

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

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

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

July 10, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



One of the beautiful and mysterious features of the Catholic faith is the unfolding of its liturgical year — notably, May, the month of Mary, and June, the month of the Sacred Heart.

But one of the months whose significance has been forgotten in recent times is July, the month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

The devotion to Christ's Precious Blood can be traced to the earliest days of the Church. In A.D. 96, Pope St. Clement I of Rome, the third pope in the succession of St. Peter, wrote in the oldest extant document outside of the New Testament, "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

And St. Peter himself, in his first letter, identifies the great cost of our salvation when he preached to the earliest Christians, "You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the Precious Blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

The devotion continued, ebbing and flowing throughout the centuries and in various locales, with the faithful continuing to remember Christ's pain and sacrifice. Saint John Chrysostom, in the fifth century, preached the importance of reflecting on the suffering of Christ, noting the soldier's lance that pierced Jesus' side after He died. The Church Father wrote, "There flowed from His side water and blood," cautioning, "beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought."

And St. Catherine of Siena, in the 15th century, spoke constantly of Christ's Blood, even identifying herself in her many letters as "Catherine, servant and slave of the servants of Jesus Christ, write to you in His Precious Blood." Speaking of those she considered her spiritual children, St. Catherine declared, "Indeed, they go into battle filled and inebriated with the Blood of Christ crucified. ... They will pass through the narrow gate drunk, as it were, with the Blood of the Spotless Lamb."

Christian tradition connected the seventh month, when the sun burns most intensely, with the redemptive spring of Christ's Blood, reminding us — at the perfect time — of redemption itself. But it was during the bloody and bellicose times of mid-19th-century Italy that Our Lord's suffering gained renewed attention.

As the battles over the Papal States reached a pitch, Pope Pius IX was forced to flee Rome, in disguise, to Gaeta, a coastal city south of Rome. A superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood, who accompanied the pontiff on the journey, suggested he create a feast dedicated to the Precious Blood to beg God's mercy to end the war and bring peace.

The pope followed the suggestion and, still in exile, on August 10, 1849, declared that the first Sunday in July would be dedicated to the Precious Blood, extending the commemoration to the whole of the Christian world. The war soon ended, and Pius IX shortly returned to Rome.

Pope St. John XXIII picked up the thread of devotion. In 1960, the pope issued the apostolic letter *Inde a Primis*, in which he referred to the Blood of Christ as "price of our ransom, pledge of salvation," urging "the faithful [to] make it the object of their most devout meditations and more frequent sacramental Communions."

In the letter, the pontiff recalled how the faithful, including his own parents, had recited the Litany of the Most Precious Blood every day during July. He also ordered the words "Blessed be His Most Precious Blood" inserted into the Divine Praises, where they remain to this day.

July 9, 2022—July 17, 2022

Sat. Jul 9 4:00 PM	Vigil of Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oscar LaPlante Family By Janice & Marybeth
Sun. Jul 10 8:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pearl Landry (†) By Wayne & Juanita Sweet
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Jul 11 9:00 AM	St. Benedict, Abbot Gertrude Dion (†) By Lorraine Dion
Tue. Jul 12	Weekday No Mass
Wed. Jul 13	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Jul 14	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin No Mass
Fri. Jul 15	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Church Doctor No Mass
Sat. Jul 16 9:00 AM—OSM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Jeanne Greniere (†) By Shirley Baldasaro
4:00 PM	Vigil of Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
Sun. Jul 17 8:00 AM	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Joanne Lemieux (†) By Gilles Lemieux
10:30 AM	The United States of America

The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass, beginning 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jul 11	Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tues. Jul 12	Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wed. Jul 13	Is 10:5-7, 13-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thurs. Jul 14	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Fri. Jul 15	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Sat. Jul 16	Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Sun. Jul 17	Gn 18:1-10/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—July 2022

For the Elderly—We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - JULY 3, 2022

Envelopes (51).....	\$2,325.50
Loose.....	\$1,153.00
Fuel.....	\$1,506.00
Grand Annual Collection.....	\$6,416.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$947.44
Church Maintenance.....	\$1.00
Fuel.....	\$25.00

Total Collected for Grand Annual Collection.....\$7,416.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	July 9/10
Catholic Outreach	July 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."

