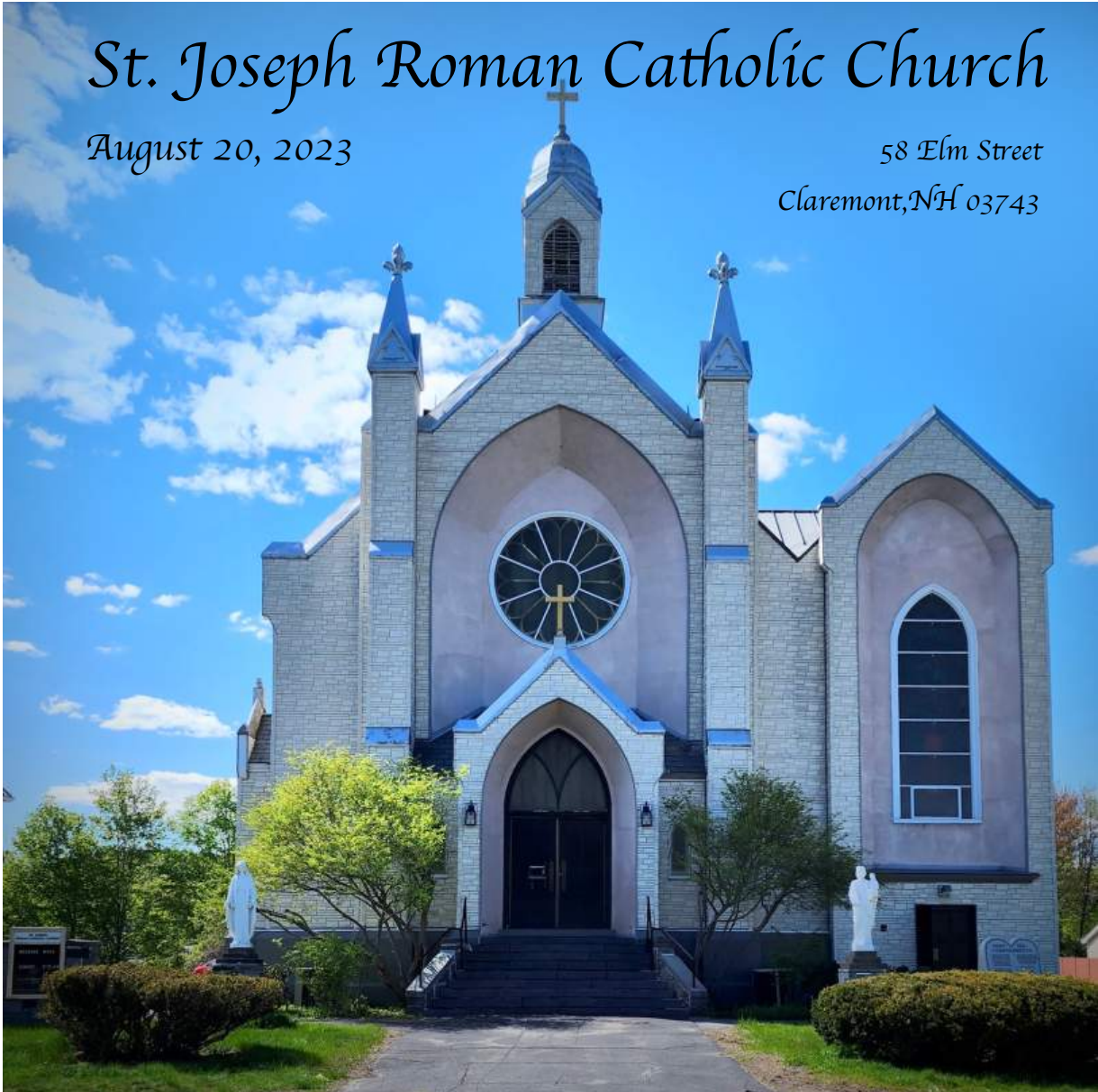


St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

August 20, 2023

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St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN
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Rick Logan, Chairman
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Richard Brown
Organists
Tristan Smith
Deborah Stone

Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, August 23 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday August 23

5pm Mass Canceled

The intention will be rescheduled.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 27 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Mary Ann Rock
requested by Albert Cole

There is no 2nd Collection today.

Offertory Aug. 13, 2023

Offertory	\$824.00
Fuel	\$511.00
Candles	\$47.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$20.00
NH Catholic Appeal	\$25.00
Diocesan Grant	\$750.00
TOTAL	\$2,177.00
Upcoming Collections	
Church Maintenance	Aug. 27
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (20 donors)	\$2,066.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,730.00

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

Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Aug.23 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.

