

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

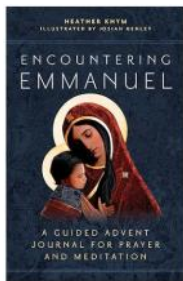
Please come by the Parish Office to receive the code and instructions.

ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

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

December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

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 or the Parish Office to register.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th

4:00 PM

St. Mary Church

December 25th

12:00 AM

St. Mary Church

9:00 AM

St. Joseph Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday—December 18th

5:30 PM

St. Joseph Church

Friday—December 20th

9:30 AM

St. Mary Church

Saturday—December 21st

3:00 PM

St. Mary Church



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.

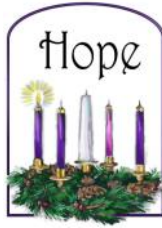
It is our desire to support our families in the all-important task of raising their children in the faith; therefore, we invite families to gather for a teaching and prayer in the church each First Friday.

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 30, 2024—December 8, 2024

Sat. Nov 30
4:00 PM

Vigil of First Sunday of Advent
Cyril and Anna Ondre (†)
By Their Children



Sun. Dec 1
8:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent
For the People

10:30 AM

Paul Lacasse (†)
By Ray & Sally Michaud

Mon. Dec 2

Advent Weekday
No Mass

Tue. Dec 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest
No Mass

Wed. Dec 4

Advent Weekday
No Mass

Thur. Dec 5

Advent Weekday
No Mass

Fri. Dec 6

9:00 AM

Advent Weekday (First Friday)
Joseph Ba (†)
By Vy

Sat. Dec 7

9:00 AM

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Church Doctor
Grandparents (†)
By Vy

4:00 PM

Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent
Herbert Chase (†)
By Peter & Patricia Chase

Sun. Dec 8

8:00 AM

Second Sunday of Advent
For the People

10:30 AM

Andrew and Mathilda Quinn (†)
By Mark & Carla Lafontaine

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

Mon. Dec 2	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tues. Dec 3	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wed. Dec 4	Is 25:6-10/Mt 15:29-37
Thurs. Dec 5	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri. Dec 6	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Sat. Dec 7	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8
Sun. Dec 8	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Envelopes (47).....	\$1,393.50
Loose.....	\$1,235.00
Catholic Outreach.....	\$1,251.00
Indian Dinner.....	\$1,440.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$752.95
Capital Campaign.....	\$755.37

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	November 30/Dec 1
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 7/8
Church Maintenance	December 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."

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

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 Michael Couture as requested by Brian and Cynthia Lessard.

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 stmaryscclaremont@comcast.net or (603) 542-9518 if you have questions.

HYMNS—First Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: #84—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Offertory Hymn: #100—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Communion Hymn: *Choir Only*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #98—People, Look East



Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn 40 weeks – End of Month 9 “Here I Am!” It’s my birthday!

Thank you so much for all your prayers!
Because you prayed for me, I got the best of all gifts - **Life!**

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we can now see and hold in our arms. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Thank you for your participation in the Spiritual Adoption program. We will begin this program again in January.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Sunday, December 15th—1:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall, Claremont
Advent Gathering/Luncheon

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 6th

Mass 9:00 AM—St. Mary Church

Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30-10:30 AM

Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM—4:00 PM



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

The parish meeting this past Sunday went well. Steve Horton, hired as our parish representative for the church project going forward, was introduced to the parishioners. He explained the path going forward with a construction management company in order to solicit local/regional builders and reduce costs. Our new path is approved by the Diocese, and we look forward to an early spring startup. If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like further information, please speak with one of the men on the Steering Committee or contact the Parish Office. Praise God, we are moving forward!



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!