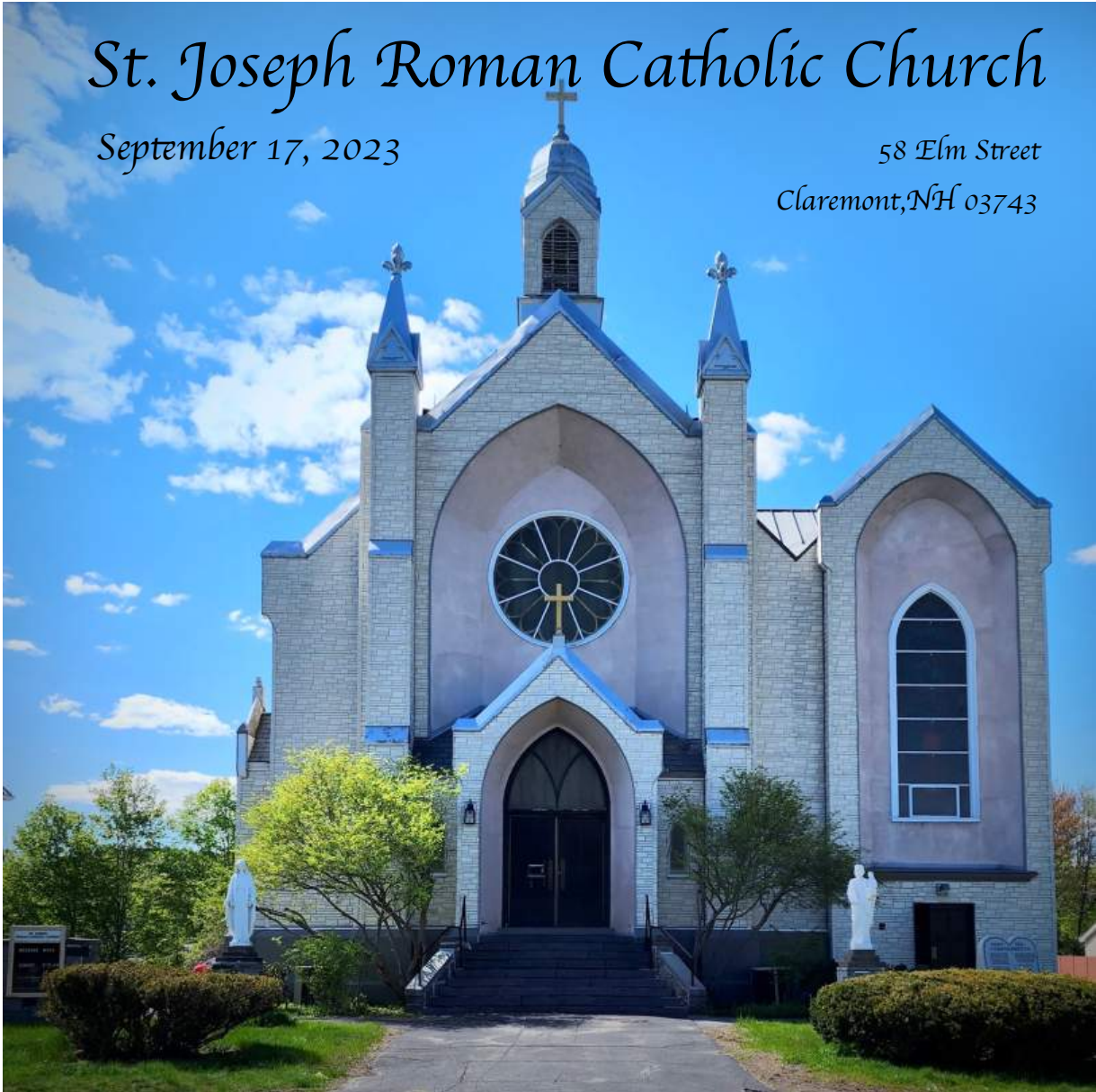


St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

September 17, 2023

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St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Rick Logan, Chairman
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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, Sept. 20 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday September 20 5:00 pm

For the souls (†) of Paul St Martin
requested by Tom DeVoyd.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 24 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Theresa Allard
requested by her son Rock.

