

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Steve Denis

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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.

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Forty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



ST. MARY PARISH:

PALM SUNDAY

4:00 PM Mass (Saturday)

7:45 AM Mass / 10:30 AM Mass (Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper/Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

2:30 PM The Lord's Passion/Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM Mass / 10:30 AM Mass

ST. JOSEPH PARISH:

PALM SUNDAY

9:15 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

5:00 PM Mass

5:30 PM Confessions

GOOD FRIDAY

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

11:00 AM Blessing of the Food

EASTER SUNDAY

9:15 AM Mass

Italian Food

(Prepared by Louie Millette)

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024

Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:



Spaghetti with Meatballs, Italian Bread
Salad, Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

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



Divine Mercy Sunday

The **Novena to Divine Mercy** begins on Good Friday, March 29, and continues for the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, the Sunday directly after Easter. "Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet" pamphlets can be found in the back of the Church as we get closer to Holy Week.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 7. Parishioners are invited to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel from 12 noon to 3 PM. We will begin each hour with the recitation of the rosary and at 3 PM will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Volunteers are needed. If you can spend an hour in Adoration please contact Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.

March 16, 2024—March 24, 2024

Sat. Mar 16 4:00 PM	Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent Joanne Lemieux (†), Lisa Viens (†) & Angie Chicoine (†) By Family
Sun. Mar 17 8:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Lent Michael and Sharon Gilbert By Steve Denis
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Mar 18 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Sally Michaud (†) By Ray Michaud
Tue. Mar 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass
Wed. Mar 20	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Thur. Mar 21 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Parents of Fr. Arockia Antony(†) By a Friend
Fri. Mar 22 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Peter McCusker (†) By a Friend
Sat. Mar 23 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Steering Committee Members of St. Mary Parish By Mary K. Keating
4:00 PM	Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Robert Jones (†) By Wife & Children
Sun. Mar 24 8:00 AM	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 18	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tues. Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1-16
Wed. Mar 20	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs. Mar 21	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri. Mar 22	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat. Mar 23	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun. Mar 24	Mk 11:1-10/Ls 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - MARCH 10, 2024

Envelopes (45).....	\$1,761.00
Loose.....	\$1,080.00
Diocesan Catholic Schools.....	\$454.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$540.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$601.16
Capital Campaign.....	\$530.08

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	March 16/17
Catholic Outreach	March 23/24

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



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Scott Quintey
as requested by Rita Quintey.



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—Fifth Sunday in Lent

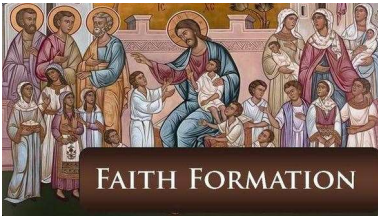
Processional Hymn: #168—The Glory of These Forty Days

Offertory Hymn: #194—Were You There

Communion Hymn: #370—See Us, Lord, About Thine Altar

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Rita Moore will be celebrating her 105th birthday on March 30th. She's at Elmwood Center, 290 Hanover St., Claremont NH 03743 if anyone would like to send her a card. She appreciated the cards everyone sent last year.



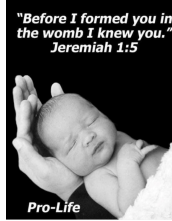
Campaign Corner

Fulmer Associates has notified us that our Parish Steering Committee will receive bid documents for the church restoration project by the end of March, with it going out to bid early April and bids submitted by contractors mid April. Slow progress, but progress.



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



Parish ProLife Ministry

Coming Soon...ProLife Holy Hour
Please contact Juanita Sweet (603-477-1348) if you would like more information about this ministry.

Home Visits

The Homebound Ministry, which has been in its infancy since Fr. Sebastian came in March of 2022, now has a director, Steve Denis. **Others on the team, who will assist Father and Steve, are Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, and Gary Lambert.** If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Homebound visits will be made by Father on the second Monday of every month.



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. March 23rd — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. March 24th — 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.



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.