

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



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Sunday, January 19, 9:15 a.m.
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
For the soul (†) of Valerie Azotea
requested by her family

There will be no 5:00pm Mass
on Wednesday, January 22.
The intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, January 26, 9:15 a.m.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
For the soul (†) of George Nostrand
requested by Lew and Jeanne Brooks

There is no Second Collection today.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025	79 Souls
Offertory	\$701.00
Fuel:	\$725.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00
Funeral Mass	\$200.00
Pecan Fundraiser	\$280.00
Food sale	\$145.00
1-12-25 TOTAL at MASS	\$2,064.00
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$152.64
Fuel	\$48.92
Church Maintenance	\$25.44
TOTAL ONLINE	\$227.00
1-5-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$2,291.00

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.

ALSO!
Please make sure the date on your check
(especially the year) is correct and that the
amount of the check is written clearly
(both the numbers and words)
Banks will refuse to process checks that have
these errors or are unclear.

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.

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



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 Valerie Azotea requested by her family.

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.
NOTE:
Many dates are currently available for Sanctuary Lamp intentions. Please consider honoring your loved ones in this way.

VOTIVE 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!

Feast Days and Memorials

January 20: St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, c.200-250

According to an early historian of the Church, after the death of Pope Anteros in 236, an unknown layman came to Rome and joined the crowd that observed the selection of a new Pope. A dove flew into the room and landed on his head. The dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, was seen as a sign from God and the stranger, Fabian, was unanimously elected as the next Pope. He served for fourteen years under the peaceful rule of the Emperor Philip. Fabian helped to build up the structure of the church, but when Philip died, persecution of Christians began again under Decius. Fabian died a martyr in 250, a courageous example for his flock.

January 20: St Sebastian, Martyr, 255-288

Patron of soldiers, athletes, and those who desire a saintly death

Sebastian was born into a wealthy Roman family, was educated in Milan, and became an officer in the Roman army. Although a favorite of the Emperor Diocletian, he risked his own life by helping the imprisoned Christians and converting fellow soldiers and superiors. Condemned to death as a Christian himself, he survived execution and lived to publicly denounce Diocletian for his persecution. A second execution was successful.

January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, 284-305

Patron of young girls, chastity, rape survivors, and the Children of Mary

Agnes was born into a wealthy Christian family, at a time when Christians were persecuted. A beautiful girl with the promise of a large dowry, she was sought after by many men. She had dedicated her life to Christ and refused them all. There are many legends about her martyrdom, but it is said that she was only 12 or 13 when she was put to death. St Agnes is often pictured as a young girl in robes, holding a palm branch (symbol of martyrdom) and a lamb (symbol of virginity).

Jan 23: St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Patron of wine producers, of Lisbon and Valencia

Born at Huesca, Spain, Vincent became Deacon of the Church of Saragossa under Valerius until he was cruelly tortured because he refused to surrender the holy books.

Jan 23: St Marianne Cope, Virgin, 1838-1918

This saint was a German born American nun with the Sisters of St Francis, Syracuse, NY. She was the founding leader of St Joseph's Hospital there, who relocated with six other nuns to Hawaii. There they cared for lepers on the island of Moloka'i. St. Marianne Cope was beatified by Pope Benedict in 2005 and achieved sainthood in 2012, at the same time as Native American Kateri Tekakwitha.

Jan 24: St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, 1567-1622

Patron of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, journalists, the deaf, adult education

Francis was born to a noble family near Geneva, Switzerland, and became a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He is known for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious differences in his land after the Protestant Reformation. His writings on the topics of spiritual direction and spiritual formation are also renowned.

Jan 24: Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

This feast celebrates one of the great events of the early Church. Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians, but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (Acts 9:1-9).

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PLEASE WELCOME

Fr. Ronaldo Lopez Delgado,
our visiting priest.

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

January 20, 2025

Marlin Luther King Jr. Day
As our country commemorates
the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
let us pray for the end of racial
discrimination and for the preservation
of peace and justice.



Sunday, January 19, 2025

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Cor 12: 4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 20, 2025

Heb 5: 1-10; Ps 110: 1, 2, 3, 4;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Heb 6: 10-20; Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2: 23-28

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17; Ps 110: 1, 2, 3, 4;
Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Thursday Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40: 7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3: 7-12

Friday, January 24, 2025

Heb 8: 6-13; Ps 85: 8, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22; Ps 117:
1bc, 2; Mk 16: 15-18

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	The Lord family
Brooke	Karen Ouellette
Jean Brown	Karen Parker
John Casey	Brenda Ruest
Anne Cherry	Janet Ruest
Elissa Coburn	Roger Sheehan Jr.
Jean Drena	Bob St.Aubin
Frederick Gallant	Darlene St.Aubin
Marilyn Gilbert	Barbara Trask
Isabella Gowell	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Stephen Grogan	Janice Vilgats
Deborah Hemingway	Joshua White



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

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

Diocesan Vocation Awareness

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.

