

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
(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

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Mass Schedule for St. Mary Church and St. Joseph Church

December 24th

4:00 PM

St. Mary Church (*Children's Mass*)

6:00 PM

St. Joseph Church

No 9:00 AM Mass on December 24th

No confessions on December 24th

December 25th

12:00 AM

St. Mary Church (*Midnight Mass*)

9:00 AM

St. Joseph Church

10:30 AM

St. Mary Church

Additional Times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent:

December 21st

5:30—6:30 PM

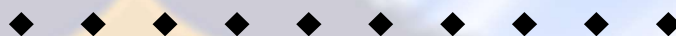
St. Joseph Church

December 23rd

9:30—10:30 AM

St. Mary Church

The above are dates in addition to the normal confession schedule.



Children's Catechism Class Christmas Party

Friday, December 23rd at 6:00 PM in the St. Dominic Room.



The Parish Office will be closed December 26th—28th for the Christmas holiday.

December 17, 2022—December 25, 2022

Sat. Dec 17 **Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM Patrick James Matthews (†)
By the Kepler Family

Sun. Dec 18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM Sally Michaud (†)
By Her Husband

10:30 AM Paul Duval (†)
By Bev Duval

Mon. Dec 19 **Late Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM John White (†)
By Lorraine Dion

Tue. Dec 20 **Late Advent Weekday**
No Mass

Wed. Dec 21 **Late Advent Weekday**
No Mass

Thur. Dec 22 **Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM Theresa Silliker (†)
By Kevin Cameron

Fri. Dec 23 **Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM Theresa Silliker (†)
By Kevin Cameron

Sat. Dec 24 **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**
4:00 PM Thomas Mathauser (†)
By Frank Emig

Sun. Dec 25 **The Nativity of the Lord**
12:00 AM Paul and Rolande St. Pierre (†)
By Family

10:30 AM Gerald Gingras (†)
By Family

The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass, beginning 20 minutes before the start of Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Dec 19	Jgs 3:2-7/24-25/Lk 1:5-25
Tues. Dec 20	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wed. Dec 21	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Thurs. Dec 22	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Fri. Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sat. Dec 24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Sun. Dec 25	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 11, 2022

Envelopes (57).....	\$1,556.00
Loose.....	\$848.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$1,260.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$642.17
Church Maintenance.....	\$132.06
Fuel.....	\$80.55

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	December 17/18
Catholic Outreach	December 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."

Grand Annual Collection now available with online giving.

PRAYER LIST

Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list

Becky Baril	David Grey	Sylvia Michaud
Bill Beattie	Jake Grey	David Montano
Gloria Beattie	Renee Honeman	Mary Ouellette
William Beattie	Geoffrey Houle	Ron Perra
Deb Bedard	Timothy Houle	Lynn Raymond
Carol Braga	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Stephen Burlew	Paul Keating	Mary Sullivan
Michael Clough	Nancy Kingsbury	Peter Sullivan
Mary DiFilippo	Richard LaCasce	Christine Snyder
Susan Doody	Diane Landry	Robert Tancrede
Erick Eaton	Matthew Limoges	Richard Tremblay
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Chuck Ferland	Roy Lucier	Louise Unger
Dennis Fontaine	Barbara Manning	George Veilleux
Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Paul and Rolande St. Pierre as requested by family.



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—Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Offertory Hymn: #101—O Come, Divine Messiah

Communion Hymn: *Choir Only*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #99—Savior of the Nations, Come



O, Come let us adore Him



LESSONS AND CAROLS

St. Mary Church

December 22nd at 3:00 PM

Featuring

Mount Royal Academy Sacred Choir

Music Director: Katherine Yost

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

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Advent Gathering/Luncheon

Sunday, December 18th—1:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall



Children's Catechesis



Advent Schedule: Children's Catechism class will be every Sunday, starting at 9:00 AM. We will meet in the choir loft to practice music for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, followed by class until 10:30 AM.



Help spread Christmas Joy!

Would you like to give the catechism kids a gift that keeps giving every year?

Please donate any traditional ornaments, nativity sets, lights, or Christmas decor for the St. Dominic classroom. We need batteries.

Please email Moriah Lombardi with any questions at mmmlombardi3@gmail.com. Bring donations to the back of the church after each mass. If there are any extra items we may donate or sell them for our next event.

Parish Employment Opportunity

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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 18, 2022

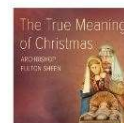


**Christmas in Rome:
A Celebration of the Nativity**
Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.



The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent. Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.



The True Meaning of Christmas by Fulton Sheen

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AQUINO INSTITUTE and AQUINO INSTITUTE



St. Mary Church Restoration Update:

Fr. Sebastian and a few council members had a very enlightening and productive meeting with Mr. Fulmer (engineer) and Mr. Eib (Diocesan representative) last week regarding the church restoration/renovation project. Once Father has additional information pertaining to the finance end, a Parish meeting will be scheduled so parishioners will have the opportunity to learn all the information and ask questions.