

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

August 6, 2023

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Wednesday, August 9 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

Feast of the Transfiguration

Sunday, August 6 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Raymond Janelle
requested by his family

Wed. August 9

There will be no 5pm Mass this evening.
The intention will be rescheduled.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 13 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Grace Hamel
requested by John Hamel and Shirley McNutt

**Today's 2nd Collection is for
Aid to Seminarians in Fr. Sebastian's Order
(Heralds of Good News)**

Offertory July 30, 2023

Offertory	\$789.00
Candles	\$83.92
Church Maintenance	\$100.00
Mass intentions	\$130.00
Total	\$1,102.92
Upcoming Collections	
Fuel	Aug. 13
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (19 donors)	\$2,041.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,710.00

THANK YOU for your generosity
to our Church and 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 this week in memory of Alfred & Helen Loiselle and Emily Brown requested by Donald & Amarylis Girard and Lydia Girard



Please remember
St. Joseph Church In your will

PLEASE NOTE:
Fr. Sebastian has a new phone number for you to contact him directly. You can find it on the cover of our bulletin.

To schedule an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, ask Sharon Wood if the date is available. (603-542-6454) or stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
After you have confirmed the date, a donation of \$10 may be placed in an envelope marked Sanctuary Candle and the intention, the confirmed date, your name and contact information, and put into the collection basket.

Homebound?
Schedule a visit with Fr. Sebastian on the 2nd Monday of the month.: Call St Mary Parish Office 603-542-9518 or email sebaafri@comcast.net

**Confessions
at St. Mary Church**

Fridays
9:30 am
Saturdays
3:00 - 3:45pm

Bulletin Deadline

Send information to be included each week to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com by 3pm on Tuesday.

Our current bulletin is available online at https://www.jppc.net/_onlinebulletins/9021template.pdf

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

Prayer List

Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
Fr. John Loughnane
Chris Currier
Carol Girard
Isabella Gowell
Deborah Hemingway
Brenda Ruest
Janet Ruest
Roger Sheehan
Barbara Trask
Chee Chee Tyrrell



We offer sincere condolences to the family of Raymond Johnathan Edwards.



For Catholics

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One of the best ways to learn is to ask questions. Interestingly, the most significant summary of our Catholic faith was written by St. Thomas Aquinas (called the *Summa Theologica* – Summary of Theology) and is set up in a question-and-answer format. It's hard to believe an answer if you don't understand the question it is addressing. The Q&A below is no *Summa Theologica*, but hopefully some of these reflections will answer questions that are important to you.

Q. If God made us to become saints, how can we do so?

A. This is a question we should ask ourselves every day of our lives! The answer to this question is neverending. It's true, we are made to be saints. God made us to be one with Him forever in Heaven. We call this holiness, sanctity or saintliness. But how do we become saints?

First, we seek the truth. Truth is discovered by faith. Faith is not just believing in something we cannot know for sure. It's not just wishful thinking. Faith is knowledge. Certain knowledge. We ultimately obtain faith by allowing God to speak to our inner consciences and reveal that which is true.

This happens when two things are present. **First**, we engage our minds in the truth, such as in the Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the teachings of the saints, etc. **Second**, reading the truth is not enough. We also need the "gift" of faith, meaning that when we hear the truth, God needs to confirm it as "true" in our consciences. God's voice first revealed the truth through the Scripture, the Church, or the saint, but then God tells us in our souls that this is His Truth. When this happens, we must believe. When this happens, we are gifted with faith. We know, with deep interior certitude, that which God revealed.

Second, this process of coming to know the truth in faith is strengthened by prayer. When we pray, it's like adding fuel to a fire. The fire, which is faith, grows in intensity. As it grows in intensity, we grow in faith.

Third, we must live what we come to know through faith. This is an act of our wills. When we choose to live the faith we come to know, we grow in charity, holiness, and saintliness. We become saints.

Though this is a greatly simplified explanation of the path to holiness, it should point you in the right direction.

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Today's Mass Readings are found on page #756
Prayer Cards are in each Missal for your convenience.
Please do not remove them.
Cards to take home are available
at the back of the church.



