

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



February 9, 2025

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman
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Deborah Stone

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the soul (†) of Valerie Harding
requested by the Sheehan family

Wednesday, February 12, 5:00 p.m.

For the soul (†) of Mark Rasco
requested by Mary Rasco and the Browns

Sunday, February 16, 9:15 a.m.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the souls (†) of Frank and Simone Riviezzo
requested by their daughter Mary Stone and family

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 , 2025	75 SOULS
Offertory	\$942.10
Dicocesan Catholic Schools	\$196.00
Votive Candles	\$30.00
Pecan Fundraiser	\$50.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
2-2-25 TOTAL at MASS	\$1,248.10
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$134.36
Church Maintenance	\$118.55
Fuel	\$25.69
TOTAL ONLINE	\$278.60
TOTAL MASS and ONLINE	\$1,526.70



World Marriage Day
 Celebrated on the second Sunday in February, World Marriage Day officially began in the United States in 1983. Its purpose is to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices.

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
February 23:
Church Maintenance
March 9: Fuel

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

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.

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 Vocations
 requested by
 Richard and Mary Brown.



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.

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, current and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years. Envelopes for the Grand Annual Collection 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 to this year's Grand Annual Fund since October 1, 2024.

Feast Days and Memorials

February 10: Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin, 480-547

Patron of nuns, convulsive children, invoked against storms and rain

Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, dedicated herself to God at an early age. She founded the first Benedictine order for women, not far from the monastery that her brother established. Not permitted to enter each other's residence, they met once a year a nearby location to spend a day in prayer and spiritual discussions.

Saint Gregory the Great recorded a charming story about their last meeting in his "Dialogues". When Benedict began to take his leave to return to his cell at the monastery, his sister begged him to stay the night so they could continue the "mutual comfort of heavenly talk." When he adamantly refused, she began to pray. Soon a violent storm began outside the guest house they were using.

Can you picture Benedict scolding his sister, "Now what have you done?" and her replying, "I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked my God and he did listen." Unable to return to his cell, Benedict remained with his sister, extending his last visit with her for a few hours longer.

St. Scholastica passed away three days later. St. Benedict reported seeing from the window of his cell, a white dove ascending to heaven as his beloved sister's soul left her life on earth.

Adapted from "Gregory the Great. the Dialogues, Book 2: Life of Benedict, #33 & #34

February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

This Feast commemorates Our Blessed Mother's appearance to 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858 in Lourdes, France. The shrine that was built there has become one of the foremost pilgrimage sites in the world.

February 14: Sts. Cyril and Methodius St Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop, 9th Century

Methodius, a civil official, and his younger brother Constantine or Cyril, a scholar and professor, were raised in a prominent Christian family in Macedonia. Tired of worldly affairs, they became missionaries in what is now the Ukraine and Moravia. In 863, they began the task of translating the Bible into Old Church Slavonic. They invented an alphabet that gradually evolved into one that was named for Cyril – the Cyrillic alphabet. The two are considered the founders of Slavic literature and have been called Apostles to the Slavs.

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Sunday, February 9, 2025

Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11

Monday, February 10, 2025

Gen 1: 1-19; Ps 104: 1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Gen 1: 20—2: 4a
Ps 8: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Gen 2: 4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104: 1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7: 14-23

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Gen 2: 18-25; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5;
Mk 7: 24-30

Friday, February 14, 2025

Gen 3: 1-8; Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Gen 3: 9-24; Ps 90: 2, 3-4abc, 5-6,
12-13; Mk 8: 1-10



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

Jacqueline Baril

Brooke

Jean Brown

John Casey

Elissa Coburn

April Colle

Jean Drena

Frederick Gallant

Marilyn Gilbert

Isabella Gowell

Deborah Hemingway

David Kangas

Carol Logan

The Lord family

Karen Ouellette

Karen Parker

Brenda Ruest

Janet Ruest

Bob St.Aubin

Darlene St.Aubin

Barbara Trask

Chee Chee Tyrrell

Janice Vilgats

Joshua White

Lawrence Woodward

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them



JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE
NEW HAMPSHIRE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS
 21-35 years old

A Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to New Hampshire in a 33-day state-wide pilgrimage to all 89 Parishes & 26 Catholic Schools!

MAY 18-JUNE 19, 2025

The New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage is seeking **6 Young Adult Missionaries** who will help steward the Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Manchester

www.catholicnh.org/nhjubilee

MORE INFO HERE 



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“They left everything and followed Jesus.”

If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org



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.

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




Congratulations to Gordon Sheehan
 Baptized
 Wednesday January 29th
 by Fr. Sebastian
 at St. Joseph Church.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald Landry whose funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. May he rest in peace.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT for EMAIL 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
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: #281
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

The Gloria will be recited.

Offertory Hymn: #300
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: #306
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"



**CHOIR
REHEARSAL**
Saturday, Feb.15
1:00pm
**All are welcome
to join!**

**MASS READINGS
C592**
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



Please Join Us!
TODAY
after Mass
No Charge
Free Will Offering Accepted
All are welcome!



**K of C
Council Meeting**
Monday
February 10, 7pm

Council Chambers
St. Mary's Gym

ITALIAN FOOD

Homemade by Louis Millette

Date: Friday, February 14, 2024
Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM
Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:



Spaghetti w/Meatballs
Italian Bread
Salad
Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Soft
Drinks

Please RSVP to:
St. Mary Rectory at (603) 542-9518
or stmarysclaremont@comcast.net

There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the church
following all Masses

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**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 for our listing.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
will meet**
Tuesday, February 11, 6pm
St. Joseph Church
Parish Hall

EVERYONE NEEDS A BACKUP PLAN and SOMEONE WHO CAN CARRY IT OUT

We're looking for someone who's comfortable using a computer to learn how we update our bulletin weekly and send it off to the printer so that it's ready for you on Sunday morning. If you can help, please speak to Sharon Wood after Mass or email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Safety and Security
Please remember to lock
your car doors
while attending any event
in the church.

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

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

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES
Please send your notices by
TUES Feb 11 for the Feb 16 bulletin
THURS Feb 13 for the Feb 23 bulletin

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or
call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

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website at stjosephsclaremont.org
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In the Church Hall after Mass

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