

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
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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
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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
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ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

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

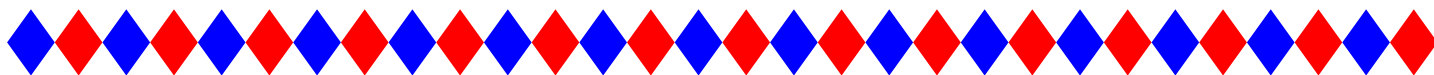
ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

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

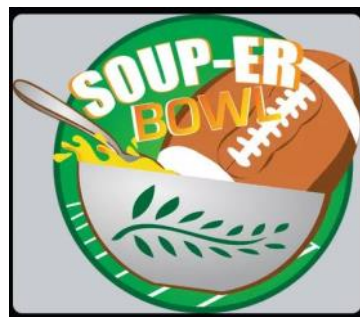
December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Thirty-First Sunday After Pentecost



It has been confirmed that there is a significant amount of mold on all 3 floors in the rectory due to a longtime leak in the roof. We are investigating our options on how best to deal with this issue, including replacing the rectory roof. Asking parishioners for additional money is NOT an option. We will NOT be asking you for more money. With the current information we have, we are choosing to take necessary safety precautions due to the health concerns surrounding the irritants. **The parish office will temporarily be closed to the public.** If you need to communicate with the office, please call or email. If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of Father, please call the phone number listed on the front cover of the bulletin. We will keep you updated as we obtain more information.



**First Annual
St. Mary Parish
Souper Bowl Party**



Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Time: 12:00-3:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont

Best Soups Prizes

Football Theme—Wear your favorite football team jersey!

50/50 Raffle and Games

We're looking for 10 parishioners to make a crockpot of their favorite soup and bring to the party. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 or stmarysclaremont@comcast.net to submit your entry.



Sign-Up Sheets in the Back of the Church

December 30, 2023—January 7, 2024

Sat. Dec 30 4:00 PM	Vigil of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Rene and Bertha Lamarre (†) By Their Daughter, Cheryl Gonyea
Sun. Dec 31 8:00 AM	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Michael and Sharon Gilbert By Steve Denis
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Jan 1 9:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Ian Pierce (†) By Knights of Columbus Council 1820
Tue. Jan 2	Sts. Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Church Doctors No Mass
Wed. Jan 3	Christmas Weekday No Mass
Thur. Jan 4 9:00 AM	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Ian Pierce (†) By Knights of Columbus Council 1820
Fri. Jan 5 9:00 AM	St. John Neumann, Bishop (First Friday) Patrick O'Mara Susan Bocko & Sarah Bocko
Sat. Jan 6 9:00 AM	Christmas Weekday Tom and Joan Rouillard By Steve Denis
4:00 PM	Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord Ina Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne
Sun. Jan 7 8:00 AM	The Epiphany of the Lord Alcide & Yvette Gilbert (†) By Michael & Sharon Gilbert
10:30 AM	For the People

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jan 1	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tues. Jan 2	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Wed. Jan 3	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Thurs. Jan 4	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Fri. Jan 5	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Sat. Jan 6	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
Sun. Jan 7	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 24, 2023

Envelopes (48).....	\$1,418.50
Loose.....	\$1,533.00
Christmas Fuel Collection.....	\$3,574.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$1,831.17
Capital Campaign.....	\$938.83

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Outreach	December 30/31
Fuel	January 6/7
Church Maintenance	January 13/14
Catholic Outreach	January 27/28

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



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Ina Perron
as requested by Ron, Rod & Lynne.



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.



Parish Ornaments For Sale
One for \$20 or Two for \$35
Limited supply available

2024 Calendars For Sale
\$10.00 Each
Limited supply available



Great Gifts!
200-Year Anniversary Souvenirs!
Bundle Deal: 2 ornaments and 1 calendar

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 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



We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$8,465.00 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 envelope to Mass or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal.

To schedule a home visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please contact Juanita Sweet at 603-477-1348 or juanitajoy2@gmail.com.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 5th

Mass at 9:00 AM in St. Mary Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30—10:30 AM

Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM—4:00 PM



Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. This week Mr. Bob Fulmer, the engineer, will begin the walk-throughs with various contractors who will be bidding the entire church project. We hope to receive the bids by February. We are progressing!

Total pledges received as of Dec. 20th is \$974,100. Any funds raised beyond the total cost of the church exterior repair and restoration project will be used for additional capital improvement needs of the church. 100% of all gifts/pledges remain with the parish.

Please do not forget to make your weekly/monthly pledge payments. There are envelopes available in each church entrance for your convenience. Also, you are welcome to make your payments online.

Advent Tree of Life

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 180 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 at sebaafri@com-cast.net.