Today we welcome the Provincial
of Father Sebastian's Order,
the Heralds of Good News (HGN)
who is visiting our parish.
Today's Special Collection is for
Aid to HGN Seminarians.
Please be as generous as you can.

Tuesday, August 15 is the
Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM.

Vigil Mass: St. Joseph Church
Monday Aug. 14 5:30pm

Holy Day Mass: St. Mary Church
Tuesday, August 15 5:00 pm.

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HYMNS
Feast of the Transfiguration

Entrance Hymn: No.413
"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Offertory Hymn: No. 445
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No.297
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

AUGUST 13 COFFEE HOUR

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Monday August 14 7pm
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Tuesday August 15 6:30 pm
St Joseph Church Hall



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Sunday - August 20 - 1:00 pm
(doors open at 12 noon)
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St. Mary Annual Yard Sale
Saturday August 26th 8AM to 2PM

Volunteers needed. Please help if you can!
Contact: Norma Limoges @ (603) 542-2916

Details of items accepted and times of drop-off
may be seen in St Mary's bulletin and online at

<https://www.stmaryparishnh.org/>
[Resources/Sunday-Bulletin](#)

Feast Days and Memorials

Aug 7: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

A Roman of Greek descent, Sixtus was elected to the papacy in 257. He repaired the rift between the sees of Rome and Carthage that had developed over the issue of baptism and rebaptism. He was martyred along with seven deacons, including St. Lawrence of Rome, during the persecution of Christians by the Emperor Valerian.

Aug 7: St. Cajetan, 1480-1547, Priest

Patron saint of workers, gamblers, job seekers, the unemployed

Gaetano dei Conti di Thiene was an Italian priest and religious reformer who co-founded the Theatine order. Concerned by corruption and excess in the Church that prompted the Reformation, Cajetan and other clergy chose not to split from it as Martin Luther and others did, but to restore it. He died in Naples on the Feast of the Transfiguration, when the city was still in serious spiritual, political, and social trouble.

Aug 8: St Dominic, 1170-1221, Priest

Patron saint of astronomers, astronomy, and those who are falsely accused

Born into Spanish nobility, this saint rejected his wealth and led a life of poverty, humility, and obedience. As a young man, he sold all he had to help feed the homeless. A devoted scholar and traveler, he studied theology and the arts and founded the Dominican order.

Aug 9: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, 1891-1942, Virgin and Martyr

Born into a large Jewish family in Breslau, Poland, Edith Stein was drawn to the Catholic faith and joined a Carmelite convent in Germany. Even though she was sent to a monastery in Holland for her own safety, she was arrested there and sent to Auschwitz. She was beatified as a martyr in 1997 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by him the next year.

Aug 10: St Lawrence, 225-258, Deacon and Martyr

Patron saint of Rome, students, firefighters, chefs and the poor

Lawrence was among the 3rd Century Christian clergy who were killed by the Emperor Valerian in his effort to eliminate followers of Christ from Rome. When asked to turn over the Church's treasures, Lawrence gathered the poor, handicapped, and the unfortunate and presented them as the true gold and silver of the Church.

Aug 11: St Clare of Assisi, 1194-1253, Virgin

Patron saint of eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry and television

Inspired by the teachings of St. Francis, young Clare embraced a life of poverty and service to God. She is said to have claimed that when too ill to attend Mass, she was able to see and hear it on the wall of her room. When Pope Pius XII wisely said that the new invention of television could be "the source of very great wealth, but also of deep troubles," he recalled her story and in 1958, named St. Clare as the new media's patron saint.

Aug. 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantel, 1572-1641, Religious

Patron saint of forgotten people, widows, and parents separated from their children

After her husband was killed in a hunting accident, leaving her a widow with four children, this French Baroness took a vow of chastity and sought spiritual advice from St Frances de Sales. She founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, a religious institute for women who were not accepted by existing communities due to age or health. Answering criticism, she famously said, 'What do you want me to do? I like sick people myself. I am on their side.'

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