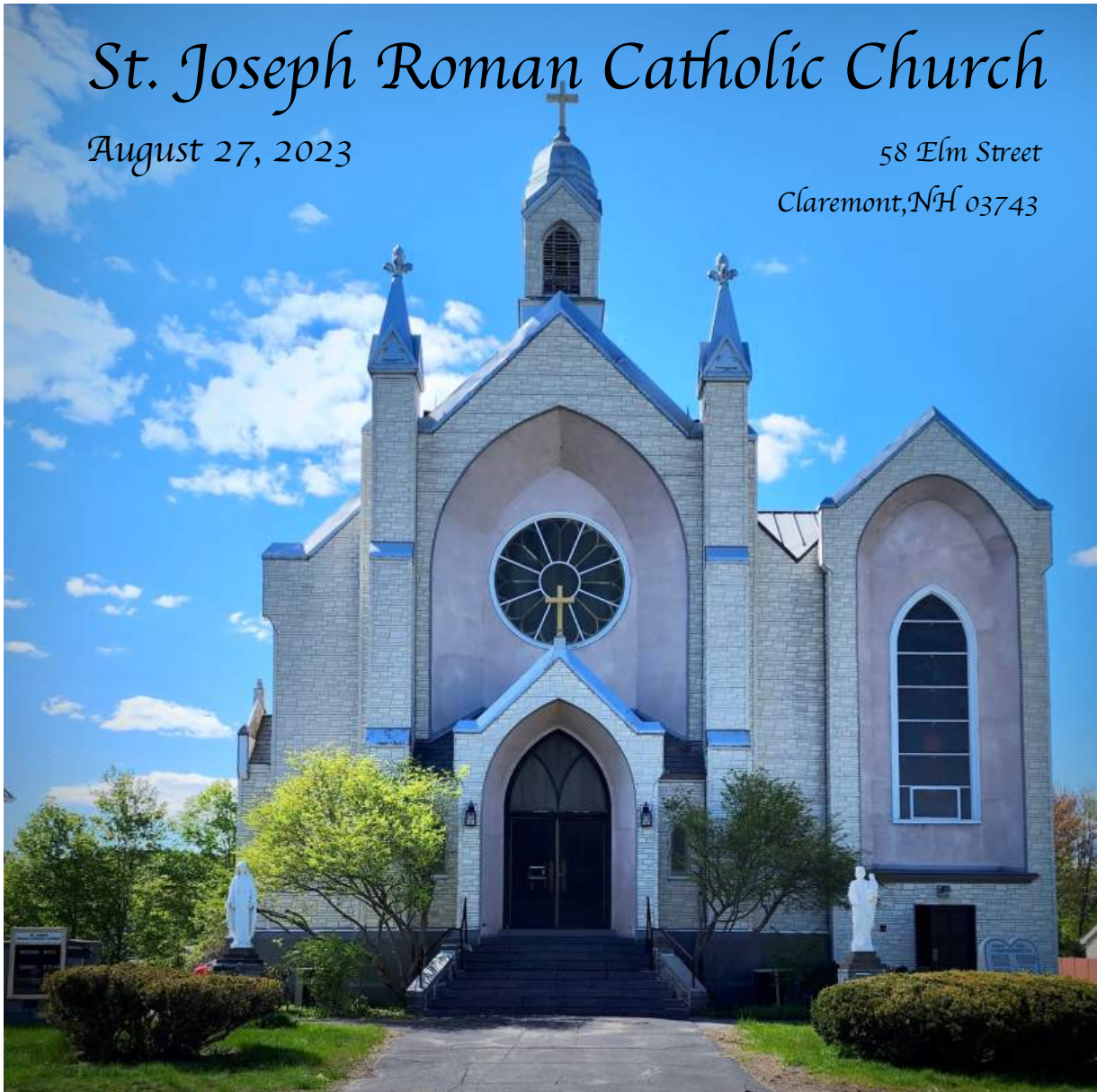


St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

August 27, 2023

58 Elm Street
Claremont, NH 03743



St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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 30 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday August 30 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Fr Stanley Piwowar
requested by Ron and Marilyn Gilbert

