St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Catholic Outreach Director	Denny Francis
ProLife Ministry Director	Juanita Sweet
Safe Environment Coordinator	Kevin Krawiec
Homebound Ministry Director	Steve Denis
Parish Hospitality/Security	Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Council 1820

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	9:00 AM
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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMERGENCY NUMBER: (603) 543-7183
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.

October 11, 2026
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY/RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

A beautiful way to honor this month is to visit Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel praying for the end of abortion. We invite you to visit the Respect Life Table (40 Days for Life) at the entrance of the church for more information.

Another important issue of respecting life in which Catholic citizens must become involved is the vital campaign in preventing the legalization of physician-assisted suicide (PAS) in New Hampshire. You will find cards in the pews provided by the Diocese of Manchester. Parishioners are asked to fill out a card and drop in the collection basket. We will then send the signed cards to Manchester at the end of the month in support of the campaign. You are also welcome to fill out a card online by going to catholicnh.org/euthanasia.

October Bake Sale

Following:

Saturday, October 17th, 4:00 mass

Sunday, October 18th, 8:00 and 10:30 mass

Call Gail Leclerc-Roberts @ 603-543-4187 to coordinate your support

FREE WILL DONATIONS

40 Days for Life
Pray to End Abortion!

St. Mary's Parish will once again be coordinating with the Worldwide Organization, **40 Days for Life**, beginning Wednesday, September 23 until Sunday, November 1, 2026. The Pro-Life Ministry has a table at the church entrance where you may sign up to spend an hour in the Adoration Chapel before Our Blessed Lord to pray for the end of abortion and for the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death. We invite and thank you for being a part of these 40 Days for Life for the Unborn...the most innocent and the most defenseless! For more information, please see our table. Thank you!

We Are Having A Baby Shower!

As we did last year, we are having a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center in Claremont for families in need. 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. Examples of what you may purchase are Diapers, Onesies, Blankets, Baby Sweaters and Baby Outfits for sizes…. newborn up to 2 years. The Pregnancy Center has said they also need Baby Wipes. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you so much!

October 10, 2026—October 18, 2026

Sat. Oct 10	**Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM	Omer and Cleophee Thibault (†) By Their Children
Sun. Oct 11	**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Norman Savoie (†) By Kevin & Claire Krawiec
Mon. Oct 12	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	Duane Hjulstrom (†) By Family
Tue. Oct 13	**Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Oct 14	**Weekday** No Mass
Thur. Oct 15	**St. Teresa of Jesus, Church Doctor**
9:00 AM	Mary K. Keating and Family By Les & Sandi St. Pierre
Fri. Oct 16	**Weekday** No Mass
Sat. Oct 17	**St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
9:00 AM*	For the People
	Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM	David Chase (†) By Peter & Patty Chase
Sun. Oct 18	**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Christine McElreavy (†) By Joseph McElreavy & Family
10:30 AM	Sally Michaud (†) By Her Children

*Beginning October 17th, the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturdays will be celebrated at St. Mary's.

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass during the week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon.	Oct 12	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tues.	Oct 13	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wed.	Oct 14	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thurs.	Oct 15	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Fri.	Oct 16	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Sat.	Oct 17	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Sun.	Oct 18	Is 45:1, 4-6;1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY—OCTOBER 4, 2026
Collections not available at time of printing

ONLINE GIVING
Collections not available at time of printing

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Church Maintenance	Oct 10/11
World Mission Sunday	Oct 17/18
Catholic Outreach	Oct 24/25

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

Mark Baril	Geoffrey Houle	Janet Ruest
Aelise Beattie	Timothy Houle	Nancy Ruest
Marc Bissonnette	Wendy Houle	Paul Ruest
Georgette Boudreau	Ricky Kaynew	Paul Ryczer
Paul Boudreau	Danny King	Nancy Sammataro
Eliott Brown	Al Kulacz	Robert Silliman
Michael Cirre	Donna Kulacz	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandra Colby	Robert Labelle	Barbara St. Pierre
Tiffany Doyle	Diane Lavigne	Edward Stone
Kristen Dulong	Matthew Limoges	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Fr. John Loughnane	Ryan Sullivan
David Doster	Patrick Lozito	Louise Trottier
Nichole Dunkel	Sylvia Michaud	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Mark Miller	Louise Unger
Frank Emig	Mary O'Grady	Gary Vezina
Carol Fontaine	Sandy Orr	Barbara Woodin
Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette	Jeffrey White
John Glasner	Denise Pantanella	Robert White

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. The 2027 calendar is now available.

The Sanctuary Candle 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 or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

HYMNS—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #575—The Church's One Foundation

Offertory Hymn: #395—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Communion Hymn: #359—O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

Anima Christi #699

Recessional Hymn: #692—Go to the World

Mass Readings: CREDO Hymnal—page 887

Opening bids for winter plowing

St. Mary Parish is accepting bids for the 2026-2027 winter season for snow/ice maintenance. Individual(s) must provide equipment for plowing, salting/sanding, and shoveling of parking lots, sidewalks, and walkways. A high degree of flexibility is needed in order to ensure safety of pastor and staff, parishioners, and visitors according to Mass schedules, funerals, parish events, and office hours.

Bids are asked to be submitted to the Parish Office by October 15, 2026. For further information, please contact the office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or call 603-542-9518

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.

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 **$5,827.41** toward our goal of $33,566.73. Approximately 90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year of appeal. If you have not made your gift yet, please mail your gift in an Appeal envelope or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Envelopes are available in the church. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Please make all checks payable to **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**.

Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish

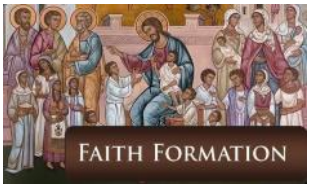
If you or someone you know needs assistance with food or living expenses, please call Denny Francis of Catholic Outreach at 603-543-0551

Life is a Gift from God

St. Mary ProLife Ministry
Contact Juanita Sweet
or the Parish Office

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry

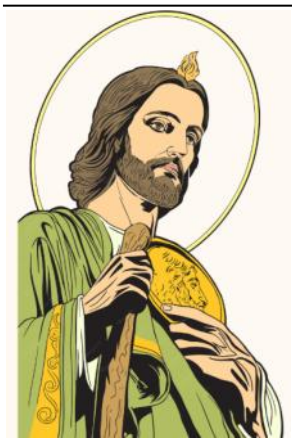
If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Fr. Sebastian, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Visits are made on the 2nd Monday of every month. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.



Do you feel called to a closer relationship with God? Are you curious about the Catholic Church and its teachings? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith?

If so, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process may be for you! OCIA is a journey for those exploring the Catholic faith, including those who are unbaptized, baptized in other Christian traditions, or baptized Catholics who have not completed their sacraments of initiation. Practicing Catholics who desire to understand their faith more deeply are also welcome to attend.

Classes have just begun. For more information, please speak with either Lisa Sweet or Mark Roberts. We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



Mass in Honor of St. Jude
October 28, 2026—10:00 AM
St. Mary Church

Join us on the Feast Day of St. Jude to honor him in gratitude for his continued efficacious intercession on our behalf. A novena to him will begin on October 19. Prayers will be provided closer to the date. Priests will administer the Anointing of the Sick and also pray over individuals. Blessed oil will also be available to take home for your families.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.