

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Deacon James Wilton
Mary K. Keating
Joe Labrecque
Kevin Krawiec

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM
Monday / Tuesday / Friday	12:10 PM
Wednesday	7:30 AM
No Mass on Thursday	

MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 8:00 AM every week
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Friday	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 PM
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ST. MARY CEMETERY

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Chapel Hours

Monday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19th—Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The announcement that many people have been anxious and longing to hear for several years finally came on Dec. 8 as Pope Francis declared the beginning of a Year of St. Joseph. The timing was perfect, coming on the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX declaring St. Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church and on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Joseph's spouse. Along with the Pope's announcement in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde* ("Heart of the Father") came a proclamation from the Apostolic Penitentiary about special plenary indulgences that are now available for this Year of St. Joseph.

Plenary Indulgences for the Year of St. Joseph

All this year until Dec. 8, 2021, the decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary, which is in charge of indulgences, has established that the faithful "following his example can daily strengthen their life of faith in the full fulfillment of God's will." They will have "the opportunity to commit themselves, with prayers and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that today afflict the contemporary world."

Back 150 years ago when Pius IX also saw turmoil aplenty, causing him to then declare St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. What are these indulgences the Apostolic Penitentiary is bestowing in this Year of St. Joseph per the Holy Father's decree to "benefit the perfect achievement of the intended purpose?"

We can gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, "with a soul detached from any sin" if we participate in the Year of St. Joseph in several specific ways that the Apostolic Penitentiary has established for us to gain the plenary indulgence.

As long as we're in the state of grace one sacramental confession suffices for gaining several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required for each plenary indulgence. According to the most recent Church guidelines on the subject, "it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act." Yet "it is, however, fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day the work is performed."

Here are the many opportunities and ways throughout this Year of St. Joseph, from now until Dec. 8, 2021, for us to gain the plenary indulgence over and over. Fulfilling the above conditions along with performing one of the particular works determined by the Penitentiary office can be done daily. One plenary indulgence per day. Remember, the only living person we can apply it to is our self. And we can apply it to any soul in purgatory. Think how many souls you get help — from relatives to unknowns by asking St. Joseph and Mary to pick out the souls for you.

First, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father," renew faithfulness to prayer and listen intensely to God's will, the plenary indulgence is granted if we meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father, or be part of a "spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph."

Second, St. Joseph the just man "urges us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in fulfilling one's duties." Because St. Joseph practiced the virtue of justice in a perfectly model way "full adherence to the divine law, which is the law of mercy. So following St. Joseph's example, we can obtain a plenary indulgence carrying out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.

Third, St. Joseph's main vocation was to be guardian of the Holy Family, husband of Mary, and legal father of Jesus. To inspire, enthuse and encourage all Christian families to live with the same "intimate communion, love and prayer" that the Holy Family lived, we can obtain a plenary indulgence for praying the Holy Rosary "in families and between engaged couples." What a start this is for engaged couples' upcoming marriage too.

Fourth, considering the feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted on May 1, 1955, those can gain a plenary indulgence "who daily entrust their activities to the protection of St. Joseph and all the faithful who invoke with prayer" the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker (or Craftsman) "so that who is looking for work can find a job and work [for] everyone is more dignified."

Fifth, considering the Holy Family's flight to Egypt "shows us that God is where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he escapes, where he experiences rejection and abandonment," as Francis said, we can gain a plenary indulgence if we recite the Litany to St. Joseph (Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph, in whole or at least some of it (Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to St. Joseph "proper to other liturgical traditions" for the Church persecuted *ad intra* [interior, from inside] and *ad extra* [exterior, from outside] and for the relief of all Christians who suffer every form of persecution."

Sixth, "to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph's patronage on the Church," we can gain a plenary indulgence if we recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph — for example, "To you, O Blessed Joseph", especially on his feast days of March 19 and May 1, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (this year on Sunday, Dec. 27), on the Byzantine Rite's St. Joseph's Sunday, on the 19th of each month and on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to St. Joseph.

"Wednesday is special to me," Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, said. "Just like we have the First Saturdays devotion, I think now we're going to see an increase of attention to the First Wednesday of the month." At the same time "we have the incentive to remember that every Wednesday" is dedicated to St. Joseph.

Father Calloway reminds that under these prayers to St. Joseph, we "can also do get the indulgence by doing the Consecration to St. Joseph." Earlier this year the Apostolic Penitentiary gave him a letter granting that anyone who does the consecration can gain a plenary indulgence.

St. Joseph's Time Has Arrived

This Year of St. Joseph is ready to draw down graces upon us through the intercession of St. Joseph. Exactly 103 years after he appeared in the last Fatima apparition with Mary, and as he held the Child Jesus with whom he jointly blessed the world, St. Joseph is ready to bring this downpour of grace after grace upon us — if we accept and follow and ask and pray. What an unbelievable gift from heaven. Father Calloway thinks each diocese is probably going to organize some specific conferences on St. Joseph. He also thinks "regional events are going to spread in the world," including "talks on the family, talks on manhood ... it's going to be huge." As St. Teresa of Avila said, "To other saints it seems that God has granted to help us in this or that need, while I have experienced that the glorious St. Joseph extends his patronage on all." This year St. Joseph wants us to believe that and act upon that.

