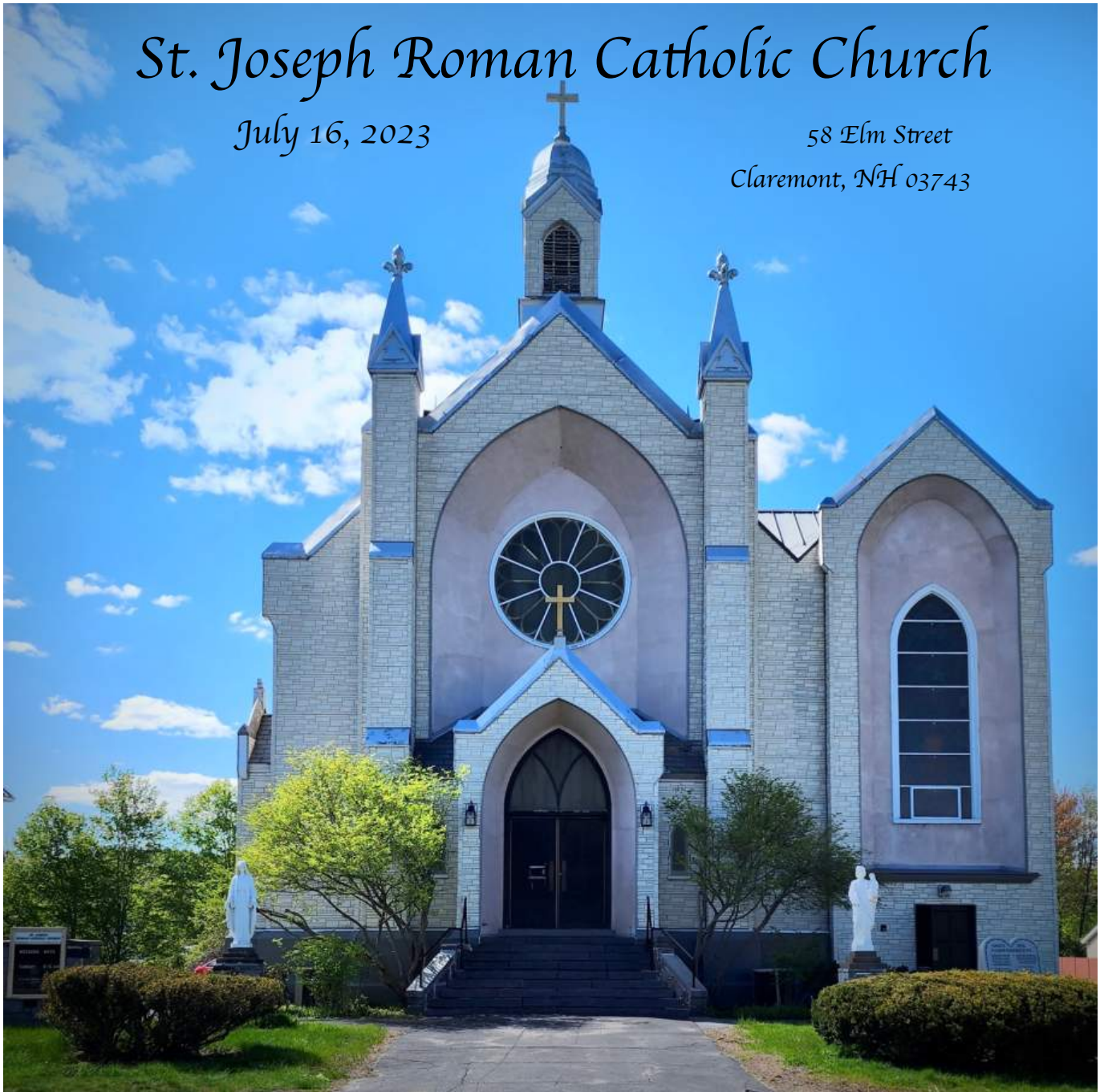


# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

July 16, 2023

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Sharon Wood

**Music Director**  
Richard Brown  
**Organists**  
Tristan Smith  
Deborah Stone

**Parish Office Hours**

Wednesday, July 19 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 16 9:15 am**

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

**Wed. July 19**

There will be no 5pm Mass this evening because Fr. Sebastian will be away on retreat. The Mass intention will be rescheduled.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

**July 23 9:15 am**

For the soul (†) of Tyler Howard  
requested by John Hamel and Aunt Shirley McNutt

**There is no 2nd Collection today.**

**Offertory July 9, 2023**

Offertory	\$1,004.31
Fuel	\$545.50
Candles	\$57.00
Total	\$ 1,606.81
<b>Upcoming Collections</b>	
Church Maintenance	July 23
<b>Ongoing Collections</b>	
NH Catholic Appeal (18 donors)	\$1,941.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,710.00

**THANK YOU** for your generosity to our Church and our Diocese!

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 for the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church



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)

**Choir Rehearsal**  
**Wed. July 19 at 6:30 pm**  
New members welcome!

**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.

Please remember St. Joseph Church  
In your will.

