

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) 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 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirty-Six Sunday After Pentecost



Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the "spiritual adoption" of an unborn child, by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to live. To help accomplish this, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen recommended an individual say the following daily prayer every day which only takes seconds...

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

At the entrance of the church, you will find on a table, a Prayer Card which has a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "The Patroness of the Unborn" on it with the prayer on the back of the card, asking God for your "adopted child" that he or she will be carried to term and experience the fullness of life, as He intended. You will see a spot to name your adopted baby.

Your prayers CAN make a difference whether a baby will be born... or aborted. Please share the love of life and join in spiritually adopting a baby. Through this ministry, St. Mary Parish has an opportunity to save hundreds of babies.

After nine months, we will have a Baby Shower with the baby gifts going to the Upper Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center. We are all encouraged to continue praying the prayer every day. May God Bless you and through God's mighty hand, may we one day soon see the end of abortion in our land.

Fr. Sebastian would like to begin a Pro-Life Ministry at St. Mary Parish. If you would like to be involved in the new ministry or have questions about spiritually adopting an unborn child, please contact Juanita Sweet at 603-477-1348

MARDI GRAS

(Prepared by *Knights of Columbus*)

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:



Sausages, Eggs, Pancakes, Desserts,
Coffee/Tea, Beverages

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 Benefit the Church Maintenance Fund



Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass and Distribution of Ashes:

9:00 AM Mass St. Mary Church

5:30 PM Mass St. Joseph Church

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

February 3, 2024—February 11, 2024

Sat. Feb 3 4:00 PM	Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oscar Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne
Sun. Feb 4 8:00 AM	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Philip and Phyllis Sevene (†) By Donna, Phil & Rodney
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Feb 5 9:00 AM	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Sandra Rosinski (†) By Albert & Doris Bergeron
Tue. Feb 6	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs No Mass
Wed. Feb 7	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Feb 8 9:00 AM	Weekday Henry and Cecile Belanger (†) By Lorraine Dion
Fri. Feb 9 9:00 AM	Weekday Patrick O'Mara By Susan Bocko and Sarah Bocko
Sat. Feb 10 9:00 AM	St. Scholastica, Virgin Rick Mihaly (†) By Mary K. Keating
4:00 PM	Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Jones (†) By Wife & Children
Sun. Feb 11 8:00 AM	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sr. Denise Therriault (†) By a Student
10:30 AM	For the People

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Feb 5	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tues. Feb 6	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wed. Feb 7	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thurs. Feb 8	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Fri. Feb 9	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Sat. Feb 10	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Sun. Feb 11	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46/Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - JANUARY 28, 2024

Envelopes (58).....	\$1,872.00
Loose.....	\$2,401.50
Catholic Outreach.....	\$552.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$561.23
Capital Campaign.....	\$361.62

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	February 3/4
Church Maintenance	February 10/11
Aid to Churches Europe/Asia	February 14
Catholic Outreach	February 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
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 Trotter
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 Michuad	



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Archie and Dora Hockel
as requested by Mark & Carla Lafontaine.



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—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #443—Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Offertory Hymn: #401—There Is a Balm In Gilead

Communion Hymn: #368—I Am the Bread of Life

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #515—Now Thank We All Our God



Fr. Sebastian has now temporarily moved to the rectory at St. Joseph's on Elm Street due to the continuing mold toxicity concern at St. Mary's rectory. Thank you to everyone who has helped Father during this time of transition. He would like to especially thank both Fr. Arockia Antony and Fr. John Loughnane for taking such good care of him these past few weeks.

The Sanctuary candle burning in the church may be burned as an offering in memory of a loved one or for the special intention of someone by making a \$10.00 donation to the parish. This is an offering that has been available at St. Mary Church but not given much attention over the past several years. The intention of the offering will be published in the bulletin. Offering requests made be scheduled for specific weeks of the year to commemorate special dates or anniversaries. Please contact the parish office for further information.



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.

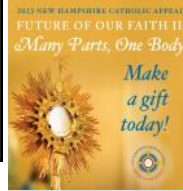
Please do not forget to make your weekly/monthly pledge payments. There are envelopes available in each church entrance for your convenience. Also, you are welcome to make your payments online.

Contribution statements for 2023 were mailed out this week. All who made a pledge to the capital campaign received a report indicating the status of their individual pledge, including payments made.



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



We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$8,690.00 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.

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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 14 - March 24, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life — 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside CVS in Claremont. If you'd like more information — and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Becky Matthews at 802-591-1207 or beckymatthews2003@gmail.com.



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.