Please remember
St Joseph Church
in your will

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

Safety and Security

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



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
Ernesto and Pedro "Eddie" Revilla
requested by Halford & Emelda Jones



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

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

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

**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. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Thank you for your support of the important needs and ministries of the Church.

Questions *and* Answers

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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. Why does the priest need altar servers?

A. Simply put, well-trained altar servers make the practical aspects of the liturgy flow more smoothly. An altar server holds the book for the priest when he is praying from the chair. They hold candles next to the Gospel as it is being proclaimed. They assist with incense, assist with the preparation of the altar, and perform other helpful functions.

Additionally, on a personal level, serving at the holy Mass is a great honor and especially helps young people to learn the Mass well so that they can better join in the offering. Being present in the sanctuary, dressing in server cassocks or albs, and being attentive to the flow of the liturgy should have the effect of helping servers to grow in a deeper love and reverence for the Mass. At times and in cultures where boys act as altar servers, this helps plant the seed of a vocation in the minds and hearts of those whom God is calling to serve as priests.

With that said, the servers also symbolically represent the entire people of God, especially in the procession. At Mass, we should all see ourselves on a spiritual journey toward Heaven. The sanctuary is the symbol of Heaven, and the procession symbolizes the entire people of God journeying toward Heaven with the Cross leading the way.

At a gathering in Rome with about 9,000 altar servers, Pope Francis told the servers that serving at the altar “enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals, and to find the strength to achieve them.” He went on to say, “The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer, the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received.”

If you know an altar server, make sure to thank them for their service and encourage them in their important role.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) St. Mary Church, Sunday, August 27, following the 10:30 am Mass

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or who has questions about the Catholic faith and its teachings or practices is welcome to attend. If you are already Catholic, this is also a great opportunity to learn more about your faith. The sessions will allow you to ask questions, meet other members of the parish, and engage in prayerful discussions. They are also preparation for those who are interested in receiving the Church's Sacraments of Initiation.

The next RCIA program will start with a meeting at St Mary Church on Sunday, August 27th following the 10:30am Mass. Classes will begin mid September. If anyone is interested in learning more, please call the St. Mary Parish Office at 603-542-9518.

HYMNS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: No 348

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Offertory Hymn: No. 358

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No.353

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Today's Mass Readings are found on page #635.



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.



CDA PENNY SALE

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

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Sat. August 26, 2023
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for these important pieces of life saving equipment.

Feast Days and Memorials

Aug 22: Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954, based on the roots of the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship in Scripture. Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

Aug 23: St Rose of Lima, Virgin, 1586-1617

**Patron of embroiderers, gardeners, florists,
those ridiculed for their piety, those suffering with family problems**

The first canonized saint of the Americas was born Isabel Flores de Olivia to Spanish colonists in Lima, Peru. A beautiful child, she was given the nickname "Rose," which she took as her confirmation name. Pious from a young age, she wished to become a nun. This caused conflict with her parents who wished her to marry. Eventually she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, living a life of extreme prayer, fasting, and penance.

Aug 24: St Bartholomew, Apostle, 24 BC - 69 AD

Patron of bookbinders, butchers, and leather workers

Little is known about Bartholomew—even his name is uncertain. Perhaps he is the same person who is referred to as Nathaniel in other writings. We do know that he was an Apostle of Jesus and an evangelist in the early Church. It was thought he traveled to spread the Gospel in India, Persia, Mesopotamia and Egypt and died at the hands of cruel pagans

Aug 25: St Louis, 1214-1270

Louis IX was known as "Most Christian King," the only King of France to be canonized as a saint. A devoted husband and father to eleven children, he was also a beloved ruler who worked to bring peace and stability to France. Known as a protector of orphans, widows, and the needy, he would visit the sick and serve them himself.

Aug 25: St Joseph Calasanz, Priest, 1557-1648

Patron of Catholic schools

This saint was a lawyer and theologian who gave away much of his family fortune and devoted himself to providing free education for poor children in Rome. He founded the Clerks Regular of the Christian Schools known as the Piarists. He was noted for his patience in the midst of suffering through many trials in later life.

August 25: St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1905 - 1938

Helena Kowalska entered the convent in Krakow, Poland and took the name Sister Maria Faustina. Through her visions, she brought about the Divine Mercy devotions which have now spread around the world.

August 26: Our Lady of Czestochowa

On this Feast day, Polish people all over the world honor Our Lady of Czestochowa as the patroness of Poland. Celebrations are held at the Shrines in Czestochowa, Poland; Doylestown, PA and hundreds of places named after the beloved Czarna Madonna (Black Madonna). Polish immigrants who founded churches in the United States in the early 20th century, honored Our Lady by hanging this famous image in their church, as was done here in Claremont.

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Image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, St Louis Church, Portland, Maine, and a plaque that hangs on the outside of the church building (built in 1924) both photographed there in 2013.

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