

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Kevin Krawiec

Steve Denis

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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

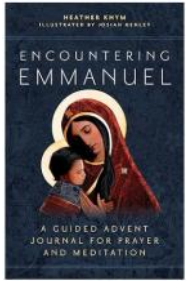
Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

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

November 17, 2024
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Advent studies for men and women!



Encountering Emmanuel is a beautiful guided Advent journal for prayer and meditation for women written by Heather Kym of the Abiding Together podcast. Using *Encountering Emmanuel*, Heather extends a heartfelt invitation to embrace stillness and silence amid life's chaos, allowing God to dwell in the depths of your being. Each day you'll journey deeper into the meaning of Advent with a meditation, stunning art, reflection questions, a prayer, and journaling space. The journal may be purchased online from Ave Maria Press for \$11.95. Please consider joining us as we "Encounter Emmanuel" together this Advent.



Fierce is a daily guide for men during the season of Advent. Written by Paul George, (author of *Holy Grit*) *Fierce* will equip men of all ages and vocations to embrace the spiritual fatherhood that they're called to. Following the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, the author uses storytelling and meditation to strengthen virtue and deep prayer as we prepare for the Christmas season. The guide may be purchased online from Blessed Is She for \$12.00.

Meetings will be held on the following Saturday mornings from 10am - 11am: Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 21 and Dec 28 (optional followup). Women will meet in the upper room in the Annex building (chapel) and the men will meet in the rectory.

Please contact Lisa Sweet at claremontfaithformation@gmail.com or the Parish Office to register.

INDIAN FOOD **SPICY & DELICIOUS** **(Prepared by Fr. Sebastian)**

Date: Friday, November 22, 2024

Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:

Chicken, Masala Curry, Beef Chukka, Fried Rice, White Rice, Dal Fry, Spicy Papad, Lassi, Indian Pickles, Salad, Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

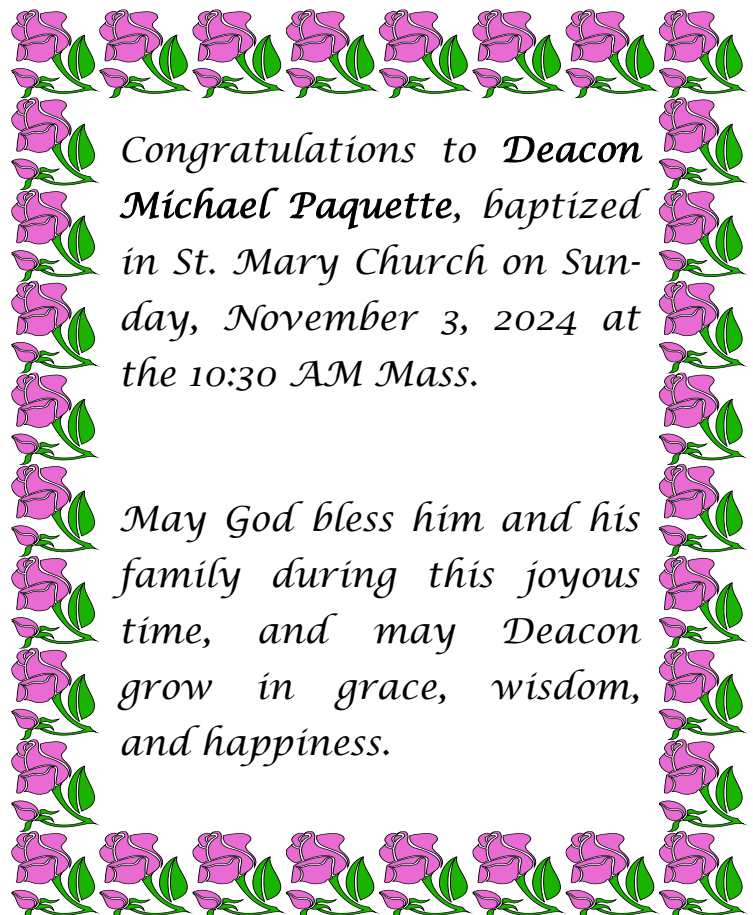
Seats are Limited

Please RSVP to:

St. Mary Rectory at (603) 542-9518 or
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 the Parish



Congratulations to Deacon Michael Paquette, baptized in St. Mary Church on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

May God bless him and his family during this joyous time, and may Deacon grow in grace, wisdom, and happiness.