March 13, 2021—March 21, 2021

Sat. Mar 13 4:00 PM	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent George Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Sun. Mar 14 8:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Lent For the People
10:30 AM	Anne Houle (†) By Glenn & Wendy Houle
Mon. Mar 15	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Tue. Mar 16	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Wed. Mar 17	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Thur. Mar 18	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Fri. Mar 19 12:10 PM	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Special Intention By Mary K. Keating
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat. Mar 20 4:00 PM	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent Geraldine Palya (†) and Loretta Stut (†) By Family
Sun. Mar 21 8:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Lent Christine McElreavy (†) By Rick & Sue Doody
10:30 AM	For the People

All 3 weekend Masses are livestreamed on Facebook for those who are unable to attend. The church is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Monday and Friday from 3:00-4:00 PM.

Thank you to all who are generously sending in their weekly offertory. Please continue to support the parish weekly. It is imperative to the running of our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
- Fr. Shawn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 15	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tues. Mar 16	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wed. Mar 17	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs. Mar 18	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri. Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
Sat. Mar 20	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun. Mar 21	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

WEEKLY OFFERING . . . Stewardship
Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in gratitude for all of God's gifts.
Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also for those who make up envelopes!

March 7, 2021

Offertory	\$4187.00
Fuel	\$1285.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Catholic Relief Services	Mar 13/14
Buck-A-Month	Mar 20/21

PLEASE NOTE ... All checks made payable to: St. Mary Parish.
You are welcome to indicate the collection in the memo section of your check. Checks for St. Vincent de Paul Society **should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

PRAYER LIST

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

Jeff Albright	Dennis Fontaine	Matthew Merrill
Doris Allen	Herb Foster	Ann Milan
Bill Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
Gloria Beattie	Jay Grey	Mary Ouellette
Joan Beattie	Joan Grey	Deborah Phaup
Scott Beattie	Bailey Hanson	Mike Poirier
William Beattie	Douglas Hartwell	Marilyn Prever
Georgette Boudreau	Deborah Hemingway	Mary Raymond
Carol Braga	Renee Honeman	Lucille Richards
Gary Bromley	Gabriel Houle	Gloria Santini
Pauline Buckner	David Immic	Cheryl Shaimas
Stephen Burlew	Donna Kulacz	Christopher Shaimas
Sis Corsale	Richard LaCasce	Andrew St. Pierre
Douglas Craig	Pearl Landry	Elaine St. Pierre
McKenna Day	Ray Lemieux	Marcy St. Pierre
Rebecca DeVoyd	Merranda Lenahan	Mary Sullivan
Claire Doe	Matthew Limoges	Peter Sullivan
Susan Doody	Roy Lucier	Christine Synder
Thomas Eagen	Lucille Matteau	Carolyn Theroux
Charles Eastman	Terry McGuire	David White
Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt	Roy Winot

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES

Zachary Long... US Army

Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy

Call the parish office to add your loved ones in the service.

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—March 2021

Intention for Evangelization —Sacrament of Reconciliation Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

"Memorial Candle Fund"

Candles burning in the Church/Adoration Chapel
for all those who are dying.



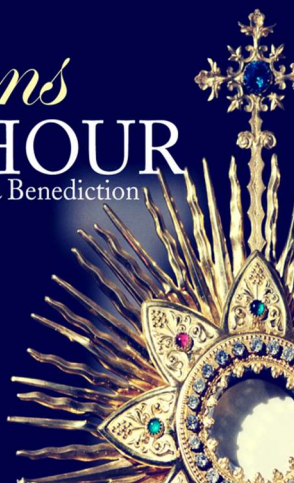
Welcome New Parishioners...Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Forward! Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 14th!

Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Every
Thursday
Evening
6:00-7:00 PM



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Ct. Virgil H. Barber #892

Bring a "Green Gift" for Yankee Swap

Tuesday, March 16th-6:30 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall

Masks required and social distancing
will be observed.

Office and Church Notice:

The parish office will be closed beginning Wednesday, March 10th and will reopen on Thursday, March 18th.

The church will be closed during the same time period, March 10th through the 17th. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Monday, March 15th.



On the weekend of March 13th and 14th, the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services. In the past we

have made CRS Rice Bowls available in the church for parishioners to take home and collect their loose change for the collection. In attempts to minimize the possibility of spreading the COVID virus, the diocese had instructed parishes to use caution in placing materials in the churches. We have placed several Rice Bowls on the table in the back of the main entrance but will also have Rice Bowls available at the parish office. The bowls will need to be turned in by March 31st. It is preferred that bowls full with coins be turned into the parish office.

As you may know, St. Vincent de Paul Society is closed for the duration of the pandemic. However, if you or someone you know needs assistance and would like to speak with someone from St. Vincent de Paul Society, please call 603-543-0551. Be sure to leave a message with your name and phone number and someone will return your call. Thank you!



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.

Amen.

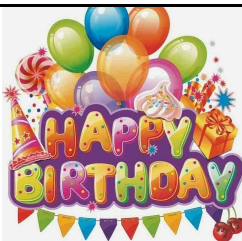
Upcoming Pro-Life Event:

Saturday
March 27

Prayer-Witness Vigil for Life
Across from Planned Parenthood
136 Pleasant St., Claremont, NH
Noon to 1:00 p.m.



All are welcome to come witness for life and pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the unborn and to convert the culture of death. Please contact Walt Stapleton with any questions.



Happy birthday to Rita Moore! She will be **102** on March 30th. If you would like to send her a birthday card, please send to Room 212, Elmwood Center, 290 Hanover Street, Claremont NH 03743. Her daughter, Lillian Phaup, has given permission to publish Rita's address. Congratulations Rita!



Vocations Prayer Corner

This week we pray for all men discerning the vocation to the priesthood. May their hearts be open to God's call.

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. March 27th - 3:00-4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. March 28th - 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!
Proceeds go to 2 seminarians and a postulant.

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