There is no 2nd Collection today.

Offertory Sept. 10, 2023

Offertory	\$952.43
Fuel	\$475.00
Diocesan Grant	\$750.00
Mass Intentions	\$50.00
Candles	\$34.00
Total	\$2,261.43
Upcoming Collections	
Church Maintenance	Sept. 24
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (23 donors)	\$2,266.00
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



Safety and Security

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

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.

Prayer List

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

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

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
Ashley Januszewski
requested by Grandma Susan.



Intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp
may 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.

Our Marian Candelabrum will
be placed Our Lady's altar and
lit on Sundays in October, the
Month of the Holy Rosary.
Please contact Mary or Richard
Brown to reserve a Sunday for
your memorial intention. A \$10
donation is requested.



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. Suffering vs. a Loving God

Q. One question that I constantly struggle with is the presence of suffering. Now in small cases, such as events that won't matter in a year from the occurrence or events that we will recover from, then I understand that in order to know happiness you must know its contrast. What I struggle with is if our God is an all-loving, merciful God, then why are there children dying of starvation or cancer? I don't understand why an all-powerful, ever-loving God would allow this type of suffering? How can we explain this?

A. Well, that certainly is a deep question! And a good one. In fact, this is one of the all-time most important questions to understand. The answer actually goes to the core of our faith and the saving Cross of Jesus.

First of all, we live in a fallen world. God never intended us to be in a state of "fallenness" or, as we call it, a "state of original sin." Rather, God's original intention was what the Bible presents as the Garden of Eden. This original state, the state of original innocence, was a state of pure happiness and oneness with God and one another. The problem is that in order for us to be able to truly love God and one another, God had to give us free will. Without free will, there can be no love. True love of God and others is an act that each person freely chooses and freely gives. But by granting us free will, God gives us the option of turning away from Him. Thus, our first parents chose to turn away from God by committing a personal sin. And the effect of that personal sin was separation from God. And separation from God meant the loss of all God provides: life, happiness, unity, harmony, health, fulfillment, and the like.

But what about us? And what about children who have not personally sinned? I think the best way to understand this is to consider the idea of an inheritance. If your parents have a million dollars and name you as heir in their will, you will receive it upon their passing. However, if they squander that money in a casino, then you lose your inheritance. Perhaps that doesn't seem fair, but it's the way it works. So it is with us. We lost the inheritance of the Garden of Paradise because our first parents lost their right to be there when they rejected God. We, then, are born into the state of fallenness that they entered into.

Disease, disorder in nature, and even death are now a part of our existence, sometimes causing us great suffering. Furthermore, all people still have free will, which means others can sin against us and cause us pain. And, sadly, all of these realities can affect children as well as any of us.

But the story would not be complete if we didn't speak of the answer God gave! God the Father, seeing our fallen nature, chose to come down to this fallen state so as to reestablish a relationship with us all. He did that by sending His Son into the world. God the Son took on our fallen human nature, entered into every kind of suffering we can endure, and even died. But, as we know, death did not have the final victory. God the Son conquered sin and death by rising again! We now have the ability to unite ourselves to Him so that we can also share in that resurrection.

God's answer was not to destroy human existence after we fell. Rather, His answer was to meet us in this fallen state so as to elevate us even higher than our first state. As for the innocent who suffer (especially children), we should know that God loves them more than we will ever realize. In Heaven this will make perfect sense. But for now we must constantly look for signs of that love and discover the countless ways that God reaches out to those who suffer in their need.

Grand Annual Collection

In October we will begin our parish's Grand Annual Collection. This will not be a one-time collection taken up at a weekend Mass, but an ongoing collection to build a fund for larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, both current and future—similar to our Renovation Fund in past years. Grand Annual Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are not able to bring your weekly offertory or other donations to Mass, you may mail them to St Joseph Church, PO Box 824, Claremont, NH 03743 or bring it to the Rectory during Wednesday office hours.. Thank you for your generosity.