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 3 9:15 am

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

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

Offertory Aug. 20, 2023

Offertory	\$785.00
Candles	\$93.00
TOTAL	\$878.00
Holy Day Vigil Aug. 14, 2023	\$290.00
Upcoming Collections	
Fuel	Sept. 10
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

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>

Choir Rehearsal
Wed. Aug.30 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 attending 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 Churches in honor of the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns this week in memory of Carey Lynn Branch requested by Halford & Emelda Jones



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

CHANGE IN PROCEDURE
 Intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp may now be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass She will continue to schedule Masses and have Tootsie Rolls and other fundraiser items available then. You can also schedule intentions at the Rectory during Wednesday office hours by phone (603-542-5732) or in person. Donations for Masses and Sanctuary Lamp are each \$10.00.

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, \$2,066.00 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.

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**DAILY MASS AND
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Old Church Road

- Old St. Mary Church
- Mass - See schedule
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Guided Tours
- Sept 1st - Sept 8th



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Central Street

- St. Mary Church
- Presentation 11:00-12:30
- Viewing/Q&A 1:00-2:30
- Confessions available
- Sept 9th



BISHOP LIBASCI

Central Street

- St. Mary Church
- Bishop Peter Libasci will
celebrate the 10:30 AM
Mass, Sept. 10th
- Parish Picnic to follow



St. Mary Parish Office
603-542-9518

More Information and Schedule
www.stmaryparishnh.org

HYMNS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: No 362
"The Church's One Foundation"

Offertory Hymn: No. 329
"Beautiful Savior"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No.419
"Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above"

Today's Mass Readings are found on page #638.



41st Annual Scout Retreat!

Fri. Sept. 15 – Sun. Sept. 17, 2023



Camp Fatima Gilmanton Iron Works, NH

All Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts in grades 6-12, and adult leaders are invited!

The cost is \$20 per scout and \$13 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! American Heritage Girls, Venture Crews, and Knights of Columbus Squires are also invited to attend.

Put on by Fr. Ray Ball and
the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee.

Fr. Sebastian's Provencial sends his gratitude and thanks for such a warm welcome and generous response to his request to support the HGN Seminarians. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to travel throughout the United States.

Baked Bean and Ham Supper

Saturday September 2, 2023
4:30 - 6:30

Menu: Homemade baked beans, Ham,
Cole slaw, Potato salad,
Dessert and Beverage \$15.00
Eat in or Take Out

HAVE YOU HEARD OF "FORMED"?

It's a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books and even cartoons for children. Best of all, it's FREE. Both St Mary and St Joseph parishioners can access the site and Fr. Sebastian would like us to take advantage of this opportunity. Go to formed.org, click on "sign up," type in our church's zip code (03743) and select the St Mary Church pop-up. You'll be surprised at what you will find to watch, listen, and learn!

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 defibrillators 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.**

Feast Days and Memorials

Aug 28: St Augustine, 354-430, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Patron of bricklayers, stone cutters, printers,
those with sore eyes, and against the death of children

The feast days of St Monica and her son St Augustine are on two successive days on the church calendar. Because August 27 falls on a Sunday this year, St. Monica's feast is not included in the 2023 calendar. Their stories overlap and it is fitting that they should be told at the same time.

Imagine the pain St. Monica felt when her beloved son, raised in a Christian home, rejected her teachings and spent many years in wicked living and false beliefs. His sins and his pride took over his mind and he lost sight of Divine Truth. Monica prayed constantly for his conversion. He tried to escape his mother's devotion by going to Italy, but he could not escape her prayers. She followed him there and he experienced a powerful conversion a year before his death.

Augustine's conversion gives hope to parents who pray that their children will grow in faith and love. It is also an inspiration to many who struggle with a lifestyle or habit they long to break. Augustine became a devout and charitable priest and bishop, a famous Catholic writer, and one of the greatest saints who ever lived.



in memory of the Novak family

Aug. 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist was the son of St. Elizabeth, the nephew of our Lady and the cousin of Jesus. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he didn't take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage that he wasn't afraid to speak out about the immoral activities of his day. John was martyred approximately A.D. 30.

www.catholic.org www.mycatholic.life
www.newmanministry.com

St John the Baptist Stained Glass Window
Given by John and Frances Nowak

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

St. Mary Church, Sunday, August 27 (today) 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.

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