

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

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR Thursday 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.

August 11, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary's Annual Yard Sale
Gym - Main Street
Claremont, NH
Saturday, September 7, 2024
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Donations will be received in the gym as follows:

Monday, August 19, 2024	3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 21, 2024	3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, August 24, 2024	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Monday, August 26, 2024	3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 28, 2024	3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, August 31, 2024	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Accepted Items: tools, small furniture, small appliances, glassware, china, dishes, pot/pans, Christmas items, crafts, toys, jewelry, pictures/frames, movies, puzzles, linens, home decorative items, etc.

Not Accepted: books, large appliances, large furniture, mattresses, luggage, broken items, rugs, carpeting, clothes, shoes, exercise equipment, ski's/poles, golf clubs, typewriters, computers, VHS, and TV's.

Workers still needed! Please contact Norma Limoges @ (603) 542-2916 with questions.

The parish is beginning an informational campaign concerning St. Mary Cemetery to re-educate us all on the importance and beauty of Christian burial in a Roman Catholic cemetery. You are aware that there are rules and regulations from the Diocese of Manchester, as well as parish supplemental rules and regulations, which are slowly being enforced under Fr. Sebastian's direction. We will be highlighting various rules to aid the educational process.

As a starting point, we will share some words from Bishop Libasci which eloquently state why the enforcement of rules is needed:

"Since the Sacred Body of our Crucified Savior was reverently laid in the tomb awaiting its glorious Resurrection, the Church has been most solicitous to surround the burial of those who hope to rise with Christ with an atmosphere of deep Christian faith and profound reverence. In the Mass and committal prayers, the Church gives voice to her belief in the Christian doctrines of the Resurrection of the Body, the Communion of Saints, and Life Everlasting, but as a further seal and symbol of that faith, she sets apart and solemnly blesses the place in which the bodies of her faithful departed await the day of Resurrection.

The Roman Catholic Church in New Hampshire has set aside Roman Catholic Cemeteries located throughout the State of New Hampshire as sacred ground, the resting places of the faithful when they die. Roman Catholic Cemeteries are more than burial grounds. They are places of worship, prayer and meditation, monuments to our faith and witness to life everlasting. They are places where individuals come not only to mourn their deceased family and friends but to find hope and peace.

In the earliest days, Mother Church found it necessary to establish rules and regulations which would protect these sacred places and the relics laid therein. She could not and would not allow anything within the holy precincts which would desecrate them, lessen their beauty, or bring dishonor on the dead.

Throughout all of our Christian history, the Church has encouraged its people to honor the dead in deed and memory. We invite you to come and pray for the faithful departed and to help make the Roman Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Manchester dignified places of Christian burial and prayer."

August 10, 2024—August 18, 2024

Sat. Aug 10 4:00 PM	Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
Sun. Aug 11 8:00 AM	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan Holmes (†) By Randy & Patricia Fullam
10:30 AM	Grace Hamel (†) By Shirley McNutt & John Hamel
Mon. Aug 12 9:00 AM	Weekday Gabriel Houle (†) By Glenn & Wendy Houle
Tue. Aug 13	Weekday No Mass
Wed. Aug 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest No Mass
5:30 PM	Assumption Vigil Mass at St. Joseph Church *
Thur. Aug 15 9:00 AM	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary * For the People
Fri. Aug 16 9:00 AM	Weekday The United States of America
Sat. Aug 17 9:00 AM	Weekday Deceased in St. Mary Cemetery— Mass at OSM
4:00 PM	Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
Sun. Aug 18 8:00 AM	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosa Otero (†) By Elvira Otero
10:30 AM	Sally Michaud (†) By Ray & Children

* Holy Day of Obligation

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass during the week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Aug 12	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28/Mt 17:22-27
Tues. Aug 13	Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed. Aug 14	Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thurs. Aug 15	Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Fri. Aug 16	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Mt 19:3-12
Sat. Aug 17	Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Sun. Aug 18	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - AUGUST 4, 2024

Envelopes (45).....	\$1,647.00
Loose.....	\$1,031.50
HGN Seminarians.....	\$2001.87

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$1002.96
Capital Campaign.....	\$871.92

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	August 10/11
Church Maintenance	August 17/18
Catholic Outreach	August 24/25

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
Linda Bergeron	Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette
Michelle Breen	Dennis Greenwood	Tim Roberts
Andy Champy	Joan Greenwood	Christine Snyder
Kathleen Chaudhry	Renee Honeman	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandy Colby	Geoffrey Houle	Barbara St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Timothy Houle	Edward Stone
Liz Jones-Dern	David Immic	Mary Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	Donna Kulacz	Ryan Sullivan
Susan Doody	John Laushance	Wayne Sweet
Jimmy Dunn	Diane Lavigne	Richard Tremblay
Thomas Eagan	Matthew Limoges	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Louise Unger
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	Felicity Wallace
Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michaud	Joe Wallace

*Request a
Mass Intention*

*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
Leonard and Anna Gerazin
as requested by Charlene Addario.

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—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #575—The Church's One Foundation

Offertory Hymn: #355—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Communion Hymn: #361—O Sacrament Most Holy

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #432—Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



Yard Sale
Parish Picnic
Penny Sale

Saturday, September 7
Sunday, September 15
Saturday, October 5



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



Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn – 20 Weeks - End of Month 5

"Mommy felt me kick today!"

I am 5 months old now. I am 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Thank you for praying for me!

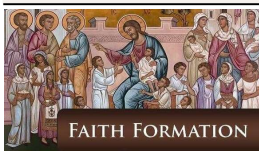
Home Visits

Homebound Ministry in Need of Additional Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist



The Homebound Ministry has grown and is still growing. Our home visits alone have more than doubled since March of this year. We are still trying to incorporate Sullivan County Health Care and the Elmwood Center. **If you feel called to this ministry as a Lay Minister of the Holy Eucharist then please reach out to Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.**

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call Steve Denis at the above number as well. **Homebound visits will be made by Father or one of the Team's Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist on the second Monday of every month.**



OCIA

"Why do those crazy Catholics use holy water? Pray to Mary? Use incense?"

Would you like answers to these or other questions? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you think you might like to join the Church?

If any of the above is true, please consider joining us for OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), the process by which adults learn what the Catholic Church teaches and prepares the way for them to enter the Church.

To inquire, please email Lisa Sweet at claremontfaith-formation@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



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



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th—6:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont

Ice Cream Party!



Attention families with young children!!

We would like to invite you to an ice cream party to share a sweet, summery treat with you and hear your thoughts about how we can best serve you in sharing your faith with your children. We recognize the parents' role as primary educators of their children, but as a parish, we have a responsibility to support you in this most important task!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, **August 11** after the 10:30am Mass for ice cream on the lawn between the church and the chapel. Fr. Sebastian and Lisa Sweet, Faith Formation Director, will be present. Families with children from infants to school-age are invited!



Campaign Corner

The Steering Committee was expecting a 3rd comparable bid this month to meet diocesan protocol. Unfortunately, complications with the engineer came into play this week which have again impacted the parish receiving a 3rd bid in a timely manner. Our request to the Bishop for exemption from the 3rd bid was denied. We continue our discussions with the diocese concerning their guidance in this matter. We will continue to be open and honest about this process and will keep everyone informed as we move forward. Keep praying!