

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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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.

January 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

How to Participate

Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do.

- Go to Mass
- Abstain from meat
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Fast
- Pray a decade of the Rosary
- Give up TV and movies for the day
- Offer A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else

"Concern for the child, even before birth, from the first moment of conception and then throughout the years of infancy and youth, is the primary and fundamental test of the relationship of one human being to another."

St. John Paul II



January 18, 2025—January 26, 2025

Sat. Jan 18 4:00 PM	Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Intentions of Norma Limoges By Agnes Grimo
Sun. Jan 19 8:00 AM	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Merrill McGuire (†) By His Wife Helen & Children
10:30 AM	Alfred and Eveline Cote (†) By Mark & Carla Lafontaine
Mon. Jan 20	Weekday No Mass
Tue. Jan 21	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr No Mass
Wed. Jan 22	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Jan 23	Weekday No Mass
Fri. Jan 24	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Church Doctor No Mass
Sat. Jan 25 4:00 PM	Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Oscar Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne
Sun. Jan 26 8:00 AM	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	David Baldasaro (†) By Shirley Baldasaro

This weekend we welcome Fr. Romualdo Lopez Delgado as the celebrant of Masses for both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's.

Please keep Fr. Sebastian in your prayers as he visits family in India.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jan 20	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tues. Jan 21	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed. Jan 22	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thurs. Jan 23	Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri. Jan 24	Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Sat. Jan 25	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Sun. Jan 26	Neh 8:2-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - JANUARY 12, 2025
Not Available at Time of Bulletin Printing

ONLINE GIVING
Not Available at Time of Bulletin Printing

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS	
Catholic Outreach	January 25/26
Fuel	February 1/2
Church Maintenance	February 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."

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	Marilyn Gilbert	David Montano
Marc Bissonette	Richard C. Hall	Mary Ouellette
Bob Bonebrake	Joshua Head	Dennis Palmer
Paul Boudreau	Geoffrey Houle	Jesse Rivard
Andy Champy	Timothy Houle	Christine Snyder
Mike Clay	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Rev. Daniel Cogut	Gloria Kalbfleisch	Barbara St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Don Keating	Edward Stone
Liz Jones-Dern	Al Kulacz	Mary Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	Donna Kulacz	Ryan Sullivan
Susan Doody	John Laushance	Enola Surrall
Jimmy Dunn	Diane Lavigne	Richard Tremblay
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Pauline Trottier
Frank Emig	Fr. John Loughnane	Louise Unger
Joan Flaherty	Jerry Malone	Felicity Wallace
Dennis Fontaine	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 prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #274—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Offertory Hymn: #593—Hear I Am, Lord

Communion Hymn: #559—Ubi Caritas

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #595—The Church's One Foundation

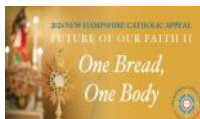


SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

ATTENTION PARENTS: We are in the process of planning sacrament preparation classes for First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If you are interested in having your children participate,

please contact Lisa Sweet at claremontfaithformation@gmail.com or call the Parish Office. Registration is required. Cost is \$35.00 per child for materials that cover all three sacraments.



NH Catholic Appeal:

We are grateful to all parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$7,135.00** toward our goal of \$32,307.93. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please mail your gift in an Appeal envelope or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Envelopes are available in the church. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Please make all checks payable to **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**.

The Sanctuary candle burning in the church may be burned as an offering in memory of a loved one or for the special intention of someone by making a \$10.00 donation to the parish. This is an offering that has been available at St. Mary Church but not given much attention over the past several years. The intention of the offering will be published in the bulletin. Offering requests made be scheduled for specific weeks of the year to commemorate special dates or anniversaries. Please contact the parish office for further information.



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



St. Mary Parish ProLife Ministry

Contact Juanita Sweet or the Parish Office for more information

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, and Bill Pamplin.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you receive a suspicious email or text supposedly from Fr. Sebastian requesting you contact him, PLEASE do not respond. There are emails AND TEXTS circulating to various individuals ultimately requesting money and gift cards. These are SCAMS and should not be answered.

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

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

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

GiveOnline
easy, fast, secure.

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

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.

ALL HOLIDAY WREATHS and PLASTIC FLOWERS were to be removed from all graves in St. Mary Cemetery at this point.. All such items still remaining will now be thrown away by the cemetery maintenance volunteers.



Campaign Corner

Steve Horton informed us that he has received proposals from two regional companies concerning the church project and interest is very high. He anticipated receiving the third proposal end of last week. As we know, three bids are required per diocesan protocol. The Steering Committee anticipates beginning the interview process to select a CM possibly as early as this week. Updates will be provided as progress is made. Keep praying and keep the donations coming!