

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

July 23, 2023

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St Joseph Roman Catholic Church
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Rick Logan, Chairman
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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday, July 26 603-542-5732 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

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

Wed. July 26

For the souls (†) of Fed and Bernice Zullo
requested by Connie Zullo Barth

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30 9:15 am

For the soul (†) of Lucille Merchant
requested by Roy and Deborah Stone

Today's 2nd Collection is for Church Maintenance.

Offertory July 16, 2023

Offertory	\$888.00
Candles	\$20.75
Hall rental	\$100.00
Total	\$ 1,026.75
Upcoming Collections	
Church Maintenance	July 23
Ongoing Collections	
NH Catholic Appeal (19 donors)	\$2,041.00
Grand Annual Collection	\$5,730.00

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 in memory of Joseph Januszewski requested by his wife Susan on their 43rd anniversary



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.

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

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

Choir Rehearsal
Wed. July 26 at 6:30 pm
New members welcome!

Safety and Security

Please remember to lock your car doors while attending 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.

Please remember St. Joseph Church
in your will.

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

*Well done, good and
faithful servant.*



Matthew 25:23

Rest in Peace, Bishop Joseph Gerry

The Most Rev. Joseph John Gerry, O.S.B., 94, who served as abbot of Saint Anselm Abbey, chancellor of Saint Anselm College and bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine, died on the 75th anniversary of his profession as a Benedictine monk, July 2, 2023. Beloved for his qualities of heart and admired for his keenness of thought, Bishop Joseph served the Church for more than seven decades as a Benedictine monk and priest, college professor and administrator, religious superior and bishop.

Bishop Joseph was born in Millinocket, Maine, on September 12, 1928, one of eight children of the late Bernard E. and Blanche A. (McManemon) Gerry. He was a 1945 graduate of Stearns High School in Millinocket, began studies at Saint Anselm College and later entered the Benedictine monastic community there. He professed first vows as a member of the Order of Saint Benedict on July 2, 1948, returned to Manchester to continue his college studies and professed solemn monastic vows in 1951. Bishop Joseph was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Manchester, June 12, 1954, by the Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady.

Although obedience to God's will would call him from his monastery to serve the Lord and his Church as a bishop, he was first and foremost a monk. His decisions, his service to the Church, his counsel, his personal relations, his prayer and work, were all governed and shaped by his formation as a disciple of Saint Benedict. It was his love of the Lord that sustained him in his long life, and it was the time he spent alone with the Lord in prayer which was the source of both his happiness and his strength. Bishop Joseph's personal coat of arms features the motto, "To Serve Rather Than To Preside."

Full obituary available at www.lambertfuneralhome.com

Today's Mass Readings are found on page #623

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Offertory Hymn: No. 407
"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Communion: (Choir)
Recessional Hymn: No. 348 "
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

CHURCH SUPPER

Saturday August 5th

4:30 – 6:30 pm

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Chicken Cacciatore,
Pasta, Vegetable, Salad,
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\$15.00

Dine In or Take Out



4th Annual

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Sunday August 20th
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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iAug 1, 6:30 pm in the gym.

Kick-off Meeting for St. Mary Annual Yard Sale to be held

Saturday August 26th 8AM to 2PM

Volunteers needed.
Please help if you can!

Feast Days and Memorials

July 24 : St Sharbel Makhlof, 1828-1898, Priest

Youssef Antoun Makhlof was born in the northern part of Lebanon. His Christian upbringing gave him a passion for prayer. Two of his uncles were monks in St Antonious Kozhaya monastery, and he decided to adopt the monastic life too. He lived in the hermitage for twenty-three years, devoting his life to prayer and worship. He became ill while saying Mass and died on Christmas Eve. His grave became a pilgrimage site with hordes of petitioners seeking his intercession for healing and spiritual graces.

July 24: St. Kinga of Poland, 1224-1292

Patron of Poland & Lithuania, and of salt miners

The daughter of a Hungarian king, Kinga was born into a saintly family. Her younger sister Margaret, their aunt Elizabeth of Hungary and great-aunt Hedwig of Andechs, Germany, were also canonized saints and her sister Yolanda has been beatified. She and the Polish prince Boleslaw V, each took vows of chastity when their marriage was arranged for the sake of their kingdoms. Princess Kinga devoted her life to charitable works such as visiting the poor and aiding lepers. After Boleslaw was killed in battle, Kinga sold all her material possessions and gave the money to the poor. She then became a nun of the Poor Clares, giving up her royal position. Known as Święta Kinga in Poland and Szent Kinga in Hungary, she was beatified in 1690 and canonized in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.

The Legend of Saint Kinga

There is a popular legend about Saint Kinga bringing salt to Poland as a wedding gift from the mines in Hungary. Deep inside the Polish salt mine at Wieliczka, the legend is illustrated with life-size salt carvings of a miner presenting a lump of rock salt to Princess Kinga. St Kinga's Chapel, 330 feet underground, is an elaborately room carved in the salt. It includes an altar, chandeliers, a wall panel of the Last Supper and a statue of Pope John Paul II. The Polish salt mines of Wieliczka and Bochnia are World Heritage Sites. A collection of photos can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/mwf8a55s>

July 25: St. James, Apostle

Patron of pilgrims, Spain, Guatemala, and Nicaragua

James, brother of John, is called "the Greater" because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name. He was the first of the Twelve to be martyred, by order of Herod Agrippa.

July 26: Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Although there is no historical evidence of Mary's ancestry, including her parents' names, we honor them for raising her as worthy to be chosen as the Mother of God. Prayer: Parents of Mary, pray for all parents that they may provide the loving home and faith faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen

July 29: St Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Patron saint of servants and cooks

From the Gospel writings of John and Luke we know that the sisters Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus often entertained Jesus at their home. We're all familiar with the story of the sisters disagreeing on their roles and responsibilities in serving their beloved guest. Jesus told Martha not be distracted by worldly concerns, but that time spent listening to Him is most important.



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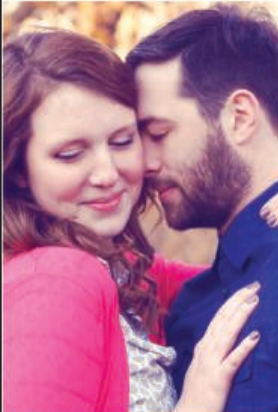
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