

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



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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, January 12, 9:15 a.m. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

For the soul (†) of Brian Braga  
requested by the Braga family  
and for the soul (†) of Paul St. Martin  
requested by Tom DeVoyd

**There will be no 5:00pm Mass  
on Wednesday, January 15.  
The intention will be rescheduled.**

## Sunday, January 19, 9:15 a.m. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the soul (†) of Valerie Azotea  
requested by her family

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024	93 Souls
Offertory	\$737.00
Votive Candles	\$66.00
Grand Annual Fund	\$11.00
Pecan Fundraiser	\$312.00
<b>12-29-24 TOTAL AT MASS</b>	<b>\$1,126.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$173.87
Fuel	\$98.80
Christmas Offering	\$98.80
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$371.47</b>
<b>12-29-24 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$1,497.47</b>

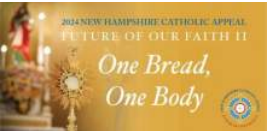
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025	64 Souls
Offertory	\$719.00
Votive Candles	\$40.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
<b>1-5-25 TOTAL at MASS</b>	<b>\$769.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$584.40
Church Maintenance	\$118.20
Fuel	\$25.60
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$728.20</b>
<b>1-5-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$1,497.20</b>

HOLY DAY VIGIL, DEC. 31, 2024	81 Souls
Offertory (at Mass)	\$630.00
Offertory (Online)	\$98.60
Sanctuary Lamp	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL 12-31-24 MASS &amp; ONLINE</b>	<b>\$738.60</b>

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**  
**January 26:**  
 Church Maintenance  
**February 9:**  
 Fuel  
**ONGOING COLLECTION**  
**Grand Annual Fund**  
 October 2024 - October 2025  
 \$2,064.00




**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!



**NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
 St. Joseph Parish has met and exceeded its goal of \$7,650.00. Donations of \$8,150.00 were received! All donations above the goal will be returned to our parish. We thank all of those who donated to help us meet our responsibility to our Diocese.

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 Fr. Anthony L. Jurgielewicz**  
 requested by Richard Brown.



**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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)  
 Suggested donations: \$10.00.  
**NOTE:**  
**Many dates are currently available for Sanctuary Lamp intentions. Please consider honoring your loved ones in this way.**

**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](http://stjosephclaremont.org)  
 We thank the donors who contributed since October 1st.

## Feast Days and Memorials January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

Originally the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist was celebrated on Epiphany. Over time it came to be commemorated as a distinct feast on the first Sunday following Epiphany.

Jesus' baptism, documented in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, marked the beginning of His ministry and confirmed his identity as the Son of God. Matthew recorded that John hesitated when Jesus asked to be baptized by him. John, preaching repentance, knew that Jesus had done nothing for which he needed to repent. But Jesus, by choosing to be baptized, prepared himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us. (See Matthew 3:13-15)

It is notable that all three Persons of the Trinity were together at Jesus' baptism—the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. (See Mark 1: 9-11 and Luke 3: 21-22)

St. Gregory of Nazianzen, 330-390, Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is January 2, said this in a sermon on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. "Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed."

**After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins.**

### January 13: St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

St. Hilary, a 4th century philosopher, wrote some of the greatest theology on the Trinity. He became the leading and most respected Latin theologian of his age and was popularly elected Bishop of Poitiers. Just a few years later he found himself virtually alone fighting against the heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

Exiled to Phrygia by Emperor Constantius II, he wrote his most important work, "On the Trinity." After the death of Constantius II in 361, Hilary was able to return to his diocese at Poitiers and lived to see Arianism condemned in the local church. Before his death in 367, St. Hilary passed on his teachings and way of life to a number of students, including St. Martin of Tours.

### Jan 17: St Anthony, Abbot, 251-356

Born in Egypt to wealthy Christian parents, Anthony gave away his large inheritance and chose an ascetic life of prayer and solitude. Also called St Anthony the Great, he worked to help those in prison and fought against the Aryan heresy that denied the divinity of Christ. Many sought his spiritual guidance. He is the patron of a long list of petitioners, including amputees, those suffering skin diseases and epileptics. He is also the patron of occupations such as gravediggers, basket makers, butchers, and cemetery workers. and the patriarch of monks. St. Anthony the Abbot lived to the age of 105.