HYMNS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: No. 348

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

Offertory Hymn: No. 309

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 321

"Now Thank We All Our God"



Today's Mass Readings are found on page #647

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.



Choir Rehearsal

Wed. Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm

New members welcome!

AED Orientation

(Automated External Defibrillator)

Wednesday September 20th 10:30 am

St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Come learn about our new life-saving equipment.

Coffee & Refreshments available



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Fuel Fund Benefit

1-20 Raffle

Tickets now on sale in the church hall after Mass
Drawing at Dec.10 Coffee Hour

CDA Meeting
Tues. Sept. 19
6:30 pm
St. Joseph's Parish Hall

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!

Oct/Nov "Turkey Dinner Raffle" tickets on sale

Polish American Heritage Month

Oct 10	Polish Cooking Class
Oct 21	Harvest Supper (Dozynki)
TBA	Annual Mass & Coffee Hour
Nov 4	Lasagna Dinner
Nov 11	Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast
Nov 16	Turkey Party
Dec. 2	Christmas Craft Fair

St Mary Parish Old Time Penny Sale

Sat. Oct 7
St Mary Gym
Doors Open at 5pm-
Drawings begin @ 6
Grand Prize \$1,500
(\$1,200 if not present)
300+ prizes
Free Raffles for Kids
Free Door Prizes
Refreshments

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Our current bulletin may be viewed online at

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Feast Days and Memorials

Sept 19: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr, d. circa 305 A.D.

Patron of blood banks, volcanic eruptions, and Naples

Januarius was born in Benevento, Italy during the reign of Emperor Diocletian and his persecutions of Christians. At a young age, he became a priest in that relatively pagan region and later, Bishop. He hid his fellow Christians to keep them from being arrested, but was captured, imprisoned, and suffered martyrdom. In New York's Little Italy, a large street fair is held on the Feast of San Gennaro and a statue of the saint is carried in procession.

Sept. 20: Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim, Tae'gon, 1821-1846, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Terrible persecutions occurred in the 19th century, between 1839 and 1867, with more than a hundred Christians martyred. Included among these were the first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon, and a lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Although there were a few other priests and bishops among them, the majority were lay people—men, women, and children—who gave their lives for their faith.

Sept. 21: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Patron saint of accountants and bankers

According to the Gospel, Matthew worked as a tax collector and was despised by his fellow Jews, who saw him as collaborating with the Roman occupation force. At a collection booth in Capernaum, Christ came to him and said, "Follow me." Thus Matthew became a disciple and one of Jesus' twelve apostles. He witnessed the Ascension of Jesus and was one of four evangelists who wrote the Gospels in the New Testament.

Sep 23: St Pius of Pietrelcius (Padre Pio), Priest, 1887-1968

Patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, stress relief, & January blues

Francesco Forgione, the son of devout Italian peasant farmers, joined the Capuchin Franciscan Friars at fifteen, taking on the name "Friar Pio." He served in the Italian Medical Corps during WWI, but was given a medical discharge. He spent the next fifty years at the monastery, devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. After it became known that he was experiencing painful stigmata, the wounds of Christ on his hands, feet, and side, Padre Pio was sought after by pilgrims as a spiritual advisor and confessor. He would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays."

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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!

Stand with Ukraine

Claremont Opera House
Sat. Sept. 30 3 to 6 pm

SHARE

Engage with people who
have been impacted
Write a note of support

Claremont-Sugar River Rotary

Free Admission
Refreshments for Purchase

LEARN

Hear the stories
Photos, videos
Discussions

HELP

Silent auction,
Stuff-a-sock
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Feast of Our Lady of La Salette

Tuesday September 19th 11am
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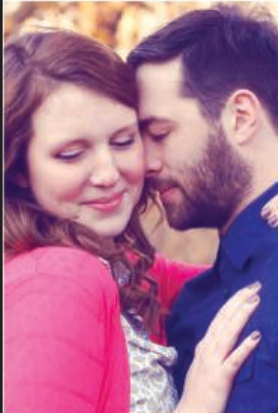


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