

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM
Monday / Tuesday	12:10 PM
Wednesday	7:30 AM
No Mass on Thursday or Friday	

MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 8:00 AM every week
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM
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VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 PM
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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

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

"For the forgiveness of sins"

This Advent I would invite you to make this consent to be forgiven because this is a very unique gift to God. He, as God, can show mercy; he cannot receive it. As God, he is the Lord of forgiveness, but he cannot be forgiven. We can say, in our human way of expressing a real truth of God before which all our human language limps and falters, that we can contribute something to God, who cannot be forgiven. And so, let us bring to him, in everything that we strive to do this Advent, this consent to be forgiven, this gift of being forgiven. When he, with lordly mercy, promises to throw all our faults and our sins into the sea, let us not put on the diving equipment of pride and go right down and bring them up again.

There is something in all of us that would like to pretend that we do not need to be forgiven, and this is why we sometimes get so excited about our faults, why we cannot be simple, why we will not stop rocking that little spiritual monster-child that we cuddle so, that we do not want snatched from us, that we do not want laid to Christian burial. We want to keep looking at it and in the end we convince ourselves that it is beautiful. Or the other alternative is to say that this isn't my child; it is somebody else's. We are adept at choosing one of those two alternatives which save us from being forgiven....

Let this be our consolation, that God is truth and all truth honors him; therefore, the honest admission of our faults gives glory to God. And so, there is no reason to be discouraged because no matter how many faults the light of the coming King brings into focus in our hearts, everything honestly faced can give honor to him. Now isn't that wonderful? Isn't that something to be happy about? Isn't that why we continually rejoice in this season of penance? We laugh together and we are happy together, because this is the whole meaning of Advent, that we are the forgiven ones.

MOTHER MARY FRANCIS OF OUR LADY, P.C.C.

Mother Mary Francis († 2006) was abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, N.M. / From Come, Lord Jesus: Meditations on the Art of Waiting. © 2010, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA. www.ignatius.com. Used with permission.



December 4, 2021—December 12, 2021

Sat. Dec 4 4:00 PM	Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent Eugene Theroux. (†) By Doris Dorr
Sun. Dec 5 8:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent Lucille Matteau (†) By Her Children
10:30 AM	Intentions of Marie Lozito By Patrick Lozito
Mon. Dec 6 12:10 PM	Advent Weekday Leona Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Tue. Dec 7 12:10 PM	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Church Doctor Joanne Lemieux (†) By Hibbard & Claire Doe
Wed. Dec 8 9:00 AM	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Leona Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
12:10 PM	For the People
Thur. Dec 9	Advent Weekday No Mass
Fri. Dec 10	Advent Weekday No Mass
Sat. Dec 11 4:00 PM	Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent Albert and Aurore George (†) By Their Children
Sun. Dec 12 8:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent Myles Patrick Roche (†) By a Friend
10:30 AM	For the People

All 3 weekend Masses are livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

St. Mary Church is open 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Monday—Friday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Dec 6	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tues. Dec 7	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wed. Dec 8	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thurs. Dec 9	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Fri. Dec 10	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Sat. Dec 11	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9-13
Sun. Dec 12	Zep 3:14-18/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

WEEKLY OFFERING . . . Stewardship
Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in gratitude
for all of God's gifts.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also for those who make up envelopes!

November 28, 2021

Offertory	\$2,965.50
Catholic Outreach	\$1,206.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Fuel	Dec 4/5
Religious Retirement	Dec 11/12

PLEASE NOTE ... Offertory checks made payable to: St. Mary Parish.
You are welcome to indicate a diocesan 2nd collection in the memo section of your check. Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "**Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish.**"

