

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

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| 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

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

December 4, 2022
Second 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

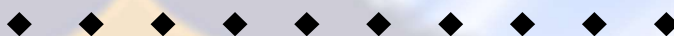
St. Joseph Church

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 3, 2022—December 11, 2022

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| Sat. Dec 3 4:00 PM | Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent Eugene Theroux (†) By John & Rita Wolfe and Doris Dorr |
| Sun. Dec 4 8:00 AM | Second Sunday of Advent For the People |
| 10:30 AM | Valerie Azotea (†) By Steve Denis |
| Mon. Dec 5 9:00 AM | Advent Weekday Leona Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow |
| Tue. Dec 6 | Advent Weekday No Mass |
| Wed. Dec 7 | St. Ambrose, Bishop and Church Doctor No Mass |
| Thur. Dec 8 9:00 AM | The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary Intentions of Les and Sandi St. Pierre By Steve Denis |
| Fri. Dec 9 9:00 AM | Advent Weekday Leona Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow |
| Sat. Dec 10 9:00 AM | Advent Weekday Phalen Rumley (†) By the Kepler Family |
| 4:00 PM | Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent For the People |
| Sun. Dec 11 8:00 AM | Third Sunday of Advent Benefactors of the Kepler and Matthews Families By the Kepler Family |
| 10:30 AM | Cheryl Tancrede (†) By Steve Denis |

Mass schedule for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation):

December 7th - 5:30 PM at St. Joseph Church

December 8th - 9:00 AM at St. Mary Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

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| Mon. Dec 5 | Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tues. Dec 6 | Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 |
| Wed. Dec 7 | Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Thurs. Dec 8 | Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Fri. Dec 9 | Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 |
| Sat. Dec 10 | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9-13 |
| Sun. Dec 11 | Is 35:1-6, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 |

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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| Envelopes (50)..... | \$1,447.50 |
| Loose..... | \$850.00 |
| Church Maintenance..... | \$1050.00 |

ONLINE GIVING

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| Offertory..... | \$636.34 |
| Church Maintenance..... | \$50.00 |

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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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| Fuel | December 3/4 |
| Immaculate Conception | December 8 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | December 10/11 |

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

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



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. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!

HYMNS—Second Sunday of Advent

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

Offertory Hymn: #84—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Communion Hymn: #104—Creator of the Stars of Night

Recessional Hymn: #101—O Come, Divine Messiah

Advent Church Cleaning

Thank you to everyone who came to clean the church on Tuesday, November 29th. You all did a fantastic job and it is greatly appreciated!

Parishioner Volunteer Needed:

Plans are being made to reopen the Chapel in the Annex Building for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and also resume First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (at current schedule) in the Chapel. Part of the plan is to have a new front door installed with a keypad lock that parishioners will have access to so we do not need to open and close the Chapel. However, we would need a volunteer to coordinate future Adoration times and also to keep the chapel clean. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this parish ministry.

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 mnmmlombardi3@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. Thank you for your support!!!

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.

Knights of Columbus Assembly and Council Christmas Social

Monday, December 5th—6:00 PM
Pleasant Restaurant, Claremont

All level Knights invited. RSVP Louis Millette 603-477-4476

Advent Tree of Life

All Christmas gifts must be returned to the rectory no later than **noon Sunday, December 4th**. 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 175 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!

HOME VISITS



Fr. Sebastian visits the homebound on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 or email Fr. Sebastian directly at his parish email address of sebaafri@comcast.net.