

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) 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.

May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday



St. Mary Parish Adult Faith Formation Bible Study

We are so pleased to invite you to participate in a "Great Adventure!"

We will be embarking on a bible study from Ascension Press titled, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." In this 8 week program, scripture scholar Jeff Cavins, gives an overview of the 14 narrative books of the bible that tell the story of salvation history. In this revolutionary approach to bible study, Cavins' Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

Each participant will need a copy of the [Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible workbook](#) (\$24.95) and a Catholic bible, (preferably the Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition 2), but any Catholic bible will do. If you wish, here is a link to the Great Adventure Bible ([paperback](#) or [leather covered](#)) that is color-coded and designed to be a perfect complement to the Great Adventure bible studies.

We will offer "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" beginning on Sunday, June 16 from 9:00am to 10:30am (in between the Masses at St. Mary's). Times could change depending upon participant preferences. We will view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. To register, please email me at claremontfaithformation@gmail.com. Don't forget to order your workbook at the link above or on ascensionpress.com!

Our team is looking forward to taking this Great Adventure with you!

Filipino & Chinese FOOD

Prepared by Rose Lawton

Date: Sunday, MAY, 19, 2024

Time: 12:00-3:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:



Spring Rolls, Fried Noodles, Fried Rice,
Chicken Curry, Macaroni Salad,
Desserts, Coffee/Tea, Soft Drinks

Seats are Limited

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

CALL OF DUTY



St. Mary Cemetery:

In order to obtain better control of maintaining and protecting St. Mary Cemetery, we will be enforcing the Cemetery Rules and Regulations of the Diocese of Manchester. Any personal items/plants on grave sites that are not permitted by the rules and regulations will be removed. If you do not have a copy of the regulations, please contact the parish office for a copy or visit the Diocese of Manchester website at www.catholicnh.org/parishes/parish-life/catholic-cemeteries/. These rules and regulations have been in place for many years but have not been strictly enforced and the result has been a decline in the beauty and Catholic identity of the parish burial grounds. Our goal is restore the beauty and dignity due the resting places of our beloved dead.

May 18, 2024—May 26, 2024

Sat. May 18 4:00 PM	Vigil of Pentecost Sunday Robert Jones (†) By Wife & Children
Sun. May 19 8:00 AM	Pentecost Sunday Sr. Denise Therriault (†) By Paul & Lorraine Lafreniere
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. May 20	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church No Mass
Tue. May 21	Weekday No Mass
Wed. May 22	Weekday No Mass
Thur. May 23	Weekday No Mass
Fri. May 24	Weekday No Mass
Sat. May 25 4:00 PM	Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity For the People
Sun. May 26 8:00 AM	The Most Holy Trinity Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Bonnie Giampa (†) By Her Big Sister

The rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

Fr. Sebastian leaves for India on Monday, May 20th. Please keep him in your prayers for safe traveling and a restful visit!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. May 20	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Jn 19:25-34
Tues. May 21	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wed. May 22	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thurs. May 23	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Fri. May 24	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Sat. May 25	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Sun. May 26	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - MAY 12, 2024

Envelopes (46).....	\$1,508.50
Loose.....	\$1,315.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$772.00
Ascension Thursday.....	\$639.00
Bake Sale.....	\$606.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$1036.43
Capital Campaign.....	\$842.17

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	May 18/19
Catholic Outreach	May 25/26

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	Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michaud
Linda Bergeron	Joan Flaherty	David Montano
Michelle Breen	Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette
Andy Champy	David Grey	Dennis Palmer
Kathleen Chaudhry	Jake Grey	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandy Colby	Renee Honeman	Mary Sullivan
Scott Colpas	Geoffrey Houle	Ryan Sullivan
Liz Jones-Dern	Timothy Houle	Christine Snyder
Bryant Dillion	David Immic	Erika Thomas
Susan Doody	Pam LaBounty	Richard Tremblay
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Pauline Trottier
Thomas Eagan	Matthew Limoges	Louise Unger
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Felicity Wallace
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Rick Addario
as requested by Charlene Addario.



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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful!

HYMNS—Pentecost Sunday

Processional Hymn: #240—Come, Holy Ghost

Offertory Hymn: #344—O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #692—Go to the World



Yard Sale
Parish Picnic
Penny Sale

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

Workers are needed for the yard sale and the collection dates. Please call Norma Limoges at 603-542-2916 for details.

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.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Tuesday, May 21st—6:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont
Recital of Rosary and Baby Shower
to benefit Pregnancy Center of Upper Valley



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. May 25th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. May 26th — 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.



Campaign Corner

Our Parish Steering Committee has finally received bid documents for the church restoration project from Fulmer Associates. The pre-bid meetig will be held this week and the bid opening date is May 30th. We will provide updates on the process. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



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

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.



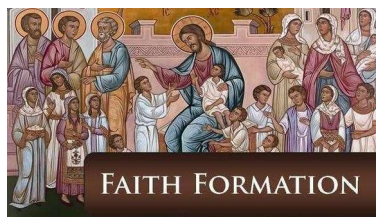
Guide us as we strive to make our parish community a place of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen
USCCB/PRO LIFE

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.



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 claremontfaithformation@gmail.com.

The Parish Office will be closed on May 27th in honor of Memorial Day.