

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

FAMILY HOLY HOUR First Fridays 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

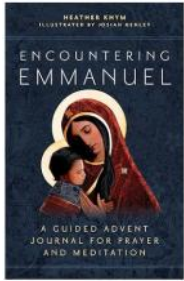
Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other information regarding the parish cemetery.

November 3, 2024
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Advent studies for men and women!



Encountering Emmanuel is a beautiful guided Advent journal for prayer and meditation for women written by Heather Kym of the Abiding Together podcast. Using *Encountering Emmanuel*, Heather extends a heartfelt invitation to embrace stillness and silence amid life's chaos, allowing God to dwell in the depths of your being. Each day you'll journey deeper into the meaning of Advent with a meditation, stunning art, reflection questions, a prayer, and journaling space. The journal may be purchased online from Ave Maria Press for \$11.95. Please consider joining us as we "Encounter Emmanuel" together this Advent.



Fierce is a daily guide for men during the season of Advent. Written by Paul George, (author of *Holy Grit*) *Fierce* will equip men of all ages and vocations to embrace the spiritual fatherhood that they're called to. Following the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, the author uses storytelling and meditation to strengthen virtue and deep prayer as we prepare for the Christmas season. The guide may be purchased online from Blessed Is She for \$12.00.

Meetings will be held on the following Saturday mornings from 10am - 11am: Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 21 and Dec 28 (optional followup). Women will meet in the upper room in the Annex building (chapel) and the men will meet in the rectory.

Please contact Lisa Sweet at claremontfaithformation@gmail.com or the Parish Office to register.



Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Baby Shower

We Are Having a Baby Shower!

For the baby we spiritually adopted beginning this weekend until the end of October. You will see a decorated box at the entrance of the church where you may place a new unwrapped baby gift.



The baby items will be given to the Upper Valley Pregnancy Center here in Claremont for families who are in need. Examples of what you may purchase are Diapers, Onesies, Blankets, Baby Sweaters, and Baby Outfits for sizes...newborn and up.

Thank you!

November 2, 2024—November 10, 2024

Sat. Nov 2 4:00 PM	Vigil of Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
Sun. Nov 3 8:00 AM	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jean and Shirley Lafontaine (†) By Mark & Carla Lafontaine
10:30 AM	Leo and Rachel Cussenelli (†) By Ray & Sally Michaud
Mon. Nov 4 9:00 AM	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop T.J. Raymond (†) By Jodie Raymond
Tue. Nov 5	Weekday No Mass
Wed. Nov 6	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Nov 7 9:00 AM	Weekday T.J. Raymond (†) By Tim & Dottie Dole
Fri. Nov 8	Weekday No Mass (cancelled due to funeral Mass)
Sat. Nov 9 9:00 AM	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica For a Special Intention By Anonymous
4:00 PM	Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Jones (†) By His Wife & Children
Sun. Nov 10 8:00 AM	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
10:30 AM	Albert Landry (†) By Family

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Nov 4	Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
Tues. Nov 5	Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wed. Nov 6	Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Thurs. Nov 7	Phil 3:3-8/Lk 15:1-10
Fri. Nov 8	Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8
Sat. Nov 9	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Sun. Nov 10	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



Please consider online contributions to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website and click on the "Give Online" button.

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY – OCTOBER 27, 2024

Envelopes (45).....	\$1,636.00
Loose.....	\$1,189.00
Catholic Outreach.....	\$798.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$458.58
Capital Campaign.....	\$342.15

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	November 2/3
Church Maintenance	November 9/10
Campaign for Human Development	November 16/17

Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish."

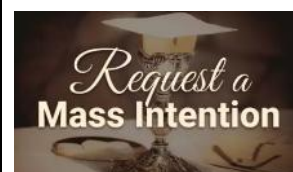
New Hampshire Catholic Appeal checks should be made payable to "New Hampshire Catholic Appeal."

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	Pam Muzeroll
Michelle Breen	Greg Gawlick	Mary Ouellette
Andy Champy	Mary Hannah Gawlick	Dennis Palmer
Kathleen Chaudhry	Renee Honeman	Tim Roberts
Sandra Colby	Geoffrey Houle	Christine Snyder
Scott Colpas	Timothy Houle	Andrew St. Pierre
Liz Jones-Dern	David Immic	Barbara St. Pierre
Cheryl DeZafra	Gloria Kalbfleisch	Edward Stone
Bryant Dillion	Donna Kulacz	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	John Laushance	Ryan Sullivan
Jimmy Dunn	Diane Lavigne	Enola Surrell
Thomas Eagan	Matthew Limoges	Richard Tremblay
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Pauline Trottier
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	Louise Unger
Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michaud	Joe Wallace



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



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

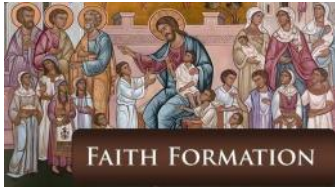
Processional Hymn: #639—All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Offertory Hymn: #461—For the Fruits of His Creation

Communion Hymn: #372—Humbly We Adore Thee

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #694—God's Blessing Sends Us Forth



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). OCIA is for non-Catholics who are interested in receiving the sacraments and entering the Church. It is also for anyone, Catholic or non-Catholic, who desires to know more about the Catholic Faith.

Our next OCIA class will begin on Sunday November 3rd at 9:00 AM in the St. Dominic Room, 2nd floor of the Annex building.

OCIA teachers will be at the back of the church after Mass to answer any questions and provide additional information.

St. Joseph Church Supper

November 2nd—4:30-6:30 PM

Roast pork, potato, vegetable, dessert, beverage, and more.

\$15.00

Eat in or Take Out

St. Augustine said, "Those who sing, pray twice." 🎵🎵

Join our music ministry and double your prayers.

We are looking for new members to sing at all the weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to notify Joe Labrecque, music director at 603-729-6196 for further information. Looking forward to hearing from you!



Campaign Corner

The meeting with the diocese on October 28th went very well, and it is looking positive for a path forward. The Steering Committee is obtaining more details and will update the parish once confirmed. We are grateful to St. Jude for interceding in a truly powerful way!



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

32 weeks—End of Month 8

"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I am growing every day. I am about 18 inches long and weigh about 5 pounds. I am more energetic, twisting and turning and kicking more. I can see and hear. I am busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see Mom and Dad.

Thanks to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry



If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Fr. Sebastian, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Homebound visits are made on the second Monday of every month. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist: Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, or Gary Lambert.



November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This year we will continue the tradition of having available in the church a *Book of the Names of the Dead* for you to write down the names of loved ones.



There is now also a *Book of the Names of the Dead* in the Chapel. Please feel free to include your loved ones in both books. As always, the All Souls Day envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

ST. MARY CEMETERY:

For the remainder of this season and until the snow flies, the parish cemetery volunteers will be concentrating on the removal of old plastic flowers and any dead flowers on or surrounding graves.

It is Fr. Sebastian's expressed wish that we move slowly in enforcing particular rules and regulations pertaining to St. Mary Cemetery, as he is sensitive to the vocalized concerns involved with perceived changes regarding the maintenance of St. Mary Cemetery. Each year, at Father's and the Cemetery Committee's direction, we will proceed with efforts to have a unified beauty and Catholic identity in St. Mary Cemetery.

WINTER PREPARATION

Our seasonal contract for maintenance of the cemetery ended at the end of October. Please remove any items on or around a family headstone during this time. Any items left out will be disposed of by the Parish. Thank you!