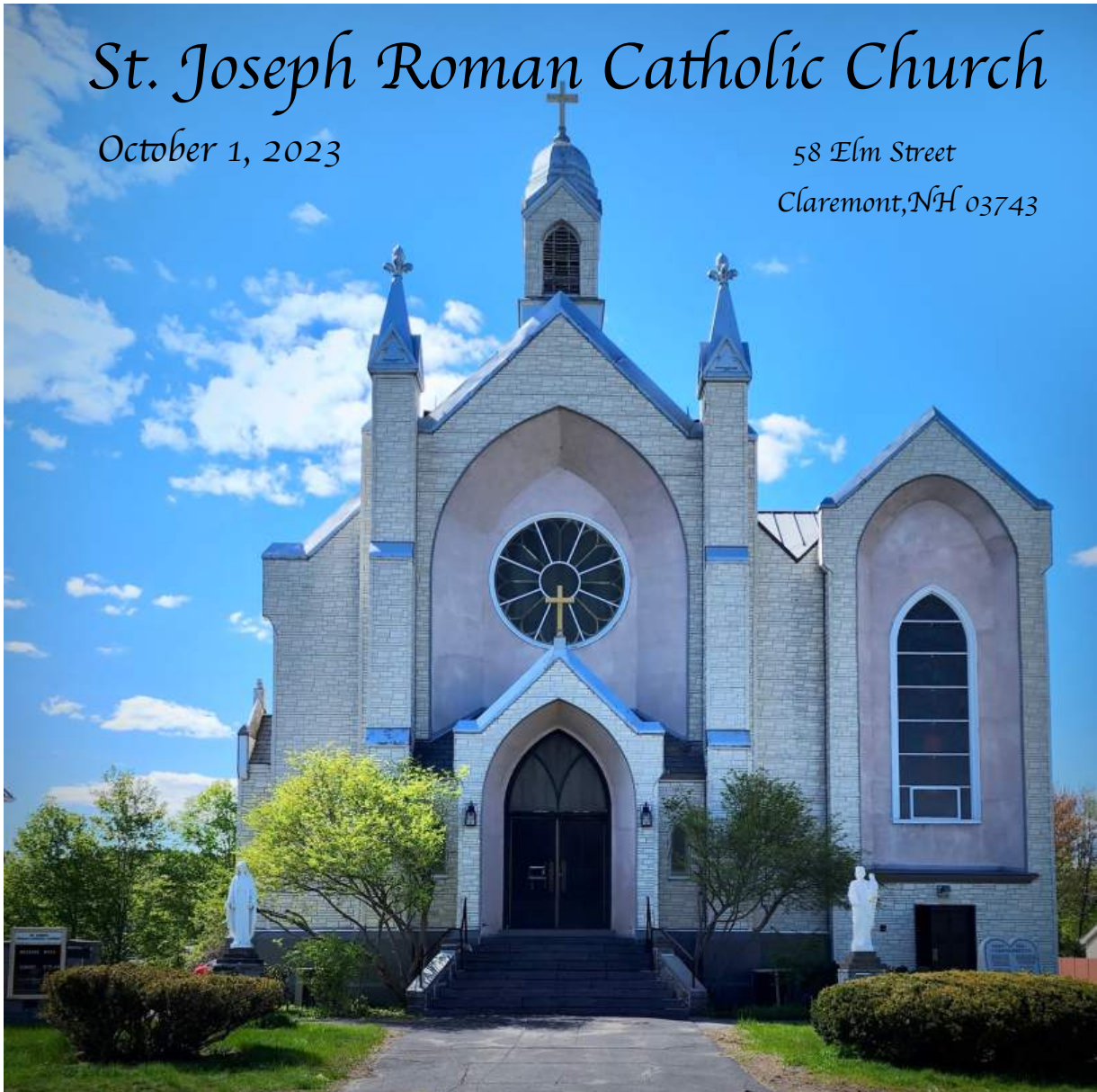


St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

October 1, 2023

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St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Wednesday, Oct. 4 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 1 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Fausto Beebe
requested by his sister Gianna.

**There will be no evening Mass on
Wednesday October 4. Fr. Sebastian will be
is away on his retreat.**

The intention will be rescheduled

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 8 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Maria Beebe
requested by her daughter Gianna.

