

# 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

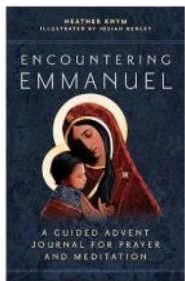
Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

## ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

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

**November 24, 2024**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

# 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](mailto:claremontfaithformation@gmail.com) or the Parish Office to register.

## ProLife Ministry

### THANK YOU FROM PREGNANCYCENTER OF THE UPPER VALLEY

Thank you all, so very much, for the generosity you expressed during St. Mary's Baby Shower for us. So many moms (& babies) will be blessed and encouraged by you. Together, we are God's hands and feet.

Warmly,  
Anne Burge, Director of Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley



### Family Holy Hours

*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 19:14

Our next Family Holy Hour will be Friday, December 6th from 6:00—7:00 PM.

It is our desire to support our families in the all-important task of raising their children in the faith; therefore, we invite families to gather for a teaching and prayer in the church each First Friday.

Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome! Please bring the babies too! We believe that children's voices are the sound of new life in the Church and are happy to abide with a little "joyful noise."



## November 23, 2024—December 1, 2024

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|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sat. Nov 23</b><br>4:00 PM  | <b>Vigil of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b><br>For the People                               |
| <b>Sun. Nov 24</b><br>8:00 AM  | <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b><br>Emig and Mathauser Families<br>By Frank Emig |
| 10:30 AM                       | Omer and Eliza Lafontaine (†)<br>By Mark and Carla Lafontaine                                      |
| <b>Mon. Nov 25</b><br>9:00 AM  | <b>Weekday</b><br>Michael Houle (†)<br>By Glenn and Wendy Houle                                    |
| <b>Tue. Nov 26</b>             | <b>Weekday</b><br>No Mass  |
| <b>Wed. Nov 27</b>             | <b>Weekday</b><br>No Mass  |
| <b>Thur. Nov 28</b><br>9:00 AM | <b>Weekday</b><br>David Batchelder (†)<br>By Gene Lattuga & Maureen Walsh                          |
| <b>Fri. Nov 29</b>             | <b>Weekday</b><br>No Mass  |
| <b>Sat. Nov 30</b><br>9:00 AM  | <b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b><br>Joseph Langevin (†)<br>By Glenn and Wendy Houle                      |
| 4:00 PM                        | <b>Vigil of First Sunday of Advent</b><br>Cyril and Anna Ondre (†)<br>By Their Children            |
| <b>Sun. Dec 1</b><br>8:00 AM   | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b><br>For the People  |
| 10:30 AM                       | Paul Lacasse (†)<br>By Ray & Sally Michaud   |



The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Mon. Nov 25   | Rv 14:1-5/Lk 21:1-4                             |
| Tues. Nov 26  | Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11                          |
| Wed. Nov 27   | Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19                           |
| Thurs. Nov 28 | Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Lk 21:20-28         |
| Fri. Nov 29   | Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33                  |
| Sat. Nov 30   | Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22                          |
| Sun. Dec 1    | Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 |



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

## PARISH OFFERING

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY - NOVEMBER 17, 2024

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Envelopes (47).....    | \$1,547.00 |
| Loose.....             | \$1,316.50 |
| Human Development..... | \$1,017.00 |

### ONLINE GIVING

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Offertory.....        | \$949.96 |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$240.42 |

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Catholic Outreach             | November 23/24    |
| Fuel                          | November 30/Dec 1 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | December 7/8      |

*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     |
| Marc Bissonette   | Dennis Fontaine     | David Montano      |
| Bob Bonebrake     | Greg Gawlick        | Pam Muzeroll       |
| Andy Champy       | Mary Hannah Gawlick | Mary Ouellette     |
| Kathleen Chaudhry | Marilyn Gilbert     | Dennis Palmer      |
| Sandra Colby      | Richard C. Hall     | Tim Roberts        |
| Scott Colpas      | Geoffrey Houle      | Christine Snyder   |
| Liz Jones-Dern    | Timothy Houle       | Andrew St. Pierre  |
| Cheryl DeZafra    | David Immic         | Barbara St. Pierre |
| Bryant Dillion    | Al Kulacz           | Edward Stone       |
| Susan Doody       | Donna Kulacz        | Mary Sullivan      |
| Jimmy Dunn        | John Laushance      | Ryan Sullivan      |
| Thomas Eagan      | Diane Lavigne       | Enola Surrall      |
| Charles Eastman   | Matthew Limoges     | Richard Tremblay   |
| Frank Emig        | Fr. John Loughnane  | Pauline Trottier   |
| Chuck Ferland     | Shirley McNutt      | Louise Unger       |

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The holy day of obligation has been transferred this year from Sunday, December 8th to Monday, December 9th. Masses will be at 9:00 AM in St. Mary's and 5:30 PM in St. Joseph's.



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of the 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](mailto:stmarysclaremont@comcast.net) or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

## HYMNS—Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

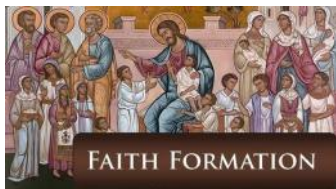
**Processional Hymn:** #289—To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

**Offertory Hymn:** #288—Rejoice, the Lord Is King

**Communion Hymn:** #394—The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**Anima Christi:** #699

**Recessional Hymn:** #290—Crown Him With Many Crowns



## 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 OCIA class meets on Sundays at 9:00 AM in the St. Dominic Room, 2nd floor of the Annex building.**

We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



### Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. November 23rd — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage  
Sun. November 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.**

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

We are having a parish meeting on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in St. Mary Gym. The purpose of the meeting is to bring everyone up to date on the church restoration project. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church. The registration deadline is Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on attending this important meeting.



## 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



### HEALING SERVICE

with Fr. Lance Harlow

Sunday, December 8th—3:00 PM

St. Mary Church, SPRINGFIELD, VT

Everyone is invited!

**Do you love to shop? We're looking for help with the Advent Tree gifts program for St. Mary Parish. If this is something you might be interested in learning more about, please contact Nancy Berry at 603-542-2871.**



### 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. Visits are made on the 2nd Monday of every month.

### ADVENT "TREE OF LIFE" 2024

This has been another hard year. Please help to provide Christmas gifts of clothing to our less fortunate neighbors. Please take one or more envelopes off the tree. Each one has a specific gift request including size for girls, boys, and toddlers. Please shop for the gift in the next two weeks. Put the gift in a gift bag and securely attach the number to the outside of the bag. **Gifts must be returned to the Church or Parish Office no later than Sunday December 8th. (This is only two weeks away!!)** Leave a receipt in the bag or a tag showing the store of purchase just in case it does not fit the person. Whatever you can afford will be very much appreciated by the person receiving the gift! Envelopes with white yarn are for monetary donations to purchase snowsuits, jackets, and boots!

### 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.

### HOLIDAY WREATHS

Families and friends are welcome to place wreaths on a loved one's grave for the holiday season. All wreaths will be picked up and thrown away by January 6, 2025.

Thank you!