

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

July 9, 2023

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## St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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**Pastor, Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN**

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Tristan Smith

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### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, July 12 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

*Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 9 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of Nina Williams and family  
requested by the Wilczoch family

**Wed. July 12 5:00 pm**

For the soul (†) of Lewis Brooks Sr.  
requested by Lew and Jeanne Brooks

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 16 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of Maria Dudanowicz  
requested by Antoni Dudanowicz

**Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.**

**Offertory July 2, 2023**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Offertory                         | \$1,441.00  |
| Peter's Pence                     | \$231.00    |
| Candles                           | \$55.00     |
| Ham & Bean Supper                 | \$864.00    |
| Total                             | \$ 2,591.00 |
| <b>Upcoming Collections</b>       |             |
| Church Maintenance                | July 23     |
| <b>Ongoing Collections</b>        |             |
| NH Catholic Appeal<br>(18 donors) | \$1,921.00  |
| Grand Annual Collection           | \$5,710.00  |

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](mailto:sebaafri@comcast.net)

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

**Choir Rehearsal**  
**Wed. July 12 at 6:30 pm**  
 New members welcome!

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who  
 worked on or supported  
 our Ham & Bean Supper.  
 After expenses,  
 we made  
 a profit of \$512.22.

**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  
 Clarita Pescador  
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 Sanctuary Lamp, ask Sharon  
 Wood if the date is available.  
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 date, a donation of \$10 may be  
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 intention, the confirmed date,  
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 collection basket.

**Prayer List**  
 Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert  
 Fr. John Loughnane  
 Chris Currier  
 Carol Girard  
 Isabella Gowell  
 Deborah Hemingway  
 Roger Sheehan  
 Barbara Trask  
 Chee Chee Tyrrell

# 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. What should one do after receiving Holy Communion? Should one sit or kneel in prayer?**

A. We take our direction on all liturgical actions from what is called the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Number 43 of that Instruction states: "... if appropriate, they may sit or kneel during the period of sacred silence after Communion."

This, of course, does not answer your question directly. What it means is that it is optional to sit or kneel at that time. It is more up to the established local custom, or the custom of the national bishops' conference, to make the normative determination for each location.

Therefore, the best thing for you to do is to follow the custom of the local church under the direction of the priest. With that said, it seems most desirable to kneel at that time. Holy Communion is a sacred encounter with the Living God, and as a sign of your interior prayer, it is most desirable to enter into the most reverent posture possible. Some religious orders even lie prostrate at that moment.

However, even though it is legitimate to argue that kneeling is the best practice, and even though this is the most common gesture in most territories, it is good to act in uniformity with the local church and to follow the local custom, so as not to draw attention to yourself and to your personal prayer.

Most importantly, at that moment you should strive to tune everything else out and enter into deep prayer with God. If you do that, you can be assured that your Communion will be fruitful.

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## **Q: After praying the Our Father during Mass, when is the proper time to kneel?**

**A:** After reciting or singing the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God").

In the [General Instruction of the Roman Missal](#) (GIRM) 43, the Church prescribes:

In the dioceses of the United States of America, they should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the *Sanctus* until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by reasons of health, lack of space, the large number of people present, or some other good reason. Those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the priest genuflects after the consecration. The faithful kneel after the *Agnus Dei* unless the diocesan bishop determines otherwise (43). Thus, after the Lord's Prayer, the faithful exchange a sign of peace. After that is the Fraction Rite, in which the priest breaks the consecrated host "and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the body and blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the living and glorious body of Jesus Christ" (GIRM 83). Then the "Lamb of God" is, as a rule, sung, or at least recited aloud. When the *Agnus Dei* is completed, the faithful kneel "unless their diocesan bishop determines otherwise."

<https://www.catholic.com/qa/kneel-at-the-agnus-dei>

**Today's Mass Readings are found on page #617**

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**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Entrance Hymn: No. 356 - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Offertory Hymn: No.447- " Shepherd of Souls"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 306 - "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"



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## Feast Days and Memorials

### July 11: St Benedict, Abbot Patron of Europe

The founder of twelve monasteries, St Benedict is considered the Patriarch of Western Monasticism. Benedictines number some 6,800 religious today. He wrote the famous Monastic Rule noted for its wisdom, moderation and need for obedience.. "Let all follow the Rule as their guide in everything, and let no one rashly depart from it."

### July 13: St Henry, 972-1024 Patron saint of the childless, of Dukes, of the handicapped and those rejected by Religious Order

Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and was later elected emperor. Despite his exalted position, he recognized the greater glory of God and was most watchful over the welfare of the Church. In 1014, he received the imperial crown at the hands of Pope Benedict VIII in Rome. Circumstances several times drove the holy Emperor into war, from which he always came forth victorious. He formed many pious foundations, gave liberally to pious institutions and built the Cathedral of Bamberg, Germany. He died a holy death in the German castle of Grone.

### July 14: Memorial of St Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, 1656-1680 Patron of the environment and ecology, people in exile, and Native Americans

The first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church was the daughter of an Algonquin captive and a Mohawk chief. Smallpox killed her entire family and left her permanently scarred when she was only four. Kateri suffered much humiliation as she grew, often hiding her face behind a blanket, but was recognized as a patient and skilled worker. She refused to marry, and at nineteen, converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. This only added to her unpopularity and led her to escape persecution by joining a Christian native community south of Montreal. She took the name of Kateri, the Mohawk form of Catherine, in tribute to St. Catherine of Siena. Described by the Jesuit missionaries as very devout, often fasting and praying for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. In poor health, she died at the age of twenty-four.

### July 15: St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, 1221-1274

With her son dangerously ill, the boy John's mother begged St. Francis of Assisi to pray for his recovery. Recognizing the future greatness of the child, the saint cried out "O Buona ventura" (O good fortune!) The child recovered, and lived up to those expectations. Bonaventure entered the the Franciscan Order at twenty-two, studied in Paris, became a close friend of St. Thomas Aquinas, and at the age of thirty-five was chosen General of his Order. Known as "the seraphic doctor," he was able to restore calm in the troubled Order. He composed "The Life of St. Francis" and assisted in translating the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. St Bonaventure died while was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons.

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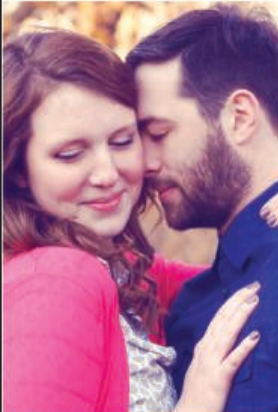
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