

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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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
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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
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

EMERGENCY NUMBER: (603) 322-1644

This number is to be used to reach Fr. Sebastian outside office hours in cases of emergency.

CATHOLIC OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday	2:00 PM
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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.

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
Twenty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE & SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE: Friday, December 15, 2023
TIME: 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
PLACE: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH



MENU: Cheese Pizza/Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Desserts



Special DJ and MC for the evening!
50/50 Raffle and other events!

Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church!

RSVP to: St. Mary Rectory
(603) 542-9518—stmarysclaremont@comcast.net

Free Will Offering
All proceeds to benefit the church maintenance fund

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

4:00 PM

St. Mary Church

December 25th

12:00 AM

St. Mary Church

9:00 AM

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The weekend Masses for December 23rd and 24th (Fourth Sunday of Advent) are according to the regular Parish schedule and are separate holy obligations from the Christmas Masses.

December 9, 2023—December 17, 2023

Sat. Dec 9 **Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM Helen Jean Gaddis (†)
By Karen Arel, Friend of St. Mary High School

Sun. Dec 10 **Second Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM Henry and Martha Petrin (†)
By Family

10:30 AM Deb Pamplin (†)
By Bill Pamplin

Mon. Dec 11 **Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM Paul LaCasse (†)
By Ray & Sally Michaud

Tue. Dec 12 **Advent Weekday**
No Mass

Wed. Dec 13 **Advent Weekday**
No Mass

Thur. Dec 14 **St. John of the Cross, Priest and Church Doctor**
9:00 AM Patrick O'Mara
By Susan Bocko & Sarah Bocko

Fri. Dec 15 **Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM Patrick O'Mara
By Susan Bocko & Sarah Bocko

Sat. Dec 16 **Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM Elaine Keating
By Mary K. Keating

4:00 PM **Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent**
Dale Perkins (†) and Michael Perkins (†)
By the Perkins Family

Sun. Dec 17 **Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM Deceased Sisters of Edward Stone (†)
By Edward Stone

10:30 AM Paul Duval (†)
By His Wife

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Dec 11	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tues. Dec 12	Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Wed. Dec 13	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thurs. Dec 14	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Fri. Dec 15	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Sat. Dec 16	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9-13
Sun. Dec 17	Is 61:1-2, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 3, 2023
Envelopes (56).....\$1,853.50
Loose.....\$970.00
Fuel.....\$1,771.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....\$800.61
Capital Campaign.....\$658.83

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Retirement for Religious	December 9/10
Church Maintenance	December 16/17
<i>Christmas Fuel Collection</i>	<i>December 24/25</i>
Catholic Outreach	December 30/31

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	Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Sylvia Michaud
Mary Brunet	David Grey	David Montano
Andy Champy	Jake Grey	Leanne Mortell
Kathleen Chaudhry	Renee Honeman	Mary Ouellette
Sandy Colby	Geoffrey Houle	Shirley Pierce
Joseph Dalton	Timothy Houle	Mary Raymond
Liz Jones-Dern	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Bryant Dillion	Nancy Kingsbury	Janet Sullivan
Susan Doody	Pam LaBounty	Mary Sullivan
Jimmy Dunn	Diane Landry	Christine Snyder
Thomas Eagan	John Laushance	Erika Thomas
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Pauline Trottier
Chuck Ferland	Fr. John Loughnane	Louise Unger
Joan Flaherty	Amy Major	Felicity Wallace
Dennis Fontaine	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Denise Lynch
as requested by Kevin and Claire Krawiec.



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 stmaryscclaremont@comcast.net or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

HYMNS—Second Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: #100—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Offertory Hymn: #517—For the Beauty of the Earth

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #98—People, Look East



Parish Ornaments For Sale
One for \$20 or Two for \$35
Limited supply available



2024 Calendars For Sale
\$10.00 Each
Limited supply available

Great Christmas Gifts!

200-Year Anniversary Souvenirs!

Bundle Deal: 2 ornaments and 1 calendar
\$40.00 total

Both ornaments and calendars will be sold following each weekend Mass in the back of the church. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.



Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. We are currently waiting for our engineer to complete the design stage and then the whole project will go to bid.

Total pledges received as of Nov. 15th is \$973,600. Any funds raised beyond the total cost of the church exterior repair and restoration project will be used for additional capital improvement needs of the church. 100% of all gifts/pledges remain with the parish.

Please do not forget to make your weekly/monthly pledge payments. There are envelopes available in each church entrance for your convenience. Also, you are welcome to make your payments online.



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

Christmas Lessons and Carols

St. Mary Church

December 17th at 4:00 PM

Mount Royal Academy Sacred Choir

Music Director: Katherine Test

Join us for an hour of Christmas Carols and scripture readings to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Come and See!! The Men of St. Joseph is a lay men's ministry that promotes fellowship, prayer and education to all interested men of the parish. We are beginning a video series entitled "In the Footsteps of God - From Abraham to Augustine". This series explores the pivotal players in church history. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 pm. Meetings are held in the upstairs room in the chapel building. Further information, call Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130

Advent Tree of Life

Monetary donations are still accepted until December 31. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our local families who are struggling. They will enjoy wrapping the gifts that you have so thoughtfully chosen and presenting them to their children on Christmas morning. The Claremont Kiwanis Club is the organization that is coordinating the giving of about 600 clothing gifts and many toys too! St. Mary's is the largest donor since we purchased over 180 clothing gifts this year. We could not do it without the help of so many of you! May the joy you have shared with others come back to bless your own Christmas! Thank you!



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

December 17th—1:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont

Advent Gathering/Luncheon

To schedule a home visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please contact Juanita Sweet at 603-477-1348 or juanitajoy2@gmail.com.