**This Year's
Grand Annual Collection Begins Today!
Offertory Sept. 24, 2023**

Offertory	\$720.00
Church Maintenance	\$460.50
Funeral	\$200.00
Funeral Luncheon	\$800.00
Calendar donation by K of C	\$100.00
Candles	\$84.00
Total	\$2,364.50
Upcoming Collections	
Fuel	Oct. 8
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (24 donors)	\$2,366.00

**Please keep Fr. Sebastian in
your prayers as he travels to the
House of Ephesus in
Turkey for a pilgrimage and re-
treat from Oct 4th to 20th.**

**Sunday Masses will be
covered, but there will be no
weekday Masses
at either church.**



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
Chee Chee Tyrrell

Please pray for the souls of

Retired Army Brigadier General David H. Smith, father of David Smith
Paramedic Ian Pierce
Patricia Lucarelli, mother of Jeff Lucarelli
whose funeral and burials took place this past week.

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
Todd Gregory requested by
Larry and Jean Duval.



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.



Our Marian Candelabrum
will be lit today in memory of
Paramedic Ian Pierce
requested by
Mary and Richard Brown.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Send information to be included
each week to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
by 3pm on Tuesday.
Our current bulletin may be viewed online at
<https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/>

COFFEE HOUR

After Mass Today!
All are welcome!
No charge but Free Will
offerings are accepted

Masses and Sanctuary Lamp

Intentions may be scheduled with
Sherri Smith in the Church Hall
after each Mass or at the Rectory
during Wednesday office hours
by phone (603-542-5732)
or in person.

Suggested donations
are \$10.00

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 Church belongs
to Grace River Church and we have been asked not to
use it. Thank you!

Monday October 9th
K of C 3rd Degree Meets
in Council Chambers
St. Mary's Gym

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. Saving Your Soul

Q. I was told by a priest that going to church is not going to save my soul from going to hell. But it is how you live your life. It is about believing in God and about love, forgiving, compassion to others. Is this true?

A. I would say the answer is both “Yes” and “No.” And I presume that your priest would agree with the following clarifications.

It's true that going to church cannot, by itself, save your soul from going to Hell. An obvious example would be a person who lives a horribly sinful life all during the week, and then, as a way of making others think he is good, goes to church to be seen but is in no way interiorly invested in the worship. In this case, the physical act of being in a church during Mass in no way means that you are truly “at Mass.” To go to church means you are not there only physically, it also means you are there spiritually, worshiping God and growing in faith.

With that said, going to church for the right reason is part of the process of salvation. God wants you there. He wants you to come and worship in the Mass and to be nourished by Him through His Word and through the Eucharist. So, if you are on the road to Heaven, that road will most certainly have faithful Mass attendance as part of the journey.

However, the contrary is also true. It's not enough to just do good things and to expect that these “good works” will save you. God does not look down from Heaven and say, “OK, you've done enough good to earn a ticket to Heaven.” No, salvation cannot be earned by what we do.

But be careful here. The accurate answer really includes everything above and more. Let me paint the full picture of salvation.

1. Salvation is a free gift of God and that we can never earn. It was won for us on the Cross, and the grace from Christ's Cross is what saves. This is the only way to Heaven!
2. We receive the gift of salvation when we let God into our hearts and we surrender over to Him, giving Him control of our lives. This produces the gift of faith.
3. When we have faith, we cannot separate that faith from our works. In other words, if we truly believe and have Christ alive in our hearts, it WILL affect the way we live. We WILL be forgiving, compassionate, and loving to others.
4. When we have faith, we will also hear God calling us to Sunday Mass faithfully, and we will need to respond to that call from God in how we want to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. You cannot say “I believe” and at the same time refuse to worship as God wants.

All of this, together, is a brief summary of the full picture of salvation. I hope it helps!

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, 58 Elm Street, Claremont, NH 03743** or bring it to the Rectory during Wednesday office hours.. Thank you for your generosity.

We apologize for reprinting last year's notice without realizing the address was the P.O. Box that we are no longer ours.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns

Entrance: No. 300 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Offertory: No. 283 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Communion: (Choir)
Recessional: No. 419 "Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above"

Today's Mass Readings
are found on
page #653

Beginning this week, our
Memorial Acclamation
changes to:
**"We proclaim
your Death"**

Choir Rehearsal
Wed. Sept. 27 at
6:30 pm
New members
welcome!

Mark Your Calendars!

