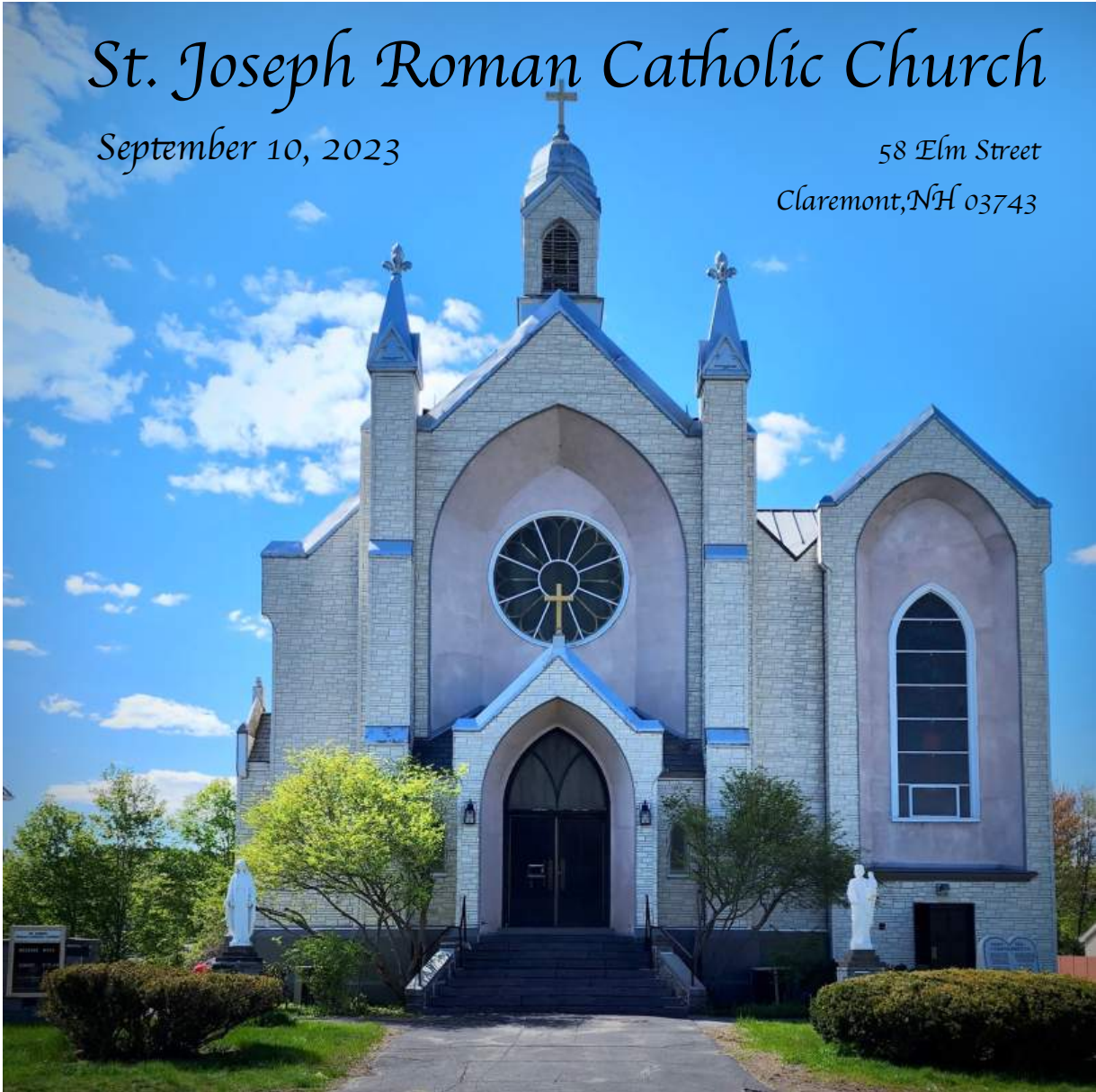


# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

September 10, 2023

58 Elm Street  
Claremont, NH 03743



## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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**Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN**

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### Parish Finance Council

Rick Logan, Chairman  
David Smith  
Sharon Wood

### Music Director

Richard Brown

### Organists

Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

### Parish Office Hours

**There will be no Office Hours on Wed. Sept. 13**  
You may leave a message by calling 603-542-5732.

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, September 10 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of Rev. Stanley Piowar  
requested by John Hamel and Shirley McNutt

### Wednesday September 13 9:00 am

**Please note the change in time**

For the souls (†) of Leo and Madeleine Lefebvre  
requested by John Hamel and Shirley McNutt

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, September 17 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of William Lewis  
requested by Les and Sandi St. Pierre

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel

**Offertory Sept. 3, 2023**

Offertory	\$1,231.00
Ham & Bean Supper	\$960.00
Tootsie Roll Fundraiser (Church Maintenance Fund)	\$400.00
Candles	\$39.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$2,640.00
<b>Upcoming Collections</b>	
Church Maintenance	Sept. 24
<b>Ongoing Collections</b>	
NH Catholic Appeal (23 donors)	\$2,166.00
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](mailto:sebaafri@comcast.net)

**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.

**THANK YOU**  
to all who worked on  
our Ham & Bean Supper  
and to all who  
supported this important  
fundraiser!

**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/  
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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.