PRAYER LIST

Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list

Becky Baril	David Goodwin	Sylvia Michaud
Bill Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
Gloria Beattie	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
William Beattie	Deborah Hemingway	Melvin Parker
Deb Bedard	Kaiden Joseph	Don Pederson
Carol Braga	Timothy Houle	Roger Sheehan
Stephen Burlew	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Eleanor Dalton	Bob Jones	Elaine St. Pierre
Mary DiFilippo	Richard LaCasce	Mary St. Pierre
Susan Doody	Lisa Laliberte	Mary Sullivan
Erick Eaton	Claire Lessard	Peter Sullivan
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Christine Snyder
Joan Flaherty	Roy Lucier	Scott Sweet
Charles Fletcher	Terry McGuire	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Dennis Fontaine	Shirley McNutt	Louise Unger



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week
in memory of Lorraine Dube
as requested by Brian and Cynthia Lessard.

GiveOnline
easy. fast. secure.

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—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #128—Faith of Our Fathers

Offertory Hymn: #283—Where Charity and Love Prevail

Communion Hymn: #247—Soul of My Savior

Recessional Hymn: #242—Sing of Mary

Sunday Meals



Fr. Sebastian is enjoying the food being provided for him on Sundays. If you are interested in setting aside an extra plate of food from your table or making a small meal for Father, please contact Gail Roberts at 603-543-4187 or markandgail12@myfairpoint.net.



St. Mary Yard Sale

Saturday, September 10, 2022—St. Mary Gym
8:00 AM—2:00 PM

St. Mary Old-Fashion Penny Sale

Saturday, October 1, 2022—St. Mary Gym
6:00 PM

St. Mary Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 5, 2022—St. Mary Gym
9:00 AM—1:00 PM



Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph meet every first and third Wednesday of each month. The meeting is held in the Knights of Columbus room in St. Mary Gym starting at 7:00 PM. All men of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes are welcome to attend. Any questions may be directed to Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130.

Sizzlin' Summer

August Rush Bake Sale

Following 4:00 mass on Saturday, August 6th and
8:00 & 10:30 masses on Sunday, August 7th

**Volunteer to help
and/or bake
your specialty.**



Call Gail Leclerc-Roberts @ 603-543-4187

to coordinate your support.

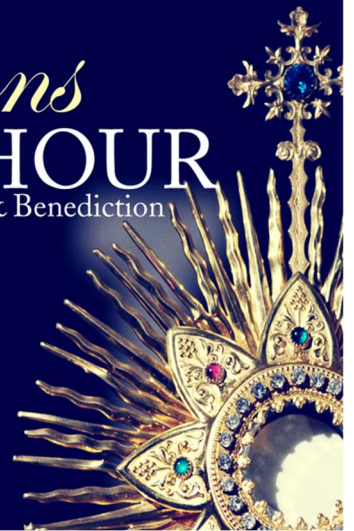
FREE WILL DONATIONS.

Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Every Thursday Evening

6:00–7:00 PM



The Grand Annual Collection is off to a great start! This is an ongoing collection, not simply a one-time collection taken up at the weekend Masses. The

purpose of the collection is to begin the process of funding the larger repair and maintenance projects on the various parish buildings, both current and future. The first priority will be structural issues and repairs of St. Mary Church. Additional envelopes are now available for all in the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Grand Annual Collection

Amount \$ _____

☐ I've given online

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:

We are grateful to all parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$7,955.00** toward our goal of \$28,422.00. 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 bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Remember that the Appeal replaces several diocesan 2nd collections throughout the year. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

Please make all checks payable to **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.**

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.