

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743

Established 1920



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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

**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

**Wednesday, February 19, 5:00 p.m.**

For the soul (†) of Richard Parks Jr.  
requested by Joyce Walsh

**Sunday, February 23, 9:15 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the soul (†) of Carol Braga  
requested by the Braga family  
and  
For the soul (†) of Simone Riviezzo  
requested by her daughter Mary Stone and family

## There is no 2nd Collection Today

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025</b>	<b>32 SOULS</b>
Offertory	\$453.00
Fuel	\$231.00
Funeral Mass	\$200.00
Post-Funeral Hall Rental	\$200.00
<b>2-9-25 TOTAL at MASS</b>	<b>\$1,084.00</b>
<b>PARISH GIVING ONLINE</b>	
Offertory	\$603.80
Church Maintenance	\$74.20
Fuel	\$50.00
Diocesan Schools	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL ONLINE</b>	<b>\$738.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MASS and ONLINE</b>	<b>\$1,822.00</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.

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 Carol Logan**  
requested by friends.



*Every penny counts!*



*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

**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.**

### THANK YOU!

As you can see in our Collection Table for last week, the small number of parishioners who were able to get to church in the storm made generous donations and donations arranged through Online Giving were received despite the weather.

WE ALSO THANK those who will make up last week's regular donations today or next week.

This is much appreciated!

Visit the parish website today to find out how the consistency of signing up for Parish Giving™ helps our parish community prosper.



### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

**February 23: CHURCH MAINTENANCE**

**Ash Wednesday, March 5: No Second Collection**

but the Offertory will go for two purposes—  
The Church in Central and Eastern Europe  
and  
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

**March 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, 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](http://stjosephclaremont.org)

We thank the donors who contributed to this year's Grand Annual Fund since October 1, 2024.

Monday, February 17, 2025



**Feast Days and Memorials**

**February 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

The Servants of Mary (Servite Order) was founded by seven holy men of Florence, Italy. The Blessed Virgin appeared to them in 1233, on the feasts of the Assumption in August and her Nativity in September. She urged them to leave the world and live for God alone, saying, "I have chosen you to be my first Servants, and under this name you are to till my Son's Vineyard."

The order developed rapidly in Italy, France and Germany, urging meditation on the Passion of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary. The order had three branches: the First Order of Servite Friars, the Second Order of Cloistered Nuns, and the Third Order of Mantellate Sisters, devoted to teaching and caring for the sick and orphans.

**February 21: St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, 1007-1072**

Peter Damian embraced the life of a monastic hermit, devoted to prayer and reading, and became well versed in Holy Scriptures He advanced to abbot of his monastery, and in addition, founded five other hermitages. He strove to promote humility and charity in the disciples in his care. Reluctantly he served as Cardinal-Bishop of Ostria, but always hoped to be allowed to return to his life of solitude. When Pope Alexander II did grant his petition, St Peter Damian chose to return not as an abbot, but as a simple monk.

**February 22: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle**

The Chair of Saint Peter is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. According to tradition, it is the wooden throne that Saint Peter, Apostle and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome, although modern testing has not verified that. In the 17th century the relic was enclosed in a gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

This feast does not celebrate the chair itself, which of course is merely a piece of furniture, but the office of the Pope within the Church. It is a reminder of that office, which has been around for over 2,000 years, and is now held by Pope Francis. It celebrates the authority, given to Peter by Jesus, to lead and guide the Church The mission to be a teacher and pastor that Christ conferred on Peter has continued through the years to our Pope today.

<https://www.catholic.org>

[franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com)



**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

Jer 17: 5-8; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

Gen 4: 1-15, 25; Ps 50: 1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8: 11-13

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

Gen 6: 5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29: 1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10; Mk 8: 1 4-21

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

Gen 8 :6-13, 20-22; Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8: 22-26

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

Gen 9: 1-13; Ps 102: 1 6 -18, 19-21, 29+22-23; Mk 8: 27-33

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

Gen 11: 1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8: 34 – 9:1

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

1 Pt 5: 1-4; Ps 23: 1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16: 13-19

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](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com)

**PRAYER LIST**



- Rev. Msgr. Donald Gilbert
- Fr. John Loughnane
- Mandy Albanese      The Lord family
- John Arsenault      Karen Ouellette
- Jacqueline Baril      Karen Parker
- Brooke      Brenda Ruest
- Jean Brown      Janet Ruest
- John Casey      Sonya Sheehan
- Elissa Coburn      Bob St.Aubin
- April Colle      Darlene St.Aubin
- Jean Drena      Barbara Trask
- Marilyn Gilbert      Chee Chee Tyrrel
- Isabella Gowell      Janice Vilgats
- Deborah Hemingway      Joshua White
- Carol Logan      Lawrence Woodward

The power of prayer!  
PRAY FOR HEALING ©JPPC



### 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

“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.”

Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord by  
serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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

On January 11, 2025, Rev. Mr. Andre Nadeau was ordained  
to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Libasci  
St. Anne Church of Good Shepherd Parish, Berlin, NH  
kicking off the Diocesan Vocations Awareness Week.

<https://www.catholicnh.org/about/who-we-are/photos/nadeau/>

On January 25, 2025 Deacon Jordan Easley was ordained  
to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Libasci  
St. Joseph Cathedral., Manchester.

Deacon Jordan, a former Anglican minister, has been preparing for the  
Sacrament of Holy Orders in accord with the program of  
studies and formation proper to the Pastoral Provision established in  
1982. His family, which includes wife Leah and daughter Magdalena,  
are parishioners of Sainte Marie Parish in Manchester.

Deacon Jordan will be ordained to the priesthood on February 22  
at the Cathedral.

<https://www.catholicnh.org/about/who-we-are/photos/diaconate-easley/>

**Note:** At the request of former Episcopal clergymen,  
Pope Saint John Paul II changed policy to allow married  
Episcopal priests to continue their ministry  
after converting to Catholicism.



### 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  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Hymn: #305**  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**The Gloria will be recited.**

**Offertory Hymn: #356**  
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: #321**  
"Now Thank We All Our God "



**CHOIR  
REHEARSAL**  
**Saturday, Feb.22**  
**1:00pm**  
**All are welcome  
to join!**

**MASS READINGS  
C/595**

**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

**THANK YOU**

To everyone who was able to make it to Mass last Sunday, despite the difficult travel conditions!

To those who prepared the food for our Coffee Hour and took care of set up and clean up!

To all who came for refreshment and fellowship after Mass before heading back out to deal with the abundance of snow that fell on us overnight!



**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.

**St. Mary Church's  
Italian Dinner**  
**postponed from February 14,**  
**will be rescheduled in April.**  
**Watch for the date!**

**St. Mary Church's  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
**Sunday, March 16**  
**More details to follow.**

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

**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**

**The Feb. 23 bulletin has already been  
sent to the printer.**

**The deadline for the March 2nd bulletin  
is 3pm, Tuesday, Feb. 25.**

[stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com) or  
call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

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or by using this direct link:

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In the Church Hall after Mass

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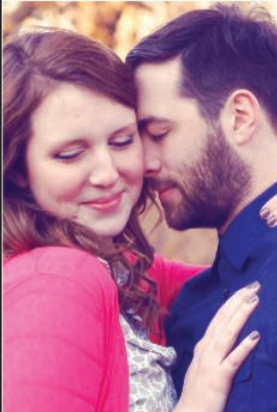
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