**Choir Rehearsal**

**Wed. Sept.13 at 6:30 pm**  
New members welcome!

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  
memory of Paul Duval  
requested by Larry and Jean Duval.



**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, \$2,166.00 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 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 do priests wear black all the time?**

A. Great question! To be clear, a priest does not wear black all the time, and what he wears actually depends on what he is doing. When he is not offering the sacrifice of the Mass, he wears a black cassock (a long garment that goes down to the ankles) with a white collar, or, if the national bishop's conference allows it, the priest wears a black suit with a white collar in public.

Why black? Black is a sign of mourning and penance. Priests are to be reminders to the laity that there is more to life than what this world offers. Wearing black should remind both the priest and those who see him that we should not set our sights on the fashion of this world but should remember that we are called to do penance, not just for our sins but for the sins of the world.

On a practical level, the display of black clerics also allows a person to identify a priest in case that person needs the sacraments, like confession or Anointing of the Sick. A priest loves when a person approaches him on the street to ask to go to confession. On a practical level, a priest would not wear his black cassock or black suit while exercising, doing yard work, or sleeping. Also, a diocesan priest in tropical climates would not wear black but white, not only for practical reasons—to decrease heat from the sun—but because white is a sign of mourning in some cultures.



*September 11, 2001*  
*We Remember*

### HYMNS

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Hymn: No. 466**

"The Master Came to Bring Good News"

**Offertory Hymn: No. 407**

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

**Communion: (Choir)**

**Recessional Hymn: No. 331**

"A Living Faith"

Today's Mass Readings are found on page #644.

### 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](http://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!

### PLEASE REMEMBER

when visiting St Mary Church to park on the street, in one of the two parish lots across the street, or in the parking garage. The lot next to St Mary's belongs to Grace River Church and we have been asked not to use it.

### Mark Your Calendars!

Sept/Nov "1-20 Raffle" tickets on sale to benefit the Fuel Fund

Oct/Nov "Turkey Dinner Raffle" tickets on sale

Polish American Heritage Month

Oct 10 Polish Cooking Class

Oct 21 Harvest Supper (Dozynki)

Oct 29 Annual Mass & Coffee Hour

Nov 4 Lasagna Dinner

Nov 11 Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

Nov 16 Turkey Party

Dec. 2 Christmas Craft Fair

Dec 10 1-20 Raffle Drawing at Coffee Hour

### 41st Annual Scout Retreat!

Fri. Sept. 15 – Sun. Sept. 17, 2023



**Camp Fatima**  
**Gilman 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.

### DEFIBRILLATORS NOW AVAILABLE

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

(Automated External Defibrillator)

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.**

**Knights of Columbus**  
**3rd Degree**

**Monday Sept 11 7pm**

Council Chambers  
St Mary's Gym



**COFFEE HOUR**  
**AFTER MASS TODAY**

**All are welcome!**  
**No charge!**  
**Free Will Offerings**



## Feast Days and Memorials

### Sept 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

We venerate the name of Mary because it belongs to the Mother of God, the holiest of creatures, the Queen of heaven and earth, the Mother of Mercy. This feast, instituted in 1513 in Spain, commemorates all the privileges given to Mary by God and all the graces we have received through her intercession and mediation.

### Sept 13: St John Chrysostom, 344-407 Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Named Chrysostom or "golden-mouthed" as a tribute to his eloquence, St. John was born in Antioch, served as archbishop of Constantinople, and is among the most prolific writers in the early Christian Church.

### Sept. 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the 4th century, the Roman Emperor Constantine ordered the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher to be built in the place where it was traditionally believed that the Savior's tomb was located. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. According to legend, a dying woman was healed when she touched one of them, so that cross was identified as the one on which Jesus died. It immediately became an object of veneration. The Feast day has since been celebrated on the anniversary of the Basilica's dedication.

### Sept. 15: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

This feast day recalls the intense suffering and grief Our Blessed Mother felt during Our Lord's passion and death. She is sometimes depicted with seven swords piercing her heart, representing the Seven Dolours or Seven Sorrows of Mary.

### Sept. 16: Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs

Pope Cornelius and Bishop Cyprian of Carthage preached forgiveness in the treatment of Christians whose faith had wavered during the time of persecution. This Pope's policy toward lapsed Christians, which was supported by Cyprian, set the standard for the later Catholic theology of a "universal" church ministering to lifelong sinners as well as to saints. Cyprian is second in importance only to the great Saint Augustine as a figure and Father of the African church.



## St Joseph's Maintenance Crews Have Been Busy

These are just a few of the projects which have been done by the maintenance crew that meets on Wednesday mornings.

New paint on rectory foundation and cellar door receiving a new coat of paint as well

Statues of Mary and Joseph were power washed and repainted with protective coating added

Statue of Mary in front of rectory also repainted

Restriping of the parking lots is an ongoing project. Also, note the cement barrier which has now been placed to protect the heating oil fill pipe.

New lighting has also been placed on rear of church, the garage/barn and the rectory. Some of the lights are motion detection activated.

More projects are in the works, please stay tuned.

New volunteers are always welcome!

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