

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
(June 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

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

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| 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

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| Monday - Thursday | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
| Friday | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM |

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development

World Day of Peace – January 1st

Each year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. [This year's message](#) is the latest in a long tradition of messages for this day that began with [St. Paul VI](#) in 1967, and continued with [St. John Paul II](#), [Pope Benedict XVI](#), and [Pope Francis](#).

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. **Pray.** Use one of [these nine ways to pray](#) at [We Are Salt and Light](#) to pray for all those in need of peace in your community and around the world.
2. **Learn.** As faithful citizens, we must seek to understand the political and social issues that lead to poverty and conflict which [threatens the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout the world](#). Learn about these issues and read [stories of hope](#) to learn how faith communities are answering the call to work for peace and justice.
3. **Act.** Read about how [Pope Francis calls us to overcome divisions](#) through social friendship and encounter. Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that seek justice and peace in the U.S. and around the world. Learn more about the annual [Catholic Social Ministry Gathering](#) where Catholics gather to pray for God's justice to be realized, learn about poverty in the U.S. and abroad, and advocate for the poor and vulnerable to our elected leaders.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried . . .

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" . . . Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. . . . Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace, 6/4/14 Used with Permission. © LIBRERIA EDITRICE VATICANA



December 31, 2022—January 8, 2023

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| Sat. Dec 31 4:00 PM | Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig |
| Sun. Jan 1 8:00 AM | Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God For the People |
| 10:30 AM | Paul Keating By Mary K. Keating |
| Mon. Jan 2 9:00 AM | Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen The United States of America |
| Tue. Jan 3 | Christmas Weekday No Mass |
| Wed. Jan 4 | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious No Mass |
| Thur. Jan 5 9:00 AM | Healing Mass in Honor of St. Jude Healing of Joe Wallace Healing of Paul Keating By Mary K. Keating |
| Fri. Jan 6 9:00 AM | Christmas Weekday (First Friday) Deborah Pamplin (†) By Wayne & Juanita Sweet |
| Sat. Jan 7 9:00 AM | Christmas Weekday (First Saturday) Eleanor Dalton (†) By Jackie Merrill |
| 4:00 PM | Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord Ina Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne |
| Sun. Jan 8 8:00 AM | The Epiphany of the Lord For the People |
| 10:30 AM | Deborah Pamplin (†) By Claremont ProLife Ministry |

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

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| Mon. Jan 2 | 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 |
| Tues. Jan 3 | 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 |
| Wed. Jan 4 | 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42 |
| Thurs. Jan 5 | 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51 |
| Fri. Jan 6 | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 |
| Sat. Jan 7 | 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11 |
| Sun. Jan 8 | Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 25, 2022

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| Envelopes (72)..... | \$2,724.00 |
| Loose..... | \$1,905.50 |
| Catholic Outreach..... | \$1,119.00 |

ONLINE GIVING

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| Offertory..... | \$667.17 |
| Church Maintenance..... | \$90.55 |
| Fuel..... | \$5.14 |

Total Collected for Grand Annual Collection...\$24,953.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

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| Fuel | January 7/8 |
| Seminary Fund | January 14/15 |

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."

Grand Annual Collection now available with online giving.

PRAYER LIST

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

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| Becky Baril | David Grey | Sylvia Michaud |
| Bill Beattie | Jake Grey | David Montano |
| Gloria Beattie | Renee Honeman | Mary Ouellette |
| William Beattie | Geoffrey Houle | Ron Perra |
| Deb Bedard | Timothy Houle | Lynn Raymond |
| Carol Braga | David Immic | Andrew St. Pierre |
| Stephen Burlew | Paul Keating | Mary Sullivan |
| Andy Champy | Nancy Kingsbury | Peter Sullivan |
| Mary DiFilippo | Diane Landry | Christine Snyder |
| Susan Doody | Michael LaPointe | Robert Tancrede |
| Jimmy Dunn | Matthew Limoges | Richard Tremblay |
| Charles Eastman | Fr. John Loughnane | Chee Chee Tyrrell |
| Chuck Ferland | Roy Lucier | Louise Unger |
| Dennis Fontaine | Barbara Manning | George Veilleux |
| Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert | Shirley McNutt | Joe Wallace |



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
David Baldasaro
as requested by Shirley McNutt.

GiveOnline
easy, fast, secure.

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—Mary, Holy Mother of God

Processional Hymn: #127—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Offertory Hymn: #138—The First Nowell

Communion Hymn: #135—The Snow Lay on the Ground

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #124—Angels We Have Heard on High



St. Mary Parish Meeting

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, in St. Mary Gym, beginning at 12:00 noon, Robert Fulmer (engineer) and Rob Eib (Manchester Diocese) will conduct a presentation of the restoration/renovation needed to St. Mary Church. We will all have an opportunity to learn all involved with this major project and to ask questions. A bagged lunch will be provided. Please call the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 if you plan to attend.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 6th, St. Mary Church

Mass at 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 AM—10:30 AM

Adoration 9:30 AM—4:00 PM



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Business Pledges

Monday, January 2nd—7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall



Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph meet every first and third Wednesday of month at 7:00 PM in the St. Dominic Room located on the 2nd floor of the chapel building. All men are welcome to attend. Come, see and share the virtues and values of St. Joseph with other Catholic men. For information please call Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130.

Parish Employment Opportunity

St. Mary Parish is seeking to onboard a Director for a proposed parish child care center. The individual would be involved in the early stages of the decision-making process prior to opening and engaged directly and enthusiastically in the start-up of the center. It is required that a candidate be a practicing Catholic who understands the importance of providing a positive childcare environment based on good Catholic values. Once open, the Director will be responsible for the daily operation of the program and ensure the program's compliance with all applicable federal, state and local codes, as well as diocesan policies. Other responsibilities will include: Oversee staff, assist in the creation of a budget, market the facility, meet with parents and parish personnel regularly. This is a new venture for the parish, one that will provide a much-needed service with a Catholic identity. Salary and benefits will be based on experience. Interested candidates should send a brief description of interest in the position along with any relevant experience to stmarysclaremont@comcast.net.

Filipino FOOD

Prepared by Rose Lawton

Date: Sunday, January 15, 2023

Time: 4:30PM-7:00PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:



Spring Rolls, Fried Noodles, Fried Rice, Chicken Curry, Macaroni Salad, Desserts, Coffee/Tea, Soft Drinks

Seats are Limited

Please RSVP to:

St. Mary Rectory at

(603) 542-9518 or stmarysclaremont@comcast.net

There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the church following all Masses

Free Will Offering

All Proceeds to Benefit the Church Renovation

Advent Tree Thanks

As usual, St. Mary's parishioners were very generous in purchasing gifts for the Advent Tree project. Over 350 clothing items were provided to the Kiwanis Club for distribution to 175 needy children in our area. Just over \$3,000.00 was also donated and used to purchase the boots, jackets, and snowpants that children needed. We are sure that Christmas was brighter for many families because of your generosity! Many thanks to each of you!

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Classes will begin on Sunday, January 29, 2023. All classes will be held following the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:30). These classes are designed for those baptized children, 2nd grade and above, who desire the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Confession and Confirmation. We will meet every other Sunday in the St. Dominic Room on the 2nd floor of the Annex building. Because this catechesis is part of the Family Faith Formation program, parents are encouraged to attend. Any questions, please contact Kevin Krawiec at 603-801-6130 or kkrawiec26@gmail.com.

The Parish Office will be closed January 2nd for the New Year's Day holiday.