[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)



#### Sunday, January 12, 2025

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10;  
Acts 10: 34-38; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

#### Monday, January 13, 2025

Heb 1: 1-6; Ps 97: 1 and 2b, 6, 7c & 9;  
Mk 1:14-20

#### Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Heb 2: 5-12; Ps 8: 2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 1: 21-28

#### Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Heb 2: 14-18; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
Mk 1: 29-39

#### Thursday, January 16, 2025

Heb 3: 7-14; Ps 95: 6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mk 1: 40-45

#### Friday, January 17, 2025

Heb 4: 1-5, 11; Ps 78: 3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8;  
Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday, January 18, 2025

Heb 4: 12-16; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15;  
Mk 2: 13-17

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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)



### SACRAMENTS

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

ANY ONE WHO MAY NEED ANY OF  
THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION,  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE CONTACT  
THE PARISH OFFICE.

603-542-5732

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

IF YOU MAY HAVE MISSED THESE  
SACRAMENTS ALONG THE WAY,  
WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR  
FROM YOU.

#### PLEASE WELCOME Fr. Ronaldo Lopez Delgado,

our visiting priest.  
Thank you, Fr, Ronaldo,  
for coming to celebrate  
Holy Mass for us this morning.

Please Pray  
for the repose of the soul of  
**Arthur Plouffe**  
whose funeral was held at  
St. Joseph's Church on  
Monday January 6th.

#### PRAYER LIST

Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert	
Fr. John Loughnane	
Mandy Albanese	David Kangas
John Arsenault	Karen Ouellette
Brooke	Karen Parker
Jean Brown	Brenda Ruest
John Casey	Janet Ruest
Anne Cherry	Roger Sheehan Jr.
Elissa Coburn	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	



## Diocesan Vocation Awareness Week

January 11-January 18

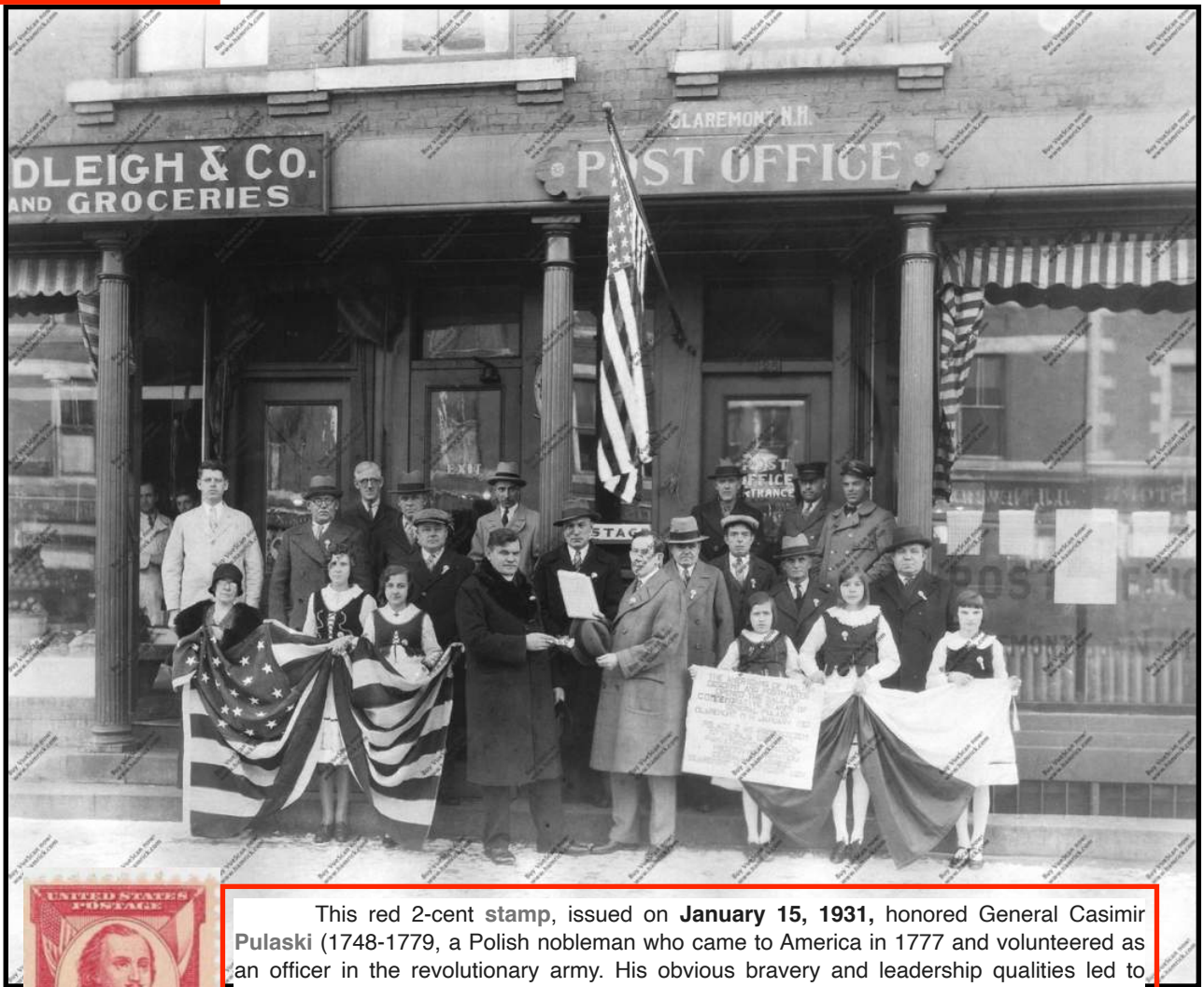
Please pray for an increase of faithful vocations to Holy Orders, Religious Life, Consecrated Life, Marriage, and Single Life and support those who are currently living out their baptismal call in their vocations.

