

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) 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

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.

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent
Fortieth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Patrick Day Dinner

(Prepared by Knights of Columbus)

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Time: Noon - 3:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH



Menu:

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes,
Carrots, Turnip, Rolls, Irish Soda Bread,
Desserts, Coffee/Tea, Soft Drinks

Seats are Limited - Tickets are **REQUIRED**
\$20 per adult - \$40 per family

Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses.
You may also contact Kevin Krawiec at (603) 801-6130
or kkrawiec26@gmail.com for tickets.

Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Drawing
Live Entertainment by the Poor Cousins

All Proceeds to Benefit the Knights of Columbus and
St. Mary's Church Maintenance Fund



Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn

Thank you so much to everyone who has spiritually adopted an unborn baby and is praying for that baby every day with the prayer Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen gave us:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

For anyone who does not have a prayer card or the information explaining it, they are available on the table to the left at the entrance of the church. May we one day, by the Mighty Hand of God see the end of abortion in our country soon!

May God Bless you.... The Pro Life Ministry



Cardinal Burke announces novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for 'crises of our age'

Raymond Cardinal Burke has announced the start of a global, nine-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, calling on Catholics to beseech Mary's intercession on the Church and the world in the face of the "crises of our age." Cardinal Burke announced a novena beginning in March, and culminating on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. The cardinal noted the great comparison between the state of the world today and the situation in 1531 – the year of Our Lady's apparition in Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego. *In a world grappling with great disease, a war rages on in Europe. After years of truce, a new invasion of Palestine threatens to unsettle the Middle East. Theological debates are politicized and lead millions of believers to abandon the faith. A bishop writes: unless the hand of God intervenes directly, all will be lost. The year, is 1531.* "Again," he wrote, "we are contending with disease, war, and deep spiritual confusion. Again, many poor souls are tempted to fear that all hope is lost." But Our Lord has not called us to fear. No matter the darkness of our age, men and women of faith are not without the truth and love of Christ, nor the faithful care of His mother. Through Saint Juan Diego's humble and courageous cooperation with grace, Our Lady's intercession transformed the world and brought millions of souls to Christ. It is this same maternal care and protection that we seek today — a care and protection that she will grant us, should we earnestly ask for it. He noted how today the "hearts of Catholics around the world echo the same anxieties of 1531," and that "once again the answer to this anxiety is not temporal but spiritual." Launching his 9-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Burke stated "we are contending with disease, war, and deep spiritual confusion," like in 1531. He urged Catholics to seek Mary's aid "against the pressing crises of our age." In light of this, Burke issued his plea for Catholics to join him in a novena to invoke the intercession of the virgin of Guadalupe upon not just the Americas, but on the whole Church and the world. Noting an unmatched need to turn to Our Lady for "protection" and seek her "intercession" Burke called on "Catholics all over the world, especially those in the Americas, to join me in returning to the loving embrace of Our Lady." Driven by the unfailing maternal love that she has for her children, Our Lady "brought the new world under the protection of her mantle and brought millions of souls to Christ," he stated. "It is this same maternal love and protection that we seek today, a love and protection that she will grant us should we earnestly ask for it."

Visit <https://novena.cardinalburke.com/> to sign up for the novena.

March 2, 2024—March 10, 2024

Sat. Mar 2 4:00 PM	Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent For the People
Sun. Mar 3 8:00 AM	Third Sunday of Lent Roy Lucier (†) By Sharon, Mike, Steve, Rick & Danny
10:30 AM	Roland LaPointe (†) By Ray & Sally Michaud
Mon. Mar 4 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Gene Fowler (†) By His Wife
Tue. Mar 5	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Wed. Mar 6	Lenten Weekday No Mass
Thur. Mar 7 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Rita Michaud (†) By Her Children
Fri. Mar 8 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Charles and Juanita Pamplin (†) By the Family
Sat. Mar 9 9:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Peter McCusker (†) By a Friend
4:00 PM	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent Michael Perkins (†) By Family
Sun. Mar 10 8:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Lent For the People
10:30 AM	George Veilleux (†) By Jerry & Karen Arel

Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory will be prayed after each daily Mass during Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 4	2 Kgs 5:1-15/Lk 4:24-30
Tues. Mar 5	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wed. Mar 6	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs. Mar 7	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri. Mar 8	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat. Mar 9	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun. Mar 10	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Envelopes (51).....	\$2,382.00
Loose.....	\$1,290.00
Catholic Outreach.....	\$575.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$841.95
Capital Campaign.....	\$1,443.42

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	March 2/3
Diocesan Catholic Schools	March 9/10
Church Maintenance	March 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	Mary Ouellette
Mary Brunet	Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Dennis Palmer
Andy Champy	David Grey	Mary Raymond
Kathleen Chaudhry	Jake Grey	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandy Colby	Renee Honeman	Janet Sullivan
Joseph Dalton	Geoffrey Houle	Mary Sullivan
Liz Jones-Dern	Timothy Houle	Christine Snyder
Bryant Dillion	David Immic	Erika Thomas
Susan Doody	Pam LaBounty	Pauline Trotter
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Louise Unger
Thomas Eagan	Matthew Limoges	Felicity Wallace
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Joe Wallace
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	
Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michaud	



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Jean and Shirley Lafontaine as requested by Mark & Carla Lafontaine.



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.

HYMNS—Third Sunday in Lent

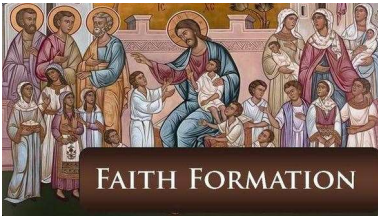
Processional Hymn: #327—Lift High the Cross

Offertory Hymn: #171—Draw Near, O Lord

Communion Hymn: #361—O Sacrament Most Holy

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #164—These Forty Days of Lent



Parents of children aged 7 and up who have not received the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, are asked to please contact

the parish office to register their child(ren) for Sacramental Preparation classes. These classes will begin after Easter. Please contact Lisa Sweet, Faith Formation Director for St. Mary Parish, at lsweet@stmaryparishnh.org or call the parish office at (603)542-9518.

St. Mary Parish Catechumen and Candidates:

Catechumen:

Julie Haslam

Candidates:

Dawn Nelson

Mike Nelson

Janice Bushey

Joanne Baillargeon

Let us pray for them. The candidates are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 7th in St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.



Campaign Corner

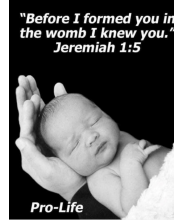
The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. Total pledges received as of Dec. 20th is \$974,100. Any funds raised beyond the total cost of the church exterior repair and restoration project will be used for additional capital improvement needs of the 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.



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



Parish ProLife Ministry

Coming Soon...ProLife Holy Hour
Please contact Juanita Sweet (603-477-1348) if you would like more information about this ministry.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Yankee Swap—March 19th—6:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont

Bring a "green gift" for Yankee Swap

Claremont Warming Shelter needs volunteers

The warming shelter opened at Trinity Episcopal Church on the Feast of the Epiphany and will remain open until March 15th (on nights that go below 28 degrees Fahrenheit) as long as there are enough funds and volunteers.

St. Mary and St. Joseph parish organizations have generously contributed monetarily. There is an ongoing need for opening and morning hospitality volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Trinity Administrator, Shelly Page, at 603-542-2103 or welcome@trinityclaremont.org.

St. Patrick's Day:

Brunch after Mass, March 17th

St. Joseph's Day

St. Joseph Church Hall

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Free Will Offerings Accepted



SAVE THE DATES

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Benefit "Fish Fry" on the Fridays of

Lent from 4:30 - 6:00 pm at St. Mary's gym. Dinner includes beer-battered fish, hand-cut french fries, beer-battered onion rings, hushpuppies, soda, coleslaw and tartar sauce. Cost per plate is \$15.00. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit KofC activities and St. Mary's maintenance fund. For more information please contact Kevin Krawiec (603) 801-6130.