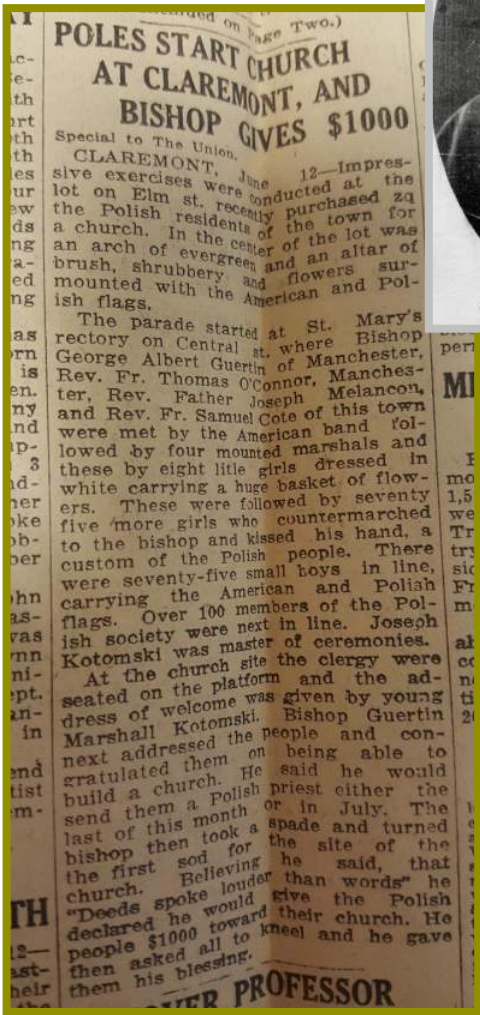
*“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.”
Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?*

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

Did you know...?



J. E. KA. BISHOP JERRY A. GUERTIN, D. D.



POLES START CHURCH AT CLAREMONT, AND BISHOP GIVES \$1000

Special to The Union.

CLAREMONT, June 12 [1921]- Impressive exercises were conducted at the lot on Elm st. recently purchased [for] a church. In the center of the lot was an arch of evergreen and an altar of brush, shrubbery and flowers surmounted with the American and Polish flags.

The parade started at St. Mary's rectory on Central st. where Bishop George Albert Guertin of Manchester, Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Connor, Manchester, Rev. Father Joseph Melancon, and Rev. Fr. Samuel Cote of this town were met by the American band followed by four mounted marshals and these by eight little girls dressed in white carrying a huge basket of flowers. These were followed by seventy five more girls who countermarched to the bishop and kissed his hand, a custom of the Polish people. There were seventy-five small boys in line, carrying the American and Polish flags. Over 100 members of the Polish society were next in line. Joseph Kotomski was master of ceremonies.

At the church site the clergy were seated on the platform and the address of welcome was given by young Marshall Kotomski. Bishop Guertin next addressed the people and congratulated them on being able to build a church. He said he would send them a Polish priest either the last of this month or in July. The bishop then took a spade and turned the first sod for the site of the church. Believing he said, that "Deeds spoke louder than words" he declared that he would give the Polish people \$1000 toward their church. He then asked all to kneel and he gave them his blessing.

**Hymns for the
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 227
"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Gloria: No. 106
(English) Supplement

Offertory Hymn: No. 462
"God, in the Planning"

Communion: (Choir)

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



CHOIR REHEARSAL
Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025
1:00pm
All are welcome to join!

**MASS READINGS
C/583**

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

After Christmas Clearance Sale
40% off Christmas Items

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Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry
If you or someone you know would like to re-
ceive a visit from Father Sebastian, please call
Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.
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, and Bill Pamplin.

**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 their on air broadcast



THANK YOU
to all who brought food for
last week's coffee hour, all
who helped serve and
clean up, and all who
joined us for our monthly
social. Next month's
Coffee Hour will be on
Feb.9. (2nd Sunday)

PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND

Since we began printing our "housekeeping"
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 order-
ly by not leaving bulletins there. It would also
help to place hymnals neatly in the pews when
you leave.

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

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

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.
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send notices for future
Sunday bulletins by 3pm on Tuesdays
to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

Our current bulletin may be viewed on
our website at stjosephclaremont.org
or by using this direct link:
[https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/
9021template.pdf](https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/9021template.pdf)

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

THANK YOU

to Jim Hanlon who did some much needed
painting of the High Altar this past week.
The altar table, the risers up to just below the
statues, and the tabernacle received three coats
of white paint. All the decorative marbling that was
done twenty-five years ago was still in very good
shape, so it was left intact.
The side altars will be done as time allows as we
get closer to Spring.

Copies of past bulletins are
available on a small table as you
enter the church hall.
Ask Sharon Wood if you'd like
an older issue than is left there.

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