“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Contact the Vocation Office (603) 663-0196 or email: [cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.org).

### Did you know...?



This red 2-cent **stamp**, issued on **January 15, 1931**, honored General Casimir **Pulaski** (1748-1779, a Polish nobleman who came to America in 1777 and volunteered as an officer in the revolutionary army. His obvious bravery and leadership qualities led to promotion to brigadier general. Pulaski was killed during a cavalry charge on the British forces at Savannah, Georgia on October 11, 1779.

Smithsonian National Postal Museum [postalmuseum.si.edu](http://postalmuseum.si.edu)

**Rev. M.W. Sekiewicz**, pastor of St. Joseph's church, and a group of his countrymen, visited the Claremont post office to purchase the new General Pulaski commemorative postage stamp. Fr. Sekiewicz was accompanied by President **Stanley Witkowski** and other members of the **St. Joseph Society** and by the **St. Cecelia Choir** under the leadership of **Mrs. Casimira Kretowicz**. The delegation was grouped in front of the post office with **Postmaster H.L.D. Severence**, **Assistant Postmaster Arthur E. Howe**, and members of the clerk and carrier staff while a camera recorded the initial sale of the commemorative issue.

**Hymns for the  
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**

**Entrance Hymn: No. 221**  
"What Child is This"

**Offertory Hymn: No. 426**  
"Baptized in Water"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: No. 227**  
"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



**CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025**  
**1:00pm**  
**All are welcome to join!**

**MASS READINGS  
ABC/498**

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

While Fr. Sebastian  
is away, the visiting  
priest will hear  
**CONFESSIONS**  
at St. Mary Church  
before Mass on  
**Saturday**  
**3:00 to 3:45 pm**

**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

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

and let us know your contact information  
and what language you would be able to  
translate.



**Roman Catholic 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 assisted by one of the  
Lay Ministers or made on the *second Monday of*  
*every month*. Father of the Holy Eucharist:  
Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, and Bill Pamplin.

**PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND**

Since we began printing our "houkeeping"  
request that you not leave bulletins on the pews  
after Mass, most of our bulletins have been left  
behind at the front of the church.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETINS HOME**  
as most of you had been doing before. Enough  
are printed so that every family can have one to  
take home and extras to bring to family and friends  
who can't attend Mass. We only ask that you help  
to keep our pews neat and orderly by not leaving  
bulletins there. It would also help to place hymnals  
neatly in the pews when you leave.

**Thank you.**



**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.



After Mass Today  
**January 12**  
All are welcome!  
No Charge  
Free Will Offering

**Tootsie Roll Fundraiser**

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



**K of C Council Meeting**

Monday, Jan. 13, 7:00pm  
Council Chambers  
St. Mary's Gym



**There will be no  
Catholic Daughters  
Meeting  
in January.**

**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 re-  
ceive timely updates to our church  
schedule, please send us an email.  
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**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE ENDS**

Our bulletin printing will return to the pre-holiday  
schedule next week. Thank you for your understanding  
as we kept up with those early deadlines!  
Please send notices for future Sunday bulletins  
by 3pm on Tuesdays.

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