

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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October 15, 2023

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 22, 9:00 am (earlier time!)

For the soul (†) of Tomasz Wilczoch

requested by his mother.

Our Grand Annual Collection Continues!

Offertory Oct. 8, 2023

Offertory	\$699.00
Fuel	\$528.00
Diocesan Check	\$750.00
Candles	\$102.00
Mass Intentions	\$95.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$20.00
Total	\$2,194.00
Upcoming Collections	
World Mission Sunday	Oct 22
Church Maintenance	Oct 29
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (24 donors)	\$2,366.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$30.00

Please keep Fr. Sebastian in your prayers as he travels to the House of Ephesus 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. Samuel Seyd.

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 Janet Provencal requested by Rick and Carol Logan.



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.



Our Marian Candelabrum will be lit today in memory of Simone Riviezzo requested by Mary Stone.

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/>

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!

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

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. Did Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, have other children after Jesus?

A. The short answer to this question is “No.” Let's explore further.

Most likely you are asking this question because some Scripture passages seem to suggest that Jesus had brothers and sisters.

For example, here are two such passages:

[Mark 6:3](#) – Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?”

[Matthew 13:55-56](#) – Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us?

Should we conclude from these passages that Jesus had brothers and sisters in a literal way, meaning Mary and Joseph had other children in addition to Jesus? Certainly not. Below is a brief answer to this question that is taken from

[Chapter 3 – The God-Man and His Mother](#) of the book [My Catholic Faith!](#)

The Virgin Mother

Scripture is quite clear that Mary conceived Jesus in a virginal way – by the power of the Holy Spirit. Additionally, it is the constant teaching of the Church that she always retained her virginity. She had no other children and never engaged in the marital act with Joseph. Sometimes this is confusing since there are references in the Scriptures to Jesus' brothers and sisters. But this language was commonly used in reference to cousins. This shouldn't confuse us if we understand the language of the time. In fact, this language is still a common practice in other cultures of our day. People from various African countries commonly refer to those within their own village as their brother or sister when they are with them outside of that village.

God's plan was that Mary have one Son for various reasons. It was especially so because we are all called to become brothers and sisters of Christ through spiritual adoption. Therefore, if Jesus had had blood brothers or sisters, it would have undermined his spiritual brotherhood with them. It would have made their relationship with Jesus different. God desires this deeper spiritual relationship with all people. Mary is the only blood relation to Jesus; thus, she shares a special bond with Him that no one else does. It had to be that way if God were to become true man. Interestingly, even Mary's deepest bond with Jesus does not come as a result of her physical blood relationship. It comes, first and foremost, by her spiritual motherhood. She is united with her Son primarily by her perfect faith and obedience. It is this bond that surpasses the natural one.

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Hymns

Entrance: No. 418 "Sing We of the Blessed Mother"
Offertory: No. 444 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
Communion: (Choir)
Recessional: No. 319 "Father, We Thank Thee, Who Hast Planted"

Today's Mass Readings
are found on
page #659

Choir Rehearsal
Wed. Oct 18
6:30 pm
New members
welcome!

Dozynki Tickets
almost all sold out!
Phone the rectory
603-542-5732
& leave message
to ask if there are any left.

November is dedicated to All Souls.

Envelopes to be placed on the altar during the month of November are at the back of the church. Please write the names of your memorial intentions and put it in the collection basket with your donation.

Mark Your Calendars!

Events in St Joseph Church Hall
Nov 4 Lasagna Dinner
Nov 11 Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast
Nov 16 Turkey Party
Dec. 2 Christmas Craft Fair
Dec. 10 Coffee Hour & 1-20 Raffle drawing

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
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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)

Thank you to our Chefs,
Walter Hoszkiewicz, Jean Allen,
Sue Simone, and Sharon Wood
for presenting our
32nd Polish Cooking Class
last Tuesday,
and to David and Sherrie Smith
who helped with the preparation and
clean-up in the kitchen and hall.
Everything was delicious!
There were 38 who attended and
many happy memories were shared
as we began our celebration of
Polish American Heritage Month!

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Raffle Tickets on sale in Hall
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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.

October is the Marian Month of the Holy Rosary

Feast Days and Memorials

Oct 16: St. Hedwig, 1174-1243, Religious

Patron of Silesia and the Archdiocese of Wroclaw, Poland;
Andechs, Bavaria; and the Diocese of Gorlitz, Germany

Born into Bavarian royalty, Hedwig was married at the age of twelve to the future Duke Henry I of Silesia. She influenced her husband to help found the Cistercian Convent at Trebnitz, the first house of religious women in Silesia. After her husband's death, Hedwig took on the grey habit of the Cistercians, although not formally joining the order so that she might direct her revenue to go for charitable purposes. Word of Saint Hedwig's piety spread throughout Poland and the world. Many miracles are attributed to her intercession.

Oct 16: St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, Virgin, d 1690

Born in the diocese of Autun, France, this future saint devoted herself to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus when still a young child. At 23 she joined the Visitation Order of nuns and suffered many trials for the love of Jesus. She promoted First Friday devotion and was instrumental in instituting the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Oct 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, d108 AD

Born in Syria, Ignatius was a convert to Christianity who became an early Christian writer and Bishop of Antioch, Syria. The Emperor Trajan ordered Christians there to deny their Faith or be put to death in Rome. A series of letters Ignatius wrote while traveling to his death urged his people to remain faithful to God and obey their superiors. In one letter to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, he wrote of his willingness to give his life for Christ.

Oct 18: St Luke, Evangelist

Patron of artists, physicians, surgeons, and bachelors

Also born in Antioch, a Greek and a Gentile, Luke became both companion and physician to St. Paul. Luke's gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus. He wrote the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, and is credited with writing more of the New Testament than any of the other writers. His writings have been proven to be historically accurate. He is also credited as the founder of Christian iconography.

Oct 19: Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf (1593-1649) and Isaac Jogues priests and martyrs, and their companions

Jean de Brebeuf, born in Normandy, France, was a Jesuit missionary who volunteered for the missions in Quebec, Canada, known then as New France. He worked for twenty-five years among the Huron Indians, dealing with attacks by Huguenot renegades and a smallpox epidemic that wiped out entire villages. He is credited with 7,000 conversions and for writing a dictionary and catechism in the Huron language. St John de Brebeuf and his companions, Isaac Jogues, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalement, Charles Gamier, Noel Chabanel, John Lalonde, and Rene Goupil, were captured by the Iroquois, enemies of the Hurons, and cruelly killed at Sault Ste. Marie near Georgian Bay. They are honored as martyrs of North America.

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Butler's Lives of Patron Saints

Readings for the Week - October 15, 2023

Today! 10-15: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Monday, 10-16: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday 10-17: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday 10-18: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday 10-19: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday 10-20: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 10-21: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

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