

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Council 1820

Please remember St. Mary's Renovation Fund in your will.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM / 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday

9:00 AM

MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00 AM every week
(Memorial Day Weekend to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday

9:30 AM

Saturday

3:00 - 3:45 PM

FAMILY HOLY HOUR First Fridays 6:00 - 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EMERGENCY NUMBER: (603) 504-5430

This number is to be used to reach Fr. Sebastian outside office hours in cases of emergency.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday

2:00 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other information regarding the parish cemetery.

December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Flower Offering



Offering by:

Charlene Addario
Marti Beagan
Jean Belaire
M/M Albert Belanger
Thomas Bertrand
Buckman Children/Grandchildren
Mary Chabot
M/M Michael Chase
M/M Richard Desbiens
Lorraine Dion
Doris Dorr
Dennis Francis
M/M Randy Fullam
M/M Michael Gilbert
M/M Victor Hamel
M/M Glenn Houle
M/M James Landry
M/M Donald LaPointe
Monique Limoges
Norma Limoges
Karen McCusker
Joseph McElreavy
Jackie Merrill
M/M David Miller
Jacqueline Ouellette
Dr. William Pamplin

M/M Michael Rivard

M/M Mark Roberts
Sandry Scovill
Lorraine Skowronski-Boggis
M/M Edward Small
M/M Michael Wagner
M/M John Wolfe
M/M David Woodburn

In Memory/Honor of:

Fr. Sebastian, Ricardo Addario, Leonard & Anna Gerazin, Domenico & Consiglia Addario
Mike Beagan, Mike & Beatrice Beagan, Lawrence & Helena Collins, Dan & Lois Collins, Julie Beagan
Robert Belaire, Frank & Julia Sanders, Fred & Winnie Belaire
Arthur & Bernadette Belanger, Arthur Belanger Jr., Don & Theresa LaPoint
Charlie Fletcher
Mary Buckman
Leo & Barbara Lessard, Ed & Erleen Chabot
Herbert & Gisele Chase
Lucien & Aline Desbiens, Carmine D'Amante, Jennie Millette, Mary Bourgoine
Arthur Dion Jr, Gertrude Bernier, Gertrude Dion, Arthur Dion Sr, Irene Bernier
C. Edwin Dorr
Richard & Helen Francis
Charles & Joan Holmes, Mike & Denise Cummings, Charlie Holmes, Robin Flaig, Tela Flaig
Gilbert Family, McElreavy Family
Hamel Family, Nalette Family, Hebert Family
M/M Gabriel Houle, Richard Houle, Helene Langevin
Albert & Yvonne Landry
James & Jeannette Clough, Joseph & Marie LaPointe
George Limoges
Juliette Paradis, Therese Limoges
Peter McCusker; Jean Weed; Roger, Margaret & Mark Ferland; William Lewis
Christine McElreavy, McElreavy Family, Johnson Family
Albert & Yvonne Landry
Ryan Falkowski
Eugene Ouellette
Charles & Catherine Pamplin, Al & Audrey Maynard, Charles Pamplin III, Deb Pamplin,
Charles & Juanita Pamplin
William & Mary Raymond, Gerard & Patricia Rivard, William Raymond III, Mathew Raymond,
Jeffrey Raymond, Timothy Raymond
Wilton & Nellie Roberts, Charles & Jeanette Finke, Lorette Leclerc, Justin Roberts, Baby L, Tim Griffin
David Scovill
Michael & Lucille Skowronski, Dan & Carol Osiecki, Ed Boggis
Joseph & Roseanna Therrien, Victor & Marion Small, Gary & Joy Small

Eugene & Bernadette Theroux
Herbert & Gisele Chase

Joy to the world

The Lord is come



December 21, 2024—December 29, 2024

Sat. Dec 21
4:00 PM

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
Bev Flanagan (†)
By Her Sister



Sun. Dec 22
8:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Emig and Mathauser Families
By Frank Emig

10:30 AM

Gerald Gingras (†)
By Family

Mon. Dec 23
9:00 AM

Late Advent Weekday
Gerald Gingras (†)
By the Family

Tue. Dec 24
4:00 PM

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Thomas Mathauser (†)
By Frank Emig

Wed. Dec 25
12:00 AM

The Nativity of the Lord
Paul and Rolande St. Pierre (†)
By Family

Thur. Dec 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr
No Mass

Fri. Dec 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
No Mass

Sat. Dec 28
4:00 PM

Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
For the People

Sun. Dec 29
8:00 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Archie and Dora Hockel (†)
By Mark and Carla Lafontaine

10:30 AM

Paul Duval (†) and Leonard Veilleux (†)
By Bev Duval

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Tues. Dec 24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Wed. Dec 25	Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Thurs. Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Fri. Dec 27	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1-8
Sat. Dec 28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Sun. Dec 29	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th until Monday, December 30th to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Wishing you and your family a safe and joyful Christmas!

