

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Joe Labrecque

Denny Francis

Juanita Sweet

Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Council 1820

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) 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

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.

February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

Thirty-Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

A few pictures from Mardi Gras...



Thank you to all who attended Tuesday evening and thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing such a fun event for the parish!



St. Patrick Day Dinner

(Prepared by Knights of Columbus)

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Time: Noon - 3:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH



Menu:

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,
Carrots, Turnip, Rolls, Irish Soda Bread,
Desserts, Coffee/Tea, Soft Drinks

Seats are Limited - Tickets are **REQUIRED**
\$20 per adult - \$40 per family

Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses.
You may also contact Kevin Krawiec at (603) 801-6130
or kkrawiec26@gmail.com for tickets.

Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Drawing
Live Entertainment by the Poor Cousins

All Proceeds to Benefit the Knights of Columbus and
St. Mary's Church Maintenance Fund

*Tickets go fast
and are limited!
Get yours early!*

February 17, 2024—February 25, 2024

Sat. Feb 17 4:00 PM	Vigil of First Sunday of Lent Bernadette Theroux (†) and Edwin Dorr (†) By Family
Sun. Feb 18 8:00 AM	First Sunday of Lent Robert Belaire (†) By Paul & Lorraine Lafreniere
10:30 AM	Sally Michaud (†) By Her Children
Mon. Feb 19 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Ian Pierce (†) By Knights of Columbus Council 1820
Tue. Feb 20	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Wed. Feb 21	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Thur. Feb 22 9:00 AM	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle George Veilleux (†) By Sue Veilleux
Fri. Feb 23 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Linda Bergeron By Mary K. Keating
Sat. Feb 24 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM	Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent For the People
Sun. Feb 25 8:00 AM	Second Sunday of Lent Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	George Veilleux (†) By Mary Ellen Mega & Steve Denis

Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory will be prayed after each daily Mass during Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Feb 19	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 24:31-46
Tues. Feb 20	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wed. Feb 21	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thurs. Feb 22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Fri. Feb 23	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat. Feb 24	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun. Feb 25	Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31-34/Mk 9:2-10

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Envelopes (57).....	\$1,861.00
Loose.....	\$1,113.00
Church Maintenance.....	\$904.00
Aid to Churches (Ash Wednesday).....	\$505.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$601.15
Capital Campaign.....	\$430.55

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Outreach	February 24/25
Fuel	March 2/3

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



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
David Scovill
as requested by Sandi Scovill.



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.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

HYMNS—First Sunday in Lent

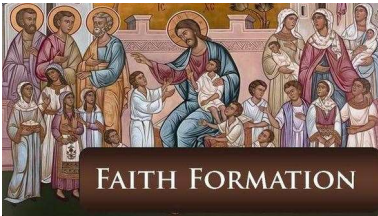
Processional Hymn: #168—The Glory of These Forty Days

Offertory Hymn: #258—Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Communion Hymn: #372—Humbly We Adore Thee

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #178—Forty Days and Forty Nights



Parents of children aged 7 and up who have not received the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, are asked to please contact the parish office to register their child(ren) for Sacramental Preparation classes. These classes will begin after Easter. Please contact Lisa Sweet, Faith Formation Director for St. Mary Parish, at lsweet@stmaryparishnh.org or call the parish office at (603)542-9518.

St. Mary Parish Catechumen and Candidates:

Catechumen:	Julie Haslam
Candidates:	Dawn Nelson Mike Nelson Janice Bushey Joanne Baillargeon

Let us pray for them. The candidates are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 7th in St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.



Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. Total pledges received as of Dec. 20th is \$974,100. 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

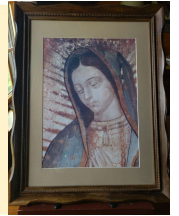


Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. February 24th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. February 25th — 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.

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.



Fridays During Lent: Bread & Soup Penitential Meal
11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
St. Joseph Church Hall
Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM



We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$8,990.00 toward our goal of \$28,422.00. 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 bring your envelope to Mass or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal.



SAVE THE DATES

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Benefit "Fish Fry" on the Fridays of

Lent from 4:30 - 6:00 pm at St. Mary's gym. Dinner includes beer-battered fish, hand-cut french fries, beer-battered onion rings, hushpuppies, soda, coleslaw and tartar sauce. Cost per plate is \$15.00. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit KofC activities and St. Mary's maintenance fund. For more information please contact Kevin Krawiec (603) 801-6130.