

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

July 2, 2023

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Wednesday, July 5 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 2 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Raymond Janelle

requested by his family

Wed. July 5 5:00 pm

For the soul (†) of Marion Stone

requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9 9:15 am

For the souls (†) of Nina Williams and family

requested by the Wilczoch family

Today's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence.

Offertory June 25, 2023

Offertory	\$915.00
Father's Day	\$467.75
Grand Annual Collection	\$20.00
Candles	\$76.00
Mass intention	\$30.00
Total	\$1,508.75
Upcoming Collections	
Fuel	July 9
Church Maintenance	July 23
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (17 donors)	\$1,721.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,710.00

Prayer List
 Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
 Fr. John Loughnane
 Chad Boardman
 Chris Currier
 Carol Girard
 Isabella Gowell
 Deborah Hemingway
 Lorraine Merchant
 Roger Sheehan
 Barbara Trask
 Chee Chee Tyrell

Confessions at St. Mary Church
 Fridays
 9:30 am
 Saturdays
 3:00 - 3:45pm

Choir Rehearsal
Wed. July 5 at 6:30 pm
 New members always welcome!

Thank you to all who worked on or supported our Ham & Bean Fundraiser last night. Your contributions to our parish are very much appreciated!

Safety and Security
 Please remember to lock your car doors while attending any event in the church. Thank you!

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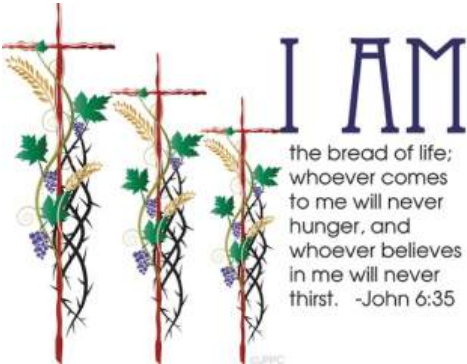
Please remember St. Joseph Church
 In your will.

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.

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 Alexandra Macintyre requested by Halford and Emelda Jones



To schedule an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, ask Sharon Wood if the date is available. (603-542-6454) or stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
 After you have confirmed the date, a donation of \$10 may be placed in an envelope marked Sanctuary Candle and the intention, the confirmed date, your name and contact information, and put into the collection basket.



Catholic Questions and Answers

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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. Do I have to pray every day?

A. Here are a few other questions to ask as well:

“Do I have to eat every day?”

“Do I have to sleep every day?”

“Do I have to brush my teeth every day?”

For a day, maybe even more, one could forgo doing these things, but a person would not like the result, which could actually do harm. By not praying, one could become self-centered, selfish, and depressed. These are just a few of the consequences. Perhaps that is why Christ commands His disciples to *pray always*.

Christ also tells His disciples that when one prays, he should go to his inner room and pray alone. Yet, Christ also says that when two or three are gathered in His name, He is present. Christ wants both private and communal prayer. Prayer, private or communal, may come in many forms: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, praise, and thanksgiving. In all these forms, prayer is a conversation with God. At times it is a dialogue, but many times it is listening. Sadly, many people think that prayer is telling God what they want or need. These people are disappointed when they do not get what they want. This is why it is important to see prayer as a conversation where you allow God to communicate what He wants for you.

Would one ever ask, “Do I have to speak to my closest friend every day?” Of course not! That's because one usually longs to speak with his or her friend to strengthen that friendship. So too, God wants His disciples to grow closer to Him. This is done through prayer. If one practices praying every day, one grows closer to God, one grows closer to the Saints in Heaven, one becomes less self-centered and, therefore, more God-centered.

So, start praying to God! Try not to do too much in one day. Prayer, like physical exercise, needs to be built up. One who is out of shape cannot do a marathon on his or her first day of exercise. Some people get discouraged when they cannot do all-night vigils in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Talk with a priest and come up with a plan. If you can visit a Church, try stopping in for five minutes of adoration. Find and recite a daily morning prayer and, at the very start of your day, dedicate it to Christ.

Read a passage from the Bible, especially from the Gospels and the Book of Psalms. While reading the passage, simply ask God to open your heart to what He is telling you. Try praying the rosary. If that seems a little much at first, try praying just one decade. The important thing to remember is not to get frustrated but to listen for the Lord to speak. When you speak, keep it focused on asking God to help others, especially the sick and suffering, including the souls in purgatory.

