

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

October 8, 2023

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## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Wednesday, Oct. 11 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

## 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.

**There will be no Wednesday evening Mass  
while Fr. Sebastian is away.  
The intention has been rescheduled.**

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday, October 15, 9:15 am**

For the souls (†) of  
Czeslawa and Franciszek Dlugosiewicz  
requested by the Wilczoch family.

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel  
Our Grand Annual Collection Continues!**

**Offertory Oct. 1, 2023**

Offertory	\$1,356.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$10.00
Candles	\$62.00
Total	\$1,428.00
<b>Upcoming Collections</b>	
World Mission Sunday	Oct 22
Church Maintenance	Oct 29
<b>Ongoing Collections</b>	
NH Catholic Appeal (24 donors)	\$2,366.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$10.00

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**Please keep Fr. Sebastian  
in your prayers as he travels to  
the House of Ephesius in Turkey  
to lead a pilgrimage and make  
his retreat from Oct 4th to 20th.**

Sunday Masses will be  
covered, but there will be no week-  
day Masses at either church.

**Please welcome today's  
celebrant,  
Rev. Joachim Adione.**

**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

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
St Joseph Church Hall

**National CDA Day Celebration**  
October 15th—9:15 AM Mass  
CDA Member Brunch to Follow

**CDA Halloween Party**  
October 17th 6:00 pm  
Please note the new time.

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  
Edgar & Giselle Condon  
requested by  
Rusty and Ann-Marie Fowler.



Our Marian Candelabrum  
will be lit today  
in memory of John Merchant,  
requested by his daughter & family.

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

Monday October 9th, 7pm  
**K of C 3rd Degree**  
Council Chambers  
St. Mary's Gym

**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

## 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. Knowing God's Will

**Q. A friend of mine was just diagnosed with cancer. I want to pray for her so she gets better. But how do I know that's really God's will?**

**A.** Your question is a wonderful question to ask! And the fact that you ask it reveals that you already understand a lot about the "mystery" of human illness and suffering.

When we are confronted by a serious illness, whether it is our own or that of a loved one, we experience many emotions, feelings, thoughts, and questions. We might find ourselves, at first, in denial, especially if the illness is serious like cancer. We might experience confusion, despair, sadness, anxiety, and anger. We might immediately look for a way to be cured and turn to God for our healing. All of these experiences, thoughts, and feelings are normal and understandable. But, in the end, I think your question gets at something very important: "What should we pray for?"

The best advice I can give you is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches. One area where we find answers is in the teaching on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. First, regarding serious illness, the Catechism states: "Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude (C.C.C 1500). It goes on to say, "Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him" (C.C.C 1501).

So the first thing to point out is that a serious illness, like cancer, will have a dramatic impact on a person and that person's loved ones. But what we must realize is that even though serious illness can be very hard to experience, there are many good things that can come from it. It is, in fact, a very good thing for us to realize that we are ultimately powerless in some areas. This is a realization that can help us turn to God and rediscover what is truly important in life. This is a good thing!

When it comes to seeking a cure, I'd say that it is essential that we seek the best medical attention we can get. God gave us science and medicine for our good, and the more we can use it responsibly the better. So seeking an appropriate medical cure for illness is always a good thing. But, in the end, we need to realize that our lives are ultimately in God's hands. So as far as praying for a cure, we can turn to the purpose of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Catechism states that one of the purposes of that Sacrament is "the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul" (C.C.C 1532). This is a very important statement because it shows us that the most important thing to pray for is not only a physical cure. What's more important is to say something like, "Lord, if physical healing is what is best for my friend's soul, then please heal him/her." God is the only one Who knows what is best for us, and this kind of prayer respects that fact. This is important because, in the end, the most important thing is that we let an illness simply draw us closer to God. And if that illness is to end in physical death, what's most important is that the person grows closer to God through their illness so that they are ready to be with God forever!

This is hard to deal with in life but in my experience as a priest, God gives those who are seriously ill a lot of extra grace to begin seeing things this way. Perhaps the best prayer of all is simply to surrender your friend to God and to tell God that you trust Him and that you want what's best. God can sort out the details and conclusions if we only trust Him!

### 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.

### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns**

**Entrance:** No. 305 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
**Offertory:** No. 363 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"  
 Communion: (Choir)  
**Recessional:** No. 402 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Today's Mass Readings  
are found on  
page #656

**Choir Rehearsal**  
**Wed. Oct 11**  
**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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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 Claremont, NH**

**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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**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.

**Polish Cooking Class**  
**Tuesday October 10. 6:30 pm**  
**\$6 per person**  
**Please register ahead of time**  
**603-542-6354 or**  
**stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com**

All the best! my prayers for my Saint Joseph parish family.  
 Let us celebrate our culture.  
 God Bless.  
 Yours in Christ  
 Fr. Arockia

# October is the Marian Month of the Holy Rosary

## Feast Days and Memorials

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#### Oct 9: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs

Denis, or Dionysius, was the first Bishop of Paris, was martyred with the presbyter, Rusticus, and the deacon, Eleutherius, on Montmartre,(or Mount of Martyrs). He is the patron of Paris and of France.

#### Oct 9: St. John Leonardi, Priest

Founded the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Mother of God, which today numbers about 120 members. He formed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and published a compendium of Christian doctrine in use until the 19th century. He co-founded with St. Philip Neri, at Rome, the Collegio Urbano which, under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, trains priests for the foreign missions.

#### Oct 11: St. John XXIII, Pope, 1881-1963

Patron of Papal delegates, Patriarchy of Venice, Second Vatican Council

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born to poor sharecroppers in a small Italian village, yet still earned a doctorate in theology, became a priest, and was secretary to a Bishop. He was drafted into the Italian Army as stretcher bearer and chaplain during World War I. Later, as Archbishop Roncalli, he earned the title "Righteous Gentile" for saving the lives of thousands of Jews during World War II.

Elected to the Papacy after the death of Pius XII in 1958, Roncalli announced, "I will be called John." In the turbulent '60s, he opened the Second Vatican Council, intervened for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and issued the encyclical "Pacem in terris" on peace and nuclear disarmament. "Good Pope John" is an apt name for this Pope.

#### Oct 14: St Callistus I, Pope; d. 222

Callistus came to power during a crucial time in history. Would the Catholic Church insist on adhering to rigid rules of the past and only welcome those who lived exemplary lives, or would she welcome sinners, as Christ commanded? Callistus trusted in God's mercy and love for all, choosing to spread His Gospel to saints and sinners alike. Many others did not approve of showing mercy to repentant sinners, allowing them back into communion of the Church after they had performed public penance. "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us" and "Let our judgement of souls cease, for God's mercy upon them is extraordinary" are two quotes attributed to St. Callistus.

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Butler's Lives of Patron Saints

#### Readings for the Week - October 8, 2023

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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