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 15, 2024

Envelopes (51).....	\$2,269.50
Loose.....	\$1,095.00
Church Maintenance.....	\$924.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$1,048.79
Capital Campaign.....	\$240.42

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	December 14/15
Catholic Outreach	December 21/22

Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal checks should be made payable to "New Hampshire Catholic Appeal."

Capital Campaign checks should be made payable to "God's House, Our Home."

PRAYER LIST

Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list

Deb Bedard	Joan Flaherty	David Montano
Marc Bissonette	Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette
Bob Bonebrake	Marilyn Gilbert	Dennis Palmer
Paul Boudreau	Richard C. Hall	Jesse Rivard
Andy Champy	Geoffrey Houle	Christine Snyder
Mike Clay	Timothy Houle	Andrew St. Pierre
Rev. Daniel Cogut	David Immic	Barbara St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Gloria Kalbfleisch	Edward Stone
Liz Jones-Dern	Al Kulacz	Mary Sullivan
Cheryl DeZafra	Donna Kulacz	Ryan Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	John Laushance	Enola Surrall
Susan Doody	Diane Lavigne	Richard Tremblay
Jimmy Dunn	Matthew Limoges	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Louise Unger
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	Felicity Wallace
Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michaud	Joe Wallace



Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Art Ford as requested by Ron Perron.

Welcome New Parishioners....Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish!

Parish registration forms are available in the back of the church or on the parish website.

Please contact the Parish Office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

HYMNS—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: #84—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Offertory Hymn: #99—Savior of the Nations, Come

Communion Hymn: #101—O Come, Divine Messiah

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #100—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Council 1820—Special Meeting
Monday, December 30th—7:00 PM
Knights of Columbus Chambers



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. December 28th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. December 29th — 7:30—10:30 AM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Aluminum cans only! Rinse out cans, do not crush them.
5 cent plastic soda bottles marked VT accepted. Check markings!

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

4:00 PM St. Mary Church

December 25th

12:00 AM St. Mary Church
9:00 AM St. Joseph Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Friday—December 20th

9:30 AM St. Mary Church

Saturday—December 21st

3:00 PM St. Mary Church



Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish

If you or someone you know needs assistance with food or living expenses, please call Denny Francis of Catholic Outreach at 603-543-0551



Jesus said, "I came that they may have LIFE and have it abundantly (John 10:10)
Merry Christmas!

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry



If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Fr. Sebastian, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Visits are made on the 2nd Monday of every month. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, or Gary Lambert.

Advent "Tree of Life" 2024

Monetary donations are still being accepted until December 31. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our local families who are struggling. They will enjoy wrapping the gifts that you have so thoughtfully chosen and presenting them to their children on Christmas morning. The Claremont Kiwanis Club is the organization that coordinated the giving of about 800 clothing gifts and many toys too! St. Mary's is the largest donor since we purchased over 200 clothing gifts this year. We couldn't do it without the help of so many of you! May the joy you have shared with others come back to bless your own Christmas! Thank you!

St. Mary Parish 2025 calendars
are available at each church entrance.

ST. MARY CEMETERY:

It is Fr. Sebastian's expressed wish that we move slowly in enforcing particular rules and regulations pertaining to St. Mary Cemetery, as he is sensitive to the vocalized concerns involved with perceived changes regarding the maintenance of St. Mary Cemetery. Each year, at Father's and the Cemetery Committee's direction, we will proceed with efforts to have a unified beauty and Catholic identity in St. Mary Cemetery.

PLASTIC FLOWERS are to be removed from all graves in St. Mary Cemetery by December 31st. All plastic flowers remaining at that time will be thrown away by the cemetery maintenance volunteers.

HOLIDAY WREATHS

Families and friends are welcome to place wreaths on a loved one's grave for the holiday season. All wreaths will be picked up and thrown away by January 6, 2025.
Thank you!



Campaign Corner

As Steve Horton, hired as the parish representative for the church project, explained at the parish meeting, the path going forward is with a construction management company. Mr. Horton is in the process of soliciting interest from local/regional companies and so far the interest is very high. He is working on Requests for Proposal from these companies and once received, the Steering Committee will select a CM. This process will play out over the next several weeks, and we will update parishioners as progress is made.