

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Music Director
Interim Faith Formation Director
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Parish Hospitality/Security

Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN
Mary K. Keating
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Kevin Krawiec
Moriah Lombardi
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
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 9:30 AM
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

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

February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent

Lenten Day of Recollection

Mary's Fiat

**St. Mary Church
Saturday, March 25th**

9:00 AM—Mass

9:30 AM—Light Breakfast

10:00 AM—First Reflection

10:45 AM—Break (Opportunity for Discussions)

11:15 AM—Second Reflection

Noon—Break (Opportunity for Discussions)

12:30 PM—Lunch

1:15 PM—Prayer Experience in the Church with Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and Third Reflection)

2:45 PM—Discussion and Closing

3:00-3:45 PM—Confessions

4:00 PM—Sunday Vigil Mass

Please register no later than March 21st by either contacting the Parish Office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or 603-542-9518. You may also register by completing the sign-up sheet in the Church.

Guest Speaker:

**Very Rev. Christopher Martel, Pastor
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Manchester NH**



February 25, 2023—March 5, 2023

Sat. Feb 25 4:00 PM	Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent Intentions of Marie Lozito By Patrick Lozito
Sun. Feb 26 8:00 AM	First Sunday of Lent Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Feb 27 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Gail Atkins (†) By Bill Pamplin
Tue. Feb 28	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Wed. Mar 1	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Thur. Mar 2	Lenten Weekday <i>Daily Mass Cancelled Due to Funeral Mass</i>
Fri. Mar 3 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday (First Friday) Intentions of Victor and Shirley Hamel By Mary K. Keating
Sat. Mar 4 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Arthur R. Dion (†) By Lorraine Dion
4:00 PM	Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent Charles Fletcher (†) By Connie Barth
Sun. Mar 5 8:00 AM	Second Sunday of Lent Christine McElreavy (†) By Joseph McElreavy & Family
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. Feb 27	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tues. Feb 28	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wed. Mar 1	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thurs. Mar 2	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Fri. Mar 3	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat. Mar 4	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun. Mar 5	Gn 12:1-4/2 Tm 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Envelopes (64).....	\$1,881.50
Loose.....	\$1,210.00
Church Maintenance.....	\$970.00
Mardi Gras Dinner.....	\$1,049.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$677.45
Fuel.....	\$177.89
Church Maintenance.....	\$50.00

Total Collected for Grand Annual Collection...\$24,953.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Outreach	February 25/26
Fuel	March 4/5

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

Bill Beattie	David Goodwin	Sylvia Michaud
Gloria Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
William Beattie	Jake Grey	Leanne Mortell
Deb Bedard	Renee Honeman	Mary Ouellette
Carol Braga	Geoffrey Houle	Melvin Parker
Mary Brunet	Timothy Houle	Lynn Raymond
Stephen Burlew	David Immic	Mary Raymond
Andy Champy	Paul Keating	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	Robert Tancrede
Chuck Ferland	Fr. John Loughnane	Richard Tremblay
Joan Flaherty	Roy Lucier	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Dennis Fontaine	Barbara Manning	Louise Unger
Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Shirley McNutt	George Veilleux



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Mary Lou Millenbach as requested by Mary K. Keating.

GiveOnline
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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—First Sunday in Lent

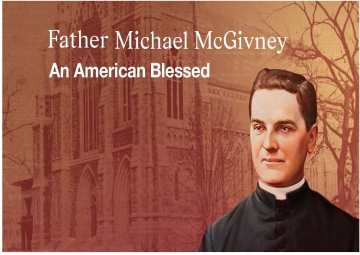
Processional Hymn: #174—Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Offertory Hymn: #573—Amazing Grace

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #694—God's Blessing Sends Us Forth




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In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPECIATUS PRODUCTIONS

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.



St. Mary Parish is seeking a part-time maintenance employee to clean the church on a weekly basis and perform janitorial duties as needed in the gym. Duties will also include small maintenance jobs around the parish campus. Please contact the Parish Office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or 603-542-9518 if you or someone you know would be interested. Hourly rate of pay based on experience.



The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, March 12th in St. Mary's Gym. Doors open at 12:00 noon with a buffet served beginning at 12:30 PM.

Ticket prices: \$20.00 per adult, \$40.00 per family
Children under 12 eat for free.

Traditional Irish dinner served, along with macaroni & cheese and hot dogs available for the kids.

All proceeds benefit KofC programs as well as restoration to St. Mary Church.

Tickets to the St. Patrick Dinner, a fundraiser approved by the Knights of Columbus, will be on sale after all the Masses beginning this weekend.

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.

HOME VISITS



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 3rd, St. Mary Church

Mass at 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 AM—10:30 AM

Adoration 9:30 AM—4:00 PM



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 kkrawiec26@gmail.com.