

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastor

Administrative Assistant

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Parish Hospitality/Security

Catholic Outreach Director

Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN

Mary K. Keating

Joe Labrecque

Kevin Krawiec

Moriah Lombardi

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Denny Francis

*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  
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday

9:30 AM

Saturday

3:00 - 3:45 PM

## VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

## ST. MARY CEMETERY

Old Church Road

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

Thursday

6:00 - 7:00 PM

## 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

## CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday

2:00 PM

**March 26, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



### **ST. MARY PARISH:**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

4:00 PM Mass (Saturday)

7:45 AM Mass / 10:30 AM Mass (Sunday)

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper/Adoration

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

2:30 PM The Lord's Passion/Veneration of the Cross

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

7:00 PM Easter Vigil

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Mass / 10:30 AM Mass

### **ST. JOSEPH PARISH:**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

9:15 AM Mass

#### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

5:00 PM Mass

5:30 PM Confessions

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

11:00 AM Blessing of the Food

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

9:15 AM Mass

## **ITALIAN FOOD**

(Prepared by Louis Millette)

**Date:** Friday, April 21, 2023

**Time:** 4:30 PM-7:00 PM

**Place:** St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

### **Menu:**



Spaghetti w/Meatballs

Italian Bread

Salad

Desserts

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

Please RSVP to:

St. Mary Rectory at (603) 542-9518

or [stmarysclaremont@comcast.net](mailto:stmarysclaremont@comcast.net)

There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the church following all Masses

Free Will Offering

All Proceeds to Benefit the Church Renovation

## **Parish Capital Campaign Update:**

Fr. Sebastian and the Steering Committee have been very busy the past 2 months conducting interviews with companies throughout the country who submitted proposals for the St. Mary Parish Capital Campaign to raise funds for the necessary church renovation and repair. Mrs. Bevin Kennedy of the Diocese of Manchester participated in these interviews as well and provided invaluable assistance with her knowledge of and experience with both the companies and parish campaigns.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that St. Mary Parish has contracted with Guidance in Giving, Inc. to conduct the campaign. Mr. Stephen Babcock, Chief Operating Officer of Guidance in Giving, Inc., made the extra effort to be with us in person for the initial interview. We believe he will bring a special, custom touch to the campaign and are looking forward to working with him.

Mr. Babcock will be in the Parish Office next week to begin the parish data collection, and you will be seeing him/hearing from him in the near future.

Please continue to keep the parish campaign in your prayers!





**March 25, 2023—April 2, 2023**

<b>Sat. Mar 25</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Rene and Bertha Lamarre (†) By Cheryl Gonyea
<b>Sun. Mar 26</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People
<b>Mon. Mar 27</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Pearl Landry (†) By Robert Landry
<b>Tue. Mar 28</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. Mar 29</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Thur. Mar 30</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Lillian Harvey (†), Leonard & Alma Newell (†), and Ida Bresell (†) By Deborah Harvey
<b>Fri. Mar 31</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Frank and Marianne Sanders (†) By Al & Doris Bergeron
<b>Sat. Apr 1</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Intentions of Michael and Maryrose McLaughlin By Bernadette McLaughlin
4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of Palm Sunday</b> Charles Fletcher (†) By Paul & Lorraine Lafreniere
<b>Sun. Apr 2</b> <b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Roy Lucier (†) By Michael & Sharon Gilbert and Steve Denis
10:30 AM	For the People

*The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.*

*15-Minute Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory are prayed after each daily Mass during Lent.*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 27	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tues. Mar 28	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed. Mar 29	Dn 3:14-20, 92-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs. Mar 30	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri. Mar 31	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat. Apr 1	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun. Apr 2	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66

## PARISH OFFERING

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY - MARCH 19, 2023

Envelopes (52).....	\$1,505.00
Loose.....	\$1,048.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$756.00

### ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$692.86
Church Maintenance.....	\$100.83
Fuel.....	\$127.06

Total Collected for Grand Annual Collection...\$26,198.00

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Outreach	March 25/26
Fuel	April 1/2
Church Maintenance	April 8/9

