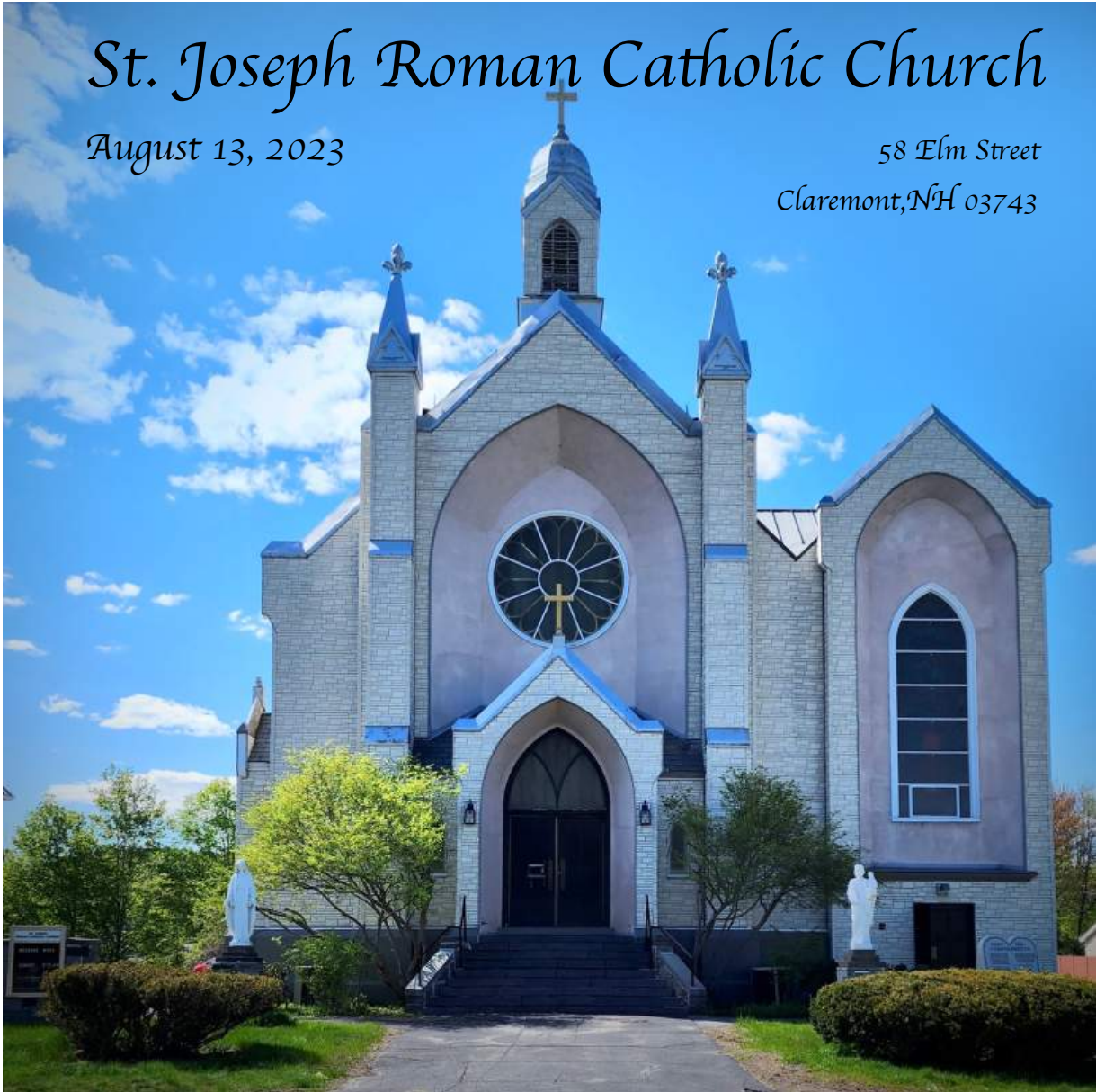


# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

August 13, 2023

58 Elm Street  
Claremont, NH 03743



## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

**Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN**  
sebaafri@comcast.net or 1-603-322-1644 (NEW)

**Parish Finance Council**  
Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

**Music Director**  
Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, August 16 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

### 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

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**(Vigil Mass) Mon. August 14 5:30 pm**

For the soul (†) of John Barth

requested by Connie Barth

**Wed. August 16 5:00pm**

For the soul (†) of Gordon Brown

requested by Roger and Bessie Sheehan

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, August 20 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of William Lewis

requested by Les and Sandi St. Pierre

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.