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Today's Mass Readings are found on page #614

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.



HYMNS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Entrance Hymn: No. 301 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Offertory Hymn: No. 384 - "Take Up Your Cross"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 474 - "America the Beautiful "

Summer Coffee Hour
Sunday July 9th
after Mass
All are welcome.
No charge.
Free Will Offerings Welcome!



K of C 3rd Degree
Monday, July 10th, 7 pm
Council Chambers
St. Mary's Gym.

St Joseph Church has been invited to participate in the 2nd Saturday Block Party on Pleasant Street on July 8. The First Congregational Church is offering indoor space for area churches to display items related to their history and heritage. This is an opportunity to share our Polish culture in a local event. It will not be difficult to gather items for our table display, since we have a collection of items related to the history of our church as well as those celebrating the Polish immigrants who founded it. We will need to have several people who are able to attend for an hour or more (between 4 and 8pm) to represent St Joseph's at our table and interact with visitors to the exhibits. Please call Sharon Wood (603-542-6454) or sharon_wood@pobox.com if you are able to help.

Feast Days and Memorials

July 3: St Thomas, Apostle

Patron of architects and builders, and of India and Pakistan

Also known as Didymus, Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, and is known for doubting that Jesus had risen from the dead. That doubt changed to faith when he saw the risen Lord. After Pentecost, he was sent to evangelize the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and ultimately reached India. A large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas" remain on the Malabar coast. According to tradition, Thomas was killed accidentally by a hunter intending to shoot a peacock. Some of his relics were taken to Edessa, and some remained in San Thome Basilica in Chennai Mylapore, India

July 5: St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, 1502-1539

Patron of the Barnabite order

Born in Cremona, Italy, this future saint became a medical doctor before feeling drawn to the religious life. He was ordained a priest and co-founded several religious congregations, including the Barnabites. He wanted to reform the decadent society of the day, beginning with the clergy, religious, and lay people. Preaching with great vigor both in church and in the street, Father Anthony conducted popular missions and was not ashamed of doing public penance. He popularized Forty-Hours Devotion and introduced the ringing of church bells at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. St. Anthony Zaccaria was only thirty-six years old when he died of illness.

July 5: St Elizabeth of Portugal, 1271-1336

Patron of the Third Order of St. Francis

Elizabeth was a young Spanish princess married to King Denis of Portugal. A beautiful and holy woman, she devoutly attended daily Mass. The King had a reputation for scandalous behavior and did not share his wife's religious devotion until an incident occurred that brought about his conversion. Believing an accusation of adultery against his wife and one of her pages, he ordered the man to be executed. Not knowing he was being sent to his death, the innocent page stopped to attend Mass and his false accuser was killed instead. The King realized that God had intervened to save the innocent man, punish the liar, and prove the innocence of his Queen. The King reformed his life and later died a holy death. Named for her great-aunt, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, this St. Elizabeth also dedicated her life to the poor, established orphanages, provided shelter for the homeless and worked as a peacemaker within her family and between nations.

July 6: St Maria Goretti, 1890-1902, Virgin, Martyr

Patron of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape

Maria's widowed mother struggled to care for her large family, but managed to instill in them a love of God. Maria was brutally stabbed and left for dead when she resisted the advances of a local youth. Before dying from her wounds the next day, Maria forgave her attacker, saying she hoped he would join her in Heaven someday. The attacker, unrepentant, was sentenced to thirty years in prison. A life-changing dream caused him to repent his crime and reform his life. After his release from prison, he begged forgiveness from Maria's mother, who said, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?" St. Maria Goretti's attacker was present in the crowd at St. Peter's for her canonization in 1950. He later became a lay brother, living and working in a monastery.



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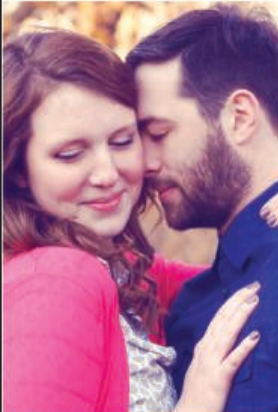
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