*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."*

*Grand Annual Collection now available with online giving.*

### PRAYER LIST

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

Deb Bedard	David Grey	Leanne Mortell
Georgette Boudreau	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
Carol Braga	Renee Honeman	Melvin Parker
Mary Brunet	Geoffrey Houle	Lynn Raymond
Stephen Burlew	Timothy Houle	Mary Raymond
Andy Champy	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Mary DiFilippo	Nancy Kingsbury	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Diane Landry	Peter Sullivan
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Christine Snyder
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Richard Tremblay
Chuck Ferland	Fr. John Loughnane	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Joan Flaherty	Barbara Manning	Louise Unger
Dennis Fontaine	Shirley McNutt	George Veilleux
Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Sylvia Michaud	Joe Wallace
David Goodwin	David Montano	



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
David Scovill  
as requested by Sandra Scovill.



Please consider online contributions to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website and click on the "Give Online" button.

**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—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Processional Hymn: #327—Light High the Cross

Offertory Hymn: #171—Draw Near, O Lord

Communion Hymn: #368—I Am the Bread of Life

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #178—Forty Days and Forty Nights



### Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. March 25th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Sun. March 26th — 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.**



## 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

## Sacramental Preparation Classes

Classes began on Sunday, January 29, 2023. All classes will be held following the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:30). These classes are designed for those baptized children, 2nd grade and above, who desire the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Confession and Confirmation. We will meet every other Sunday in the St. Dominic Room on the 2nd floor of the Annex building. Because this catechesis is part of the Family Faith Formation program, parents are encouraged to attend. Any questions, please contact Kevin Krawiec at 603-801-6130 or kkrwiec26@gmail.com.

THANK YOU! Lou and I would like to thank all those who contributed to the great success of our recent St. Patrick's dinner. We thank the parishioners and our brother Knights who helped decorate, cook, bake, serve, sell tickets and those that stayed on to help clean up. We are also grateful to our fellow parishioners and friends that attended the dinner. Truly we felt a community of fellowship that day.

Save the date (hint: March 10th, 2024) Kevin and Lou



## Save the Date!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

4th Annual Penny Sale

Sunday, April 23rd

St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont

Members and friends who would like to donate—contact  
Claire Lessard, Coordinator—603-543-3617.



Rita Moore will be celebrating her **104th** birthday on March 30th! If anyone would like to send her a card, please mail it to her at Elmwood Center, Room 212, 290 Hanover Street, Claremont, NH 03743.

## Parish Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Parish is seeking to onboard a Director for a proposed parish child care center. The individual would be involved in the early stages of the decision-making process prior to opening and engaged directly and enthusiastically in the start-up of the center. It is required that a candidate be a practicing Catholic who understands the importance of providing a positive childcare environment based on good Catholic values. Once open, the Director will be responsible for the daily operation of the program and ensure the program's compliance with all applicable federal, state and local codes, as well as diocesan policies. Other responsibilities will include: Oversee staff, assist in the creation of a budget, market the facility, meet with parents and parish personnel regularly. This is a new venture for the parish, one that will provide a much-needed service with a Catholic identity. Salary and benefits will be based on experience. Interested candidates should send a brief description of interest in the position along with any relevant experience to [stmarysclaremont@comcast.net](mailto:stmarysclaremont@comcast.net).

Fr. Sebastian visits the homebound on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 or email Fr. Sebastian directly at his parish email address of [sebaafri@comcast.net](mailto:sebaafri@comcast.net).

HOME VISITS



On all Fridays in Lent, a Penitential Bread & Soup Meal will be held in St Joseph Church Hall, beginning at 5pm, followed by Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30 pm. No advance sign-up required; free will offerings accepted.

After over 3 years, Fr. Sebastian will **FINALLY** be able to travel back home to India to visit his family. He will be gone from April 10th until May 19th. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travelling and a relaxing, joyful visit with his family. While he is gone, daily Mass will not be celebrated but all weekend Masses will be celebrated with a visiting priest. Also, there will be Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 18th, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.