Events in St Joseph Church Hall

Oct 15 CDA Mass and Brunch
Nov 4 Lasagna Dinner
Nov 11 Veterans Day Pancake
Breakfast
Nov 16 Turkey Party
Dec. 2 Christmas Craft Fair
Dec. 10 Coffee Hour with
1-20 Raffle drawing

Dozynki Tickets

**On Sale in Church Hall
after Mass, at Rectory
during Office Hours,
or phone & leave message
(See Bulletin Cover)**

October Polish American Heritage Month

Tuesday October 10th
Polish Cooking Class
6:30 PM
Cost is \$6.00 per person
Call 603 542 6454 for info

Saturday October 21st
Dozynki (Polish Harvest Supper)
5:00 – 7:00 PM
\$15.00 Eat in or Take Out
Advance ticket sales only
Call 603 542 5732

Sunday October 22nd
9 AM Mass

Sunday October 22nd
Polish Month Coffee Hour
Following Mass



**Everyone welcome to
help us celebrate Polish
American Heritage Month**

**All events to be held at
St Joseph Church
Elm St
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Mass on Sunday, October 22 will begin at 9:00am (PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME) with Rev. Adrian Frackowiak, Administrator of St. Gabriel Parish, Franklin and Tilton as the celebrant. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) will be available from 8:30am. The St. Cecelia Choir will sing traditional Polish hymns. Coffee Hour, featuring a hearty brunch buffet, in addition to Polish and American sweet treats, will be served in the church hall following Mass.. All are welcome to join us at no charge, but donations are always appreciated. We also welcome all volunteers willing to help with the many tasks needed for these events. Please email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com or call Sharon Wood, if you can help. (603-542-6454)

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Raffle Tickets on sale in Hall after Mass or
rectory during Wed. office hours.

1-20 Raffle to benefit the Fuel Fund (\$20 ticket)

Drawing at Dec.10 Coffee Hour

ALSO

\$5/ticket Complete Turkey Dinner
\$5/ticket Black Ops Arms \$100
gift certificate

Drawings for these at the
Turkey Party on Nov, 19

Do not need to be present to win.

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

October is the Marian Month of the Holy Rosary

Feast Days and Memorials

October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels (Feast of Guardian Angels)

The concept of a guardian angel assigned to each one of us, to guide, nurture and protect, is a beloved part of Catholic doctrine and piety. The tradition tells us that our angels represent each one of us before God, watch over us always, aid in our prayer, and present our souls to God when we die. The 6th century monk, Saint Benedict, and the 12th-century reformer, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, are recognized as early promoters of this belief. A feast in honor of guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar in 1615.

October 4: Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

Patron of ecologists and of Italy

St Francis was known for his charismatic personality and his compassion for all. The Blessing of the Pets, which we will observe in our parish this Sunday, is a beloved Catholic tradition honoring St Francis' love for all of God's creations. Renouncing wealth to follow "Lady Poverty," he founded the Franciscan Family, today made up of the Capuchins (Friars Minor); Conventuals, Poor Clares, and the Secular Franciscan Order.

October 5: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, 1819-1867, Priest

Born in Germany, Father Seelos was a missionary to German speaking immigrants in the U.S. He first served as assistant pastor to St John Neuman in Pittsburgh, PA, moving on to be an itinerant missionary in several states. Towards the end of his life, he went to New Orleans to minister to victims of yellow fever, contracting the deadly disease himself. He was declared "blessed" by Pope John Paul II in April of 2000.

October 5: St. Faustina Kowalska, 1905-1938

Born in Poland, Helena Kowalska was determined to become a nun, and did so despite the objections of her parents and many obstacles throughout her young life. Today she is known for her visions of Jesus as the King of Divine Mercy and His instructions to her to paint an image as she saw Him. Her writings helped to spread devotion to His Divine Mercy throughout the world. St Faustina Kowalska was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and canonized by him on April 30, 2000.

Oct 6: Saint Bruno, Priest

Also of German birth, Bruno was a renowned teacher and writer who became chancellor of the archdiocese of Rheims at the age of 45. He composed commentaries on the Psalms and on the Epistles of Paul the Apostle. Wanting only to live in solitude and prayer, he founded the Carthusian Order, building a hermitage in a desolate, mountainous, alpine region where the community could live lives of poverty, manual work, and prayer, while working at transcribing manuscripts.

Oct 6: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, 1811-1849, Virgin

Eulalie Melanie Durocher was born in Quebec, Canada, the youngest of ten children. Three of her brothers became priests and one sister joined a community of nuns. Poor health sent her home from the convent, so she began to work towards organizing women to fill the need for schools and teachers in poor communities. She took the religious name Marie Rose and founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. In just five years, the order added five convents for 30 sisters who taught nearly 450 children in both English & French. She is known as the Canadian nun who brought Christian education to the frontier.

Oct 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

The devotion of the rosary evolved over centuries, beginning with a practice of praying 150 Our Fathers and a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. A mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary, and by the 16th century praying the 15 joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries was common practice. Pope St John Paul II added the 5 Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

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