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

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

Please keep the victims of this week's flooding in your prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers, Jessica Ebbighausen, a 19 year old member of the Rutland, VT police Department who lost her life during a high speed chase.

To schedule an intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, ask Sharon Wood if the date is available. (603-542-6454) or [stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

# 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

### **Q. Why do we make the Sign of the Cross on our heads, lips, and chests before listening to the Gospel at Mass?**

A. The first and simplest answer to this question comes to us from the rubrics. The rubrics for the Mass are the instructions given to us in the Roman Missal, and they tell us the structure of the Mass. They tell us when to stand, sit, kneel, respond, etc. They also tell us that we are to make the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads, lips, and hearts just prior to the reading of the Gospel. But your question is probably more about the “why” we do this. The answer is simple. This gesture of signing ourselves with the Cross is a way of praying, “May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.” It is said prior to the reading of the Gospel as a way of prayerfully inviting Christ to come to us in these ways as His sacred Word is proclaimed. The hearing of the Gospel must change our minds, it must be proclaimed by our lips, and it must affect our hearts. By our hearts, we especially mean our wills, affections, emotions, and passions.

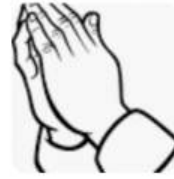
The next time you sign yourself with the Cross before the Gospel, make sure that it's more than just an external gesture; make sure it is also a prayer and an invitation to Christ.



**Today's Mass Readings are found on page #620**

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**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Entrance Hymn: No. 343 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Offertory Hymn: No.320 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 318 "Let All Things Now Living"

**St. Mary Annual Yard Sale  
Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> 8AM to 2PM**

Workers are desperately needed.  
If interested, the kick-off meeting is August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 6:30PM in the gym.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Daughters  
Penny Sale**

Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>  
St. Joseph Church Hall  
Doors open at noon.  
Sale starts at 1PM. For more info  
call Claire at 603-543-3617

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## Feast Days and Memorials

### July 18: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Patron of the sick, of nurses, doctors and hospitals; assistance against gambling

Following in his father's footsteps, this Italian youth entered the military at sixteen. A gambling addiction left him penniless when that service ended. After working at a Capuchin friary, he expressed a desire to join as a novitiate. Because of a leg wound from a battle injury he was judged incurable and was denied entry into the friary. He tried to get treatment at a hospital for incurable cases in Rome. He became a caregiver himself, and eventually a director of the hospital. His spiritual advisor, St. Philip Neri, allowed him to be ordained and to found a new congregation, the Camellians, also known as the Ministers of the Sick. They cared for those stricken by plague aboard ships and formed the first field medical unit traveling to treat wounded troops in Hungarian and Croatian battlefields. The large red cross on their cassocks are worn on their habits today as a universal symbol of charity and service. Gravely ill for many years himself, St. Camillus resigned as superior of the Order and died a few years later in Rome.

### July 20: St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Not much is known about this saint except that he was one of the most illustrious bishops of the 2nd century. It was reported that he was ordained by St Peter himself and sent as a missionary to Ravenna. Known for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, imprisoned for the faith and died a martyr's death.

### July 21: St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Caesare de Rossi joined the Capuchins at 16 and took the name Lawrence. He was a forceful preacher in Northern Italy and went on to travel widely, serving as a military chaplain, linguist, and diplomat. , linguist. He wrote a commentary on Genesis and several treatises against Luther, but his main writings are in the nine volumes of his sermons.

### July 22: St Mary Magdalene

Patron of contemplative life, converts, glove makers, hairdressers, penitent sinners, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumeries, pharmacists, sexual temptation, tanner and of women

Mary Magdalene is a true example of God's mercy and grace. She has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral, but that judgment is not supported in scripture. She is believed to have been a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles. She was said to be a great sinner that Jesus saved, showing us that no one is beyond the saving grace of God.

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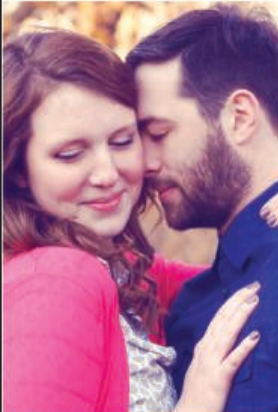
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