November 16, 2024—November 24, 2024

Sat. Nov 16 4:00 PM	Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Jones (†) By His Wife & Children
Sun. Nov 17 8:00 AM	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
10:30 AM	Albert Landry (†) By Family
Mon. Nov 18	Weekday No Mass
Tue. Nov 19	Weekday No Mass
Wed. Nov 20	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Nov 21 9:00 AM	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Wallace Family By Mary K. Keating
Fri. Nov 22 9:00 AM	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Michael Stamm (†) By David Bouchard
Sat. Nov 23 9:00 AM	Weekday All Souls
4:00 PM	Vigil of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe For the People
Sun. Nov 24 8:00 AM	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Omer and Eliza Lafontaine (†) By Mark and Carla Lafontaine

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Nov 18	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33
Tues. Nov 19	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wed. Nov 20	Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thurs. Nov 21	Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Fri. Nov 22	Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Sat. Nov 23	Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Sun. Nov 24	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33-37



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

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Envelopes (47).....	\$2,154.00
Loose.....	\$1,075.50
Church Maintenance.....	\$1,220.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$573.14
Capital Campaign.....	\$398.99

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Campaign for Human Development	November 16/17
Catholic Outreach	November 23/24
Fuel	November 30/Dec 1

Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."

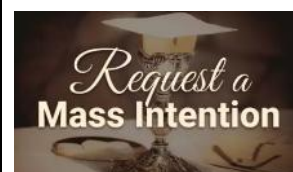
New Hampshire Catholic Appeal checks should be made payable to "New Hampshire Catholic Appeal."

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	Sylvia Michaud
Marc Bissonette	Dennis Fontaine	David Montano
Bob Bonebrake	Greg Gawlick	Pam Muzeroll
Andy Champy	Mary Hannah Gawlick	Mary Ouellette
Kathleen Chaudhry	Marilyn Gilbert	Dennis Palmer
Sandra Colby	Richard C. Hall	Tim Roberts
Scott Colpas	Geoffrey Houle	Christine Snyder
Liz Jones-Dern	Timothy Houle	Andrew St. Pierre
Cheryl DeZafra	David Immic	Barbara St. Pierre
Bryant Dillion	Al Kulacz	Edward Stone
Susan Doody	Donna Kulacz	Mary Sullivan
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Ryan Sullivan
Thomas Eagan	Diane Lavigne	Enola Surrrell
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Richard Tremblay
Frank Emig	Fr. John Loughnane	Pauline Trottier
Chuck Ferland	Shirley McNutt	Louise Unger



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 the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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—Thirty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

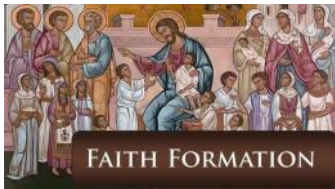
Processional Hymn: #451—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offertory Hymn: #452—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #468—How Great Thou Art



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). OCIA is for non-Catholics who are interested in receiving the sacraments and entering the Church. It is also for anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic, who desires to know more about the Catholic Faith.

Our OCIA class meets on Sundays at 9:00 AM in the St. Dominic Room, 2nd floor of the Annex building.

We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. November 23rd — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Sun. November 24th — 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.

St. Augustine said, "Those who sing, pray twice." 🎵🎵

Join our music ministry and double your prayers.

We are looking for new members to sing at all the weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to notify Joe Labrecque, music director at 603-729-6196 for further information. Looking forward to hearing from you!



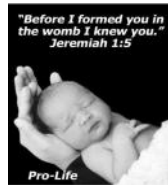
Campaign Corner

We are having a parish meeting on Sunday, November 24th from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in St. Mary Gym. The purpose of the meeting is to bring everyone up to date on the church restoration project. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church. The registration deadline is Wednesday, November 21st. Please plan on attending this important meeting.



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



ProLife Ministry

"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!" Psalm 139:13-14

Do you love to shop? We're looking for help in organizing and possibly leading the Advent Tree program for St. Mary Parish. If this is something you might be interested in learning more about, please contact Nancy Berry at 603-542-2871.



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. Homebound visits are made on the second Monday of every month. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist: Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, or Gary Lambert.

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This year we will continue the tradition of having available in the church a *Book of the Names of the Dead* for you to write down the names of loved ones.

There is now also a *Book of the Names of the Dead* in the Chapel. Please feel free to include your loved ones in both books. As always, the All Souls Day envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

ST. MARY CEMETERY:

For the remainder of this season and until the snow flies, the parish cemetery volunteers will be concentrating on the removal of old plastic flowers and any dead flowers on or surrounding graves.

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.

WINTER PREPARATION

Our seasonal contract for maintenance of the cemetery ended at the end of October. Please remove any items on or around a family headstone during this time. Any items left out will be disposed of by the Parish. Thank you!