**Offertory Aug. 6, 2023**

Offertory	\$1,379.00
HGN Seminarists	\$795.00
Candles	\$46.00
August supper (before expenses)	\$987.00
TOTAL	\$3,207.00
<b>Upcoming Collections</b>	
Church Maintenance	Aug. 27
<b>Ongoing Collections</b>	
NH Catholic Appeal (19 donors)	\$2,041.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,710.00

**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](mailto: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.jpcc.net/  
onlinebulletins/  
9021template.pdf](https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/9021template.pdf)

**Choir Rehearsal**

**Wed. Aug. 16 at 6:30 pm**  
New members welcome!

**WHEN WRITING  
CHECKS**

to St. Joseph Church,  
please mark the name of  
the collection  
(Offertory or Specific  
Collection) to be sure it is  
put in the right place.

**Safety and Security**

Please remember to lock  
your car doors while at-  
tending any event in the  
church.

Please remember  
St Joseph Church  
in your will

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 24/7  
near the tabernacle in all Catholic  
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Presence  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
It burns this week in memory of  
Stuart Stone  
requested by his wife Mary.



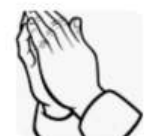
THANK YOU for your generosity  
to our Church and to our Diocese!

Our Maran Candelabrum  
will be lit on the  
Solemnity of the Assumption  
in memory of Stuart Stone  
requested by his wife Mary.



**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  
CheChee Tyrrell



To schedule an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, ask Sharon Wood  
if the date is available. (603-542-6454) or [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto: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  
and contact information, and put into the collection basket.

# Questions *and* Answers 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. My grandfather was telling us about things he liked about Mass when he was a kid. He said some churches still offer it the old way and priests say it in Latin. Why don't we have that at all our parishes?**

A. Your question is a very good one. It's a question that has had a lot of discussion. Allow me to offer some background and then some thoughts.

First of all, I think it is important to point out that the Traditional Latin Mass has been celebrated by our Church for over a millennium. This is actually the way that most of the great saints celebrated and attended Mass. St. Francis and Saint Clare, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Therese of Lisieux and countless other saints celebrated the Mass this way every day of their lives. Furthermore, this way of celebrating the Mass was most likely celebrated by your grandparents and great grandparents. And whenever you read a book about the Mass that is more than 40 years old, it is the Traditional Latin Mass that is being spoken of. So this way of celebrating the Mass is definitely an important part of our Church's history.

In the late 1960's, the pope decided to change the traditional way we celebrate the Mass. Just after Vatican II, the pope, and many others who assisted him, came up with the new Mass that we celebrate in most churches today. By "new" I simply mean that the way in which we celebrate it was changed. It is still the Mass but just in a different form. Then, when the Mass was given a new form, there was also a permission given to celebrate it in the vernacular. This means that the new Mass began to be translated into the many different languages of the world. I believe the hope was that people would better understand what was being said and could participate more fully.

One unfortunate side effect of these new changes was that many began to see the old celebration of the Mass as something forbidden and inappropriate. This was never the intention of the Church. Therefore, more recently, both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of the great value of the old way of celebrating the Mass.

Pope Benedict went so far as to give permission to every priest to celebrate it in private and, in some cases, in public. He mentioned two reasons he did this. First, he said that "a good number of people remained strongly attached to this usage of the Roman Rite, which had been familiar to them from childhood." And secondly, he said that "it has clearly been demonstrated that young persons too have discovered this liturgical form, felt its attraction and found in it a form of encounter with the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist, particularly suited to them."

So the pope saw that during the 40 years after Vatican II we have misunderstood some of the reasons for the new Mass and he wanted to address that. He wants people who are attracted to the Traditional Latin Mass to know that they should not feel as though they are strange or out of touch. Instead, he simply wants everyone to realize that both ways of celebrating the Mass are good and we should all respect each others individual preference.