PRAYER LIST

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

Bill Beattie	Jake Grey	David Montano
Gloria Beattie	Deborah Hemingway	Mary Ouellette
William Beattie	Renee Honeman	Melvin Parker
Deb Bedard	Timothy Houle	Deborah Phaup
Carol Braga	David Immic	Mary Raymond
Pauline Buckner	Elaine Keating	Brian Rivet
Stephen Burlew	Richard LaCasce	Sharon Rivet
Douglas Craig	Pearl Landry	Andrew St. Pierre
Rebecca DeVoyd	Claire Lessard	Elaine St. Pierre
Susan Doody	Matthew Limoges	Marcy St. Pierre
Thomas Eagen	Roy Lucier	Mary Sullivan
Charles Eastman	Jon Manning	Peter Sullivan
Joan Flaherty	Terry McGuire	Todd Supernois
Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt	Christine Snyder
Dennis Fontaine	Jack Merrill	Chee Chee Tyrrell
David Grey	Sylvia Michaud	Louise Unger

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES

Zachary Long... US Army

Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy

Call the parish office to add your loved ones in the service.

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—
December 2021**

Intention for Evangelization—Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of Holy Spirit.

REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

"Memorial Candle Fund"

Candle burning in the Church for the souls in purgatory.



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—Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: Page 55

Offertory Hymn: #114—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Communion Antiphon: Page 57

Communion Hymn: *Choir Only*

Recessional Hymn: #237—Savior of the Nations, Come



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree—Christmas Social

Monday, December 6th, 6:00 PM—Pleasant Restaurant

Members are welcome to bring a friend.

Please RSVP to Louis Millette at 603-477-4476.

Baby Bottle Benefit Coin Collection

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Virgil Barber #892 has resumed its support for the Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley by providing baby bottles to collect loose change donations. The Pregnancy Center continues to provide a wonderful program to pregnant women in need! They offer many resources which include counseling, ultrasounds, options for adoption, maternity/family training, baby items which include clothing and much more! They are able to help women with their pregnancy and also allow pregnant women another option in our community than going to Planned Parenthood. They are entirely privately funded. Please help by donating to the baby bottle benefit. Baby bottles are located in the main entrance of the church. Any donation given to this cause is greatly appreciated and helps the Pregnancy Center continue on their mission! These can be left at the back table of the Church or at the parish office.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Registration forms are now available on the parish website under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tabs. Please print and fill one out prior to the start of classes. They can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Registration fee checks should be made payable to "St. Mary Parish." Please call 603-542-9518 with questions.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You.

Amen.

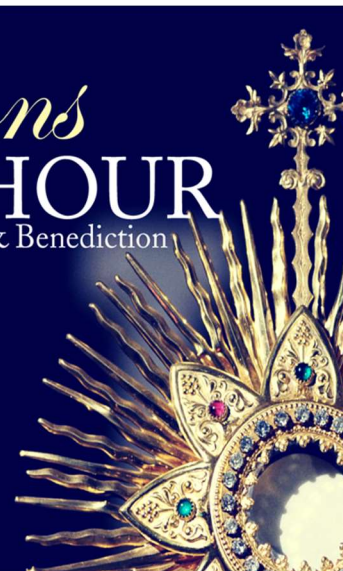
Thursday evenings during Advent (Dec. 9 and 16) during the Vocations Holy Hour from 6 to 7 PM, Fr. Arockia will give a brief Advent reflection and will also be available to hear confessions.

Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Every Thursday Evening

6:00–7:00 PM



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Ct. Virgil H. Barber #892

Advent Gathering Luncheon/Meeting

Sunday, December 12th—1:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall

The Knights of Columbus are seeking the DONATION of barn or garage space for the outside Creche displayed during the Christmas season in the Broad Street park. Prior locations no longer are available to store the Creche. Dimensions are: 8'+10" H x 7'+00" W x 17'+10" L from hitch to tail. Contact Walt Stapleton at 603-995-1034 or waltstapleton@juno.com with inquiry or information. Thank you.

Advent Tree of Life

All Christmas gifts must be returned to the rectory no later than noon Sunday, December 6th. 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 175 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!