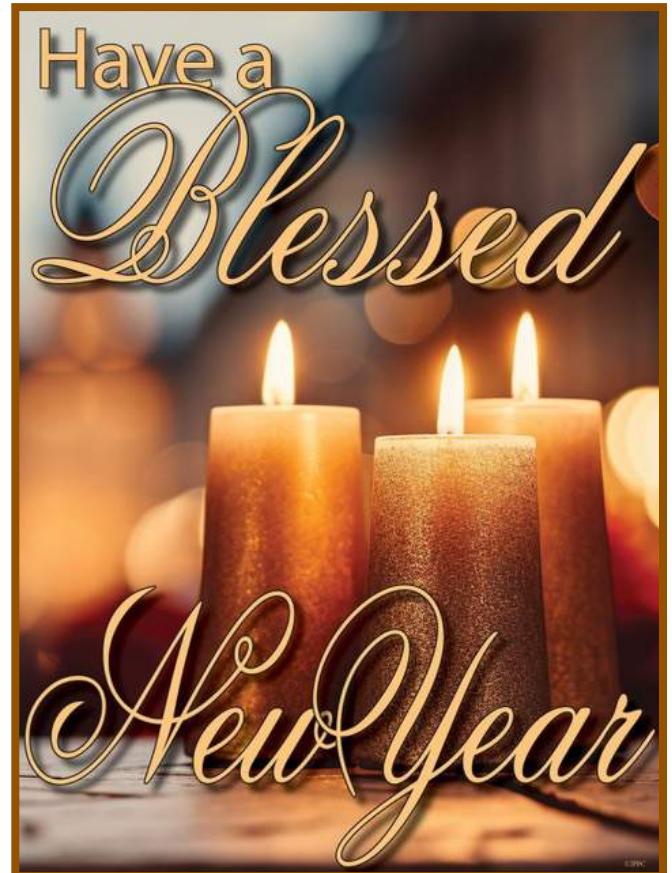
Please let us know if we can call on you to translate if a need arises. Speak to Richard or Mary Brown or Sharon Wood or send an email (stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com) and let us know your contact information and what language you would be able to translate.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation**



**St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, December 31
(New Year's Eve)
5:30pm**

**St. Mary Church
Wednesday, January 1
(New Year's Day)
9:00 am**



**Hymns for
the Feast of the Holy Family**

Entrance Hymn: No. 219
"Angel's, from the Realms of Glory"

Offertory Hymn: No. 417
"Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 203
"Joy to the World"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

**NEW DAY!
NEW TIME!
NEW YEAR!**

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025

1:00pm

All are welcome to join!

**MASS READINGS
ABC/493**

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

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



**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.



Knights of Columbus
Council 1820
Special Meeting
Monday, Dec. 30, 7:00pm
Council Chambers
St Mary's Gym

VOLUNTEERS ↓
*What would we do
without them?*

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 few weeks, please send it
well in advance of the printing date to
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pray for us!

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