Now, as for your question about this traditional celebration of the Mass in all parishes. I think that, right now, it's very difficult. Very few priests know Latin well enough to celebrate the Mass that way. Furthermore, most of the laity would have a very hard time attending and following the Mass according to the Traditional Rite. But that doesn't mean it may not happen more often in the future. I am no predictor of the future, but it wouldn't surprise me if, over then next several decades, we see this traditional way of celebrating the Mass become more common. Whether or not it ever comes back to every church every day is something we'll just have to wait and see. But for now, I encourage you to find a church where this form of celebrating the Mass is offered and attend it. It would be a good experience for you. And who knows, you may just like it!

## HYMNS

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: No.343  
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Offertory Hymn: No. 355  
"How Firm a Foundation"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No.331

Today's  
Mass  
Readings  
are found  
on page  
#632.

## Tuesday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM. a Holy Day of Obligation

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

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

## DEFIBRILLATORS NOW AVAILABLE

### St. Joseph Church is now AED equipped.

(Automated External Defibrillator)

Through the efforts of  
Knights of Columbus Council #1820,  
and the generosity of anonymous donors,  
4 defibrillator's have been purchased  
for St. Joseph and St. Mary Churches.  
Each church has 1 fixed and 1 portable unit.

St. Joseph's fixed unit is located in the  
vestibule of the church.

The portable unit is in the kitchen by the telephone.

**PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR**  
of the fixed unit unless it is needed,  
as the alarm will sound.

**We thank our K of C Council #1820  
for these important pieces of life saving equipment.**

## COFFEE HOUR TODAY!

Lighter fare for the summer  
No charge  
Free Will Offerings Accepted  
All are welcome to join us after Mass.



## Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree

Monday August 14 7pm  
Council Chambers  
St Mary's Gym



**Catholic Daughters Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 15 6:30 pm  
St Joseph Church Hall



## CDA PENNY SALE

Sunday - August 20 - 1:00 pm  
(doors open at 12 noon)  
St Joseph Church Hall



## The Future of Our Faith: Many Parts, One Body

### New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, 2023

We are grateful to our parishioners who have given to the NH Catholic Appeal (NHCA). So far, \$2,041.00 has been raised towards our parish goal of \$7,013.00. If you have not made your gift yet or are able to make an additional donation, extra gift envelopes are in the back of the church. You can also give online by going to [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of the important needs and ministries of the Church.

## St. Mary Annual Yard Sale

**Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.stmaryparishnh.org/Resources/Sunday-Bulletin)

## Feast Days and Memorials

### Aug 14: St Maxmillian Kolbe, 1894-1941 Priest and Martyr

**Patron of drug addicts, prisoners, families and the pro-life movement**

Raymond Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest who was imprisoned in the German death camp at Auschwitz during World War II. He volunteered to die in place of Franciszek Gajowniczek, a man with a family, Fr. Kolbe was killed by lethal injection after two weeks of starvation because the Nazis felt his death was taking too long. He died on August 14, the vigil of Mary's Assumption. The man whose life he saved lived to be 93 and was present in Rome when Pope St. John Paul II canonized St Maxmillian Kolbe in 1982.

### Aug 16: St Stephen of Hungary, 977-1038, 1st Christian King of Hungary

**Patron of bricklayers, stone cutters, and against the death of children**

Stephen was born to a pagan family but was baptized at 10 with his father, the Magyar chieftain Geza. He was known as Stephen the Great, a "warrior king", who united the Magyars into a single nation, suppressing revolts by pagan nobles and helping to build churches. Pope Sylvester II anointed him King of Hungary in the year 1000, and he continued to maintain Christianity in the country and region.

### Aug 19: St John Eudes, 1601-1680, Priest

**Patron of Eudists, the Order of Our Lady of Charity, and missionaries**

The son of a farmer in Normandy, France, John was ordained a priest and became a well known preacher and confessor. He volunteered to care for victims of two 17th century plagues and worked as a missionary. He founded a refuge for penitent wayward women, which became the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge. He also founded several seminaries including the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (the Eudists), composed of secular priests dedicated to upgrading the clergy.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH**

**Back by popular demand...St Joseph 's Parish  
"Friendship Party"**

**Come enjoy friendship and great food including burgers, hot dogs**

(with or without the famous grilled onions of Lawn Party fame), cold salads, desserts, beverages and more. **No charge.**

**We will gather from 4 PM until finished on the lawn party grounds. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall.**

**Come and visit with parishioners and have food and fun.**



## THANK YOU

to everyone who helped with our supper last Saturday! Whether you prepped, cooked, sold tickets, served, cleaned or were a paying customer, we appreciate your contributions!

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