

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



January 26, 2025

## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN

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1-603-504-5430

### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

## Sunday, January 26, 9:15 a.m.

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the soul (†) of George Nostrand  
requested by Lew and Jeanne Brooks

## Wednesday, January 29, 5:00 p.m.

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

## Sunday, February 2, 9:15 a.m.

### Feast of the Presentation

For Jennifer Gallant  
requested by her parents  
and  
For the souls (†) of Pawel & Maria Wilczoch  
requested by Mirka Wilczoch and children

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.**

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025</b>	<b>79 Souls</b>
Offertory	\$720.35
Grand Annual Fund	\$15.00
Sanctuary Lamp	\$70.00
Votive Candles	\$15.00
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser	\$26.00
2 Funeral Luncheons	\$1,300.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00
<b>1-19-25 TOTAL at MASS</b>	<b>\$2,186.35</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$154.30
Fuel	\$118.70
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$273.00</b>
<b>1-5-25 TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$2,459.35</b>

**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**  
February 2:  
(Diocesan) Catholic Schools

February 9:  
Fuel

**ONGOING COLLECTION**  
Grand Annual Fund  
October 2024 - October 2025  
\$2,079.00



**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](http://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 Geraldine Rasco**  
requested by Mary Rasco.



**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](mailto: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

### Jan 27: St Angela Merici, Virgin, 1474-1540

Patron of the sick, disabled and physically challenged, and of those grieving the loss of parents

St. Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines, the first group of consecrated women to work outside of a formal cloister or convent and became the first teaching order of women in the Catholic Church. In 1537, Angela was elected "Mother and Mistress" of the group, which was known for both their schools and orphanages.

### Jan 28: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church 1226-1274

Patron of Catholic schools, colleges and universities, and of philosophers, theologians, and booksellers

Thomas of Aquino was an Italian Dominican friar who became an influential philosopher and theologian. Known as the "Angelic Doctor," he had considerable influence on Western thought and modern philosophy related to ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory. Thomas studied and incorporated the ideas of Aristotle into his writings. His Eucharistic hymns form a part of the Church's liturgy, and his works have been part of the curriculum in training priests and deacons.

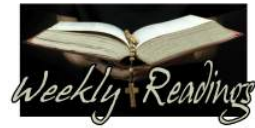
### Jan 31: St John Bosco, Priest, 1815-1888

Patron of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents

This future saint was born in Italy at a time of drought and famine, just after the end of the Napoleonic Wars. Although his family lived in poverty, they did not deny food, clothing or shelter to those who came to them for help. Raised to follow his mother's Catholic faith, he had powerful dreams that influenced the direction his life would take. Inspired by street performers, he learned magic tricks to attract other children to him. When he had their attention, he would recite the homily he had heard at daily Mass and invite them to pray with him. After becoming a priest, he focused his ministry on helping children of poverty to avoid lives of crime. Father Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians) to carry on his charitable work of helping boys to grow in faith and stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today helping children and adults around the world.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/>

<https://www.catholic.org/>



### Sunday, January 26, 2025

Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12: 12-30

### Monday, January 27, 2025

Heb 9: 15, 24-28; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3: 22-30

### Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Heb 10: 1-10; Ps 40: 2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3: 31-35

### Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Heb 10: 11-18; Ps 110: 1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4: 1-20

### Thursday, January 30, 2025

Heb 10: 19-25; Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4: 21-25

### Friday, January 31, 2025

Heb 10: 32-39; Ps 37: 3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4: 26-34

### Saturday, February 1, 2025

Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Lk 1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4: 35-41

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 email

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com



## PRAYER LIST



Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert

Fr. John Loughnane

Mandy Albanese

John Arsenault

Brooke

Jean Brown

John Casey

Anne Cherry

Elissa Coburn

Jean Drena

Frederick Gallant

Marilyn Gilbert

Isabella Gowell

Stephen Grogan

Deborah Hemingway

Joshua White

David Kangas

Carol Logan

The Lord family

Karen Ouellette

Karen Parker

Brenda Ruest

Janet Ruest

Roger Sheehan Jr.

Bob St.Aubin

Darlene St.Aubin

Barbara Trask

Chee Chee Tyrrell

Janice Vilgats

Lawrence Woodward

## PRAYER

When life gets too hard to stand...

kneel.



### 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.

### 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.

*“You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”  
Are you being called to strengthen His body through a  
vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life?*

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

### ONLINE RESOURCES IN NH

Diocese of Manchester's website:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/>

Road Trip Pilgrimage with Fr.

Josh Livingston:

[https://www.catholicnh.org/worship-  
and-sacraments/faith/rtp/](https://www.catholicnh.org/worship-and-sacraments/faith/rtp/)

Sacred Heart Parish, Lebanon,

is organizing a trip to Italy

Oct 13-25, 2025

through Collette Tours

Information Night, Feb. 4, 6:15pm

Sacred Herart Church

2 Hough St., Lebanon, NH

603-448-1262

or email Fr. Charles at

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

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can take advantage of this opportunity at [formed.org](http://formed.org).

Click on “**Formed for Parishes,**” then  
“**Find your Parish Subscription**”

type in our church's **Zip Code**,  
St. Mary Church will pop-up. Click “**Next**” and you're in!

### STREAMING ON FORMED

**DON BOSCO: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth**  
1988 film starring Ben Gazzara (1hr, 47 min)

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT for eEMAIL and TEXT SCAMS!

#### PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND

to suspicious emails or texts

supposedly from Fr. Sebastian or our parish.

Parishioners have reported receiving such messages that  
ultimately ask for money and gift cards.

These are SCAMS and should not be answered.



### 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 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.

**Hymns for the  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Hymn: No. 363**  
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

**Gloria: No. 161**  
(Latin)

**Offertory Hymn: No. 447**  
"Shepherd of Souls"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: No. 321**  
"Now Thank We All Our God"



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

**MASS READINGS  
C/586**

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

**CONFESSIONS**  
at St. Mary Church

**After 9am Mass**  
**on Fridays and**  
**Saturdays**  
**3:00 to 3:45 pm**  
before 4pm Mass

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

**To make sure our Parish Records are  
up to date for 2025,**  
please verify with Sherri Smith in the  
Parish Hall after Mass that you are  
registered as a parishioner of  
St. Joseph Church.  
If you haven't filled one out, forms  
are available at the back of the church or  
from Sherri in the Parish Hall after Mass.

**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.

**After Christmas Clearance Sale**  
**40% off Christmas Items**

Saint Joseph Cathedral 145 Lowell Street Manchester NH 03104 603-622-6404 <a href="http://stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop">stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop</a>	<b>Gift Shop Hours:</b> Mon: 9:00AM-2:00PM Tue: 9:00AM-2:00PM Wed: 9:00AM-5:30PM Thu: 9:00AM-2:00PM Fri: 9:00AM-2:00PM Sat: 9:00AM-3:30PM
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**K of C 4th Degree  
Valentine Social**

**Monday February 3, 6pm**

The Sumner House  
122 Main Street  
Charlestown, NH



**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



**Please Join Us!**  
**February 9**

after Mass  
No Charge, Free Will Offering  
Please bring something to share.  
All are welcome!

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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

Our current bulletin may be viewed on  
our website at [stjosephclaremont.org](http://stjosephclaremont.org)  
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**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 the work crew that came in last  
Wednesday to take down our Christmas  
decorations.

Mike LaFont with his trailer,  
Jim Hanlon, David Smith,  
Mary & Richard Brown.

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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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**Cindy O'Neal**

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