

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Steve Denis

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) 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.

August 4, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Families with young children! Welcome!

In an effort to assist you with instructing your children in the faith, we are providing you with a book to use during Mass. It is called "My First Catholic Mass Book" and is designed not only to occupy your child during Mass, but as a true worship aide for the young child. This book provides:

- A fully interactive guide to the Mass
- The Nicene Creed and the Lord's Prayer
- Visual schedule for your child to follow of the Order of the Mass
- "Spot the Mass Items" activity
- Encourages child to use holy water, pass the peace, and pay attention during the consecration

In order for us to be able to provide this resource weekly, we do ask that you leave it in the pews after Mass. We will collect them and redistribute them each Sunday!

Also, keep your eyes on the bulletin! We will be including coloring pages on the saints or other relevant Catholic topics for you to take home for your children.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matt 19:14

Ice Cream Party!

Attention families with young children!!



We would like to invite you to an ice cream party to share a sweet, summery treat with you and hear your thoughts about how we can best serve you in sharing your faith with your children. We recognize the parents' role as primary educators of their children, but as a parish, we have a responsibility to support you in this most important task!

Please plan to join us on Sunday, **August 11** after the 10:30am Mass for ice cream on the lawn between the church and the chapel. Fr. Sebastian and Lisa Sweet, Faith Formation Director, will be present. Families with children from infants to school-age are invited!



We will gather in the St. Dominic Room, 2nd floor of the Annex building, in case of rain.

The parish is beginning an informational campaign concerning St. Mary Cemetery to re-educate us all on the importance and beauty of Christian burial in a Roman Catholic cemetery. You are aware that there are rules and regulations from the Diocese of Manchester, as well as parish supplemental rules and regulations, which are slowly being enforced under Fr. Sebastian's direction. We will be highlighting various rules to aid the educational process.

As a starting point, we will share some words from Bishop Libasci which eloquently state why the enforcement of rules is needed:

"Since the Sacred Body of our Crucified Savior was reverently laid in the tomb awaiting its glorious Resurrection, the Church has been most solicitous to surround the burial of those who hope to rise with Christ with an atmosphere of deep Christian faith and profound reverence. In the Mass and committal prayers, the Church gives voice to her belief in the Christian doctrines of the Resurrection of the Body, the Communion of Saints, and Life Everlasting, but as a further seal and symbol of that faith, she sets apart and solemnly blesses the place in which the bodies of her faithful departed await the day of Resurrection.

The Roman Catholic Church in New Hampshire has set aside Roman Catholic Cemeteries located throughout the State of New Hampshire as sacred ground, the resting places of the faithful when they die. Roman Catholic Cemeteries are more than burial grounds. They are places of worship, prayer and meditation, monuments to our faith and witness to life everlasting. They are places where individuals come not only to mourn their deceased family and friends but to find hope and peace.

In the earliest days, Mother Church found it necessary to establish rules and regulations which would protect these sacred places and the relics laid therein. She could not and would not allow anything within the holy precincts which would desecrate them, lessen their beauty, or bring dishonor on the dead.

Throughout all of our Christian history, the Church has encouraged its people to honor the dead in deed and memory. We invite you to come and pray for the faithful departed and to help make the Roman Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Manchester dignified places of Christian burial and prayer."

August 3, 2024—August 11, 2024

Sat. Aug 3 4:00 PM	Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
Sun. Aug 4 8:00 AM	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Albert and Yvonne Landry (†) By Jackie Merrill
10:30 AM	Ian Pierce (†) By Knights of Columbus Council 1820
Mon. Aug 5 9:00 AM	Weekday Wayne Sweet By Juanita Sweet
Tue. Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord No Mass
Wed. Aug 7	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Aug 8 9:00 AM	St. Dominic, Priest The United States of America
Fri. Aug 9 9:00 AM	Weekday The Wallace Family By Mary K. Keating
Sat. Aug 10 9:00 AM	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr Deceased in St. Mary Cemetery— Mass at OSM
4:00 PM	Vigil of Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
Sun. Aug 11 8:00 AM	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan Holmes (†) By Randy & Patricia Fullam
10:30 AM	Grace Hamel (†) By Shirley McNutt & John Hamel

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass during the week.



Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Aug 5	Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tues. Aug 6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wed. Aug 7	Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thurs. Aug 8	Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Fri. Aug 9	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
Sat. Aug 10	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Sun. Aug 11	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - JULY 28, 2024

Envelopes (49).....	\$1,924.50
Loose.....	\$1,195.00
Catholic Outreach.....	\$584.50

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$669.16
Capital Campaign.....	\$421.87

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

HGN Seminarians	August 3/4
Fuel	August 10/11
Church Maintenance	August 17/18
Catholic Outreach	August 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
Michelle Breen	Dennis Greenwood	Dennis Palmer
Andy Champy	Joan Greenwood	Christine Snyder
Kathleen Chaudhry	Renee Honeman	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandy Colby	Geoffrey Houle	Barbara St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Timothy Houle	Edward Stone
Liz Jones-Dern	David Immic	Mary Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	Donna Kulacz	Ryan Sullivan
Susan Doody	John Laushance	Wayne Sweet
Jimmy Dunn	Diane Lavigne	Richard Tremblay
Thomas Eagan	Matthew Limoges	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Louise Unger
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	Felicity Wallace
Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michaud	Joe Wallace



MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES PROVINCE

HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS

(A Missionary Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right)



This weekend the 2nd collection is for **HGN seminarians**. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Albert and Yvonne Landry as requested by Jackie Merrill.

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—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #290—Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

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

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #314—Immaculate Mary



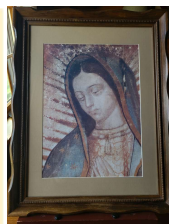
Yard Sale
Parish Picnic
Penny Sale

Saturday, September 7
Sunday, September 15
Saturday, October 5



Workers are needed for the upcoming Yard Sale. If you can help, please call Norma Limoges at 603-542-2916 for information.

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.



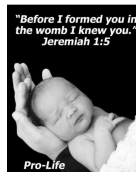
NH Catholic Appeal:

We are grateful to all parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$6,860.00** toward our goal of \$32,307.93. 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 mail your gift in an Appeal envelope or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Envelopes are available in the church. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Please make all checks payable to **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**. Thank you for your support of these needs and ministries in the Church.



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



Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn – 20 Weeks - End of Month 5

"Mommy felt me kick today!"

I am 5 months old now. I am 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Thank you for praying for me!

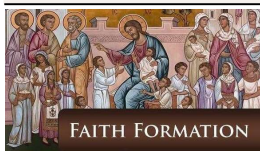
Home Visits

Homebound Ministry in Need of Additional Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist



The Homebound Ministry has grown and is still growing. Our home visits alone have more than doubled since March of this year. We are still trying to incorporate Sullivan County Health Care and the Elmwood Center. **If you feel called to this ministry as a Lay Minister of the Holy Eucharist then please reach out to Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.**

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call Steve Denis at the above number as well. **Homebound visits will be made by Father or one of the Team's Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist on the second Monday of every month.**



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), the process by which adults learn what the Catholic Church teaches and prepares the way for them to enter the Church.

To inquire, please email Lisa Sweet at claremontfaith-formation@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



Campaign Corner

The Steering Committee and Fulmer Associates are working on obtaining a 3rd comparable bid to meet diocesan requirements for projects this large. We continue our discussions with the diocese concerning their guidance in this matter. The parish applied for and has received a safety grant from the diocese in the amount of \$26,467.35, which is the amount spent so far on the hard-deck protection and scaffolding in the front of the church. We are thankful for the grant. We will continue to be open and honest about this process and will keep everyone informed as we move forward. Keep praying!

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