

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



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Sunday, July 14, 9:15 am
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

For the soul (†) of Paul St. Martin
requested by Tom DeVoyd

There will be no 5:00 pm Mass
on Wednesday, July 17.

The intention will be rescheduled.

Sunday, July 21, 9:15 am
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

For the souls (†) of Antonio and Concetta Zullo
requested by Connie Barth

Today's 2nd Collection is for Fuel.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024	
Offertory	\$931.00
Peter's Pence	\$373.00
Candles	\$15.50
6-30-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,319.50
There were 95 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$165.95
Fuel	\$19.18
TOTAL ONLINE	\$185.13
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$1,504.63

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024	
Offertory	\$1,066.00
Ham & Bean Dinner	\$970.00
Hall rental (Funeral)	\$100.00
Candles	\$51.00
7-7-24 TOTAL AT MASS	\$2,187.00
There were 95 souls in attendance.	
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$646.13
Church maintenance	\$117.83
TOTAL ONLINE	\$763.96
TOTAL at Mass and Online	\$2,950.96

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UPCOMING COLLECTIONS
 July 28: Church Maintenance
 August 11: Fuel

ONGOING COLLECTIONS
 2024 NH Catholic Appeal
 \$3,655.00, 24 donors (48% of goal)
 Grand Annual Collection



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 recovery of Darlene and Bob St. Aubin after their accident requested by family.



Have you seen the latest issue of Parable, the magazine published by the Diocese of New Hampshire? Copies are available at the back of the church.

If you are a registered parishioner, you will receive the latest issue in the mail before the box arrives at our rectory.

Don't miss the July/August 2024 issue! It has an article and photos that will bring a smile to your face!

Masses and Candle Intentions
 Intentions for Masses and the Sanctuary Lamp may be scheduled with Sherri Smith in the Church Hall after each Mass or by email to stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com
 Suggested donation: \$10.00.

JULY Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers believed that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

By meditating on the Precious Blood, we are led to a deeper consideration of the sacrificial death of Christ, when He poured out His blood for us on the cross.

Feast Days and Memorials

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.

July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel in Galilee, where the prophet Elijah defended Israel's faith in the living God. The order of Carmelites had its formal beginning at the beginning of the 13th century. Their original title was "St. Mary of Mount Carmel." Today, the Order numbers about 2, 040 priests, brothers and sisters who follow a strict comtemplative and spiritual tradition.

July 18 : Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest, 1550-1614

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. A leg wound from a battle injury was judged incurable and he was denied entry into the friary. Seeking 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.

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Sunday July 14, 2024

Am 7: 12-15; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Monday July 15, 2024

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 10: 34 – 11:1

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Is 7: 1-9; Ps 48: 2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11: 20-24

Wednesday July 17, 2024

Is 10: 5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11: 25-27

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102: 13-14ab & 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11: 28-30

Friday, July 19, 2024

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday July 20, 2024

Mi 2: 1-5; Ps 10: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12: 14-21



Home Visitation of Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

If you would like this very special Image to visit your home for a week, please contact Juanita Sweet at: juanitajoy2@gmail.com or 603-477-1348.



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. When We Forget About God, Do Things Go Bad?

A. Yes, indeed they do. But it's important to understand what "go bad" actually means. Interestingly, if someone forgets about God, meaning they turn from God, they may still have a so-called "good life" as defined by the fallen and sinful world. Thus, an atheist might become very wealthy, and be popular and successful in a worldly way. But if they lack God, while gaining the whole world, the condition of their life is still quite bad from the perspective of truth and regarding true happiness.

On the other hand, if the question simply means that you do not actively think about God for a moment or two, but still love Him and have faith, that's different. God does not punish us just because we forget to think about Him all day, every day.

Let's look at that question with some analogies to better answer it:

If a fish were to forget to live in water, would things go bad for the fish?

If a person were to forget about eating, would that cause a problem?

If a car were to be without fuel, would that make the car stop?

If a plant were put in a closet without any light, would that do harm to the plant?

Of course, the answer to all these questions is "Yes." A fish is made for water, humans need food, a car needs fuel to operate, and a plant needs light to survive. So it is with us and God. We are made to live in the life of God. Therefore, if by "forgetting about God" we mean we separate ourselves from God, then this is bad and we cannot find true fulfillment in life. If this continues unto death, then we lose God and life for eternity.

The bottom line is that without God we lose everything, including life itself. And if God is not in our lives, we lose that which is most central to who we are. We lose ourselves and fall into a life of sin.

So don't forget about God!



**Hymns for
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Hymn: No. 425
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Offertory Hymn: No. 267
"Lord, You Give
the Great Commission"

Communion: (Choir)

Recessional Hymn: No. 369
God's Blessing Sends Us Forth"

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wed. July 17 6:30 pm
New members welcome!



Mass Readings
B/621

To add a name to our Prayer List,
please ask the person's
permission first, and then notify
Sherri Smith in the
Church Hall after Mass
or send an email to
stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know is not
able to leave their home, and would
like to receive a visit from Father Se-
bastian on the 2nd Monday of every
month,
contact the Homebound Ministry
Steve Denis, Director, is assisted by
Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin & Gary
Lambert

Prayer List



Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert
Fr. John Loughnane
Mandy Albanese Brenda
Anne Cherry Chris Currier
Jean Drena Frederick Gallant
Isabella Gowell Stephen Grogan
Deborah Hemingway Karen Ouellette
Brenda Ruest Janet Ruest
Bob St. Aubin Darlene St. Aubin
Barbara Trask Chee Chee Tyrrell
Janice Vilgats Joshua White

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Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm

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After Mass
TODAY

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CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday August 3rd
4:30 – 6:30 pm
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Chicken Cacciatore
Pasta, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert,
and Beverage
\$15.00
Dine In or Take Out



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of the Unborn**



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limit our notices to those relating to St.
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requested by our Pastor and Bishop,
events we are participating in that are
sponsored by other area churches, and
Polish cultural events in the Northeast.
We thank you for understanding that
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we honored every request that comes
in.

Be safe in the summer heat!

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stjosephclaremont.org

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but the website address is singular
(St Joseph)**

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