St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Please remember St. Mary's Renovation Fund in your will.

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Sunday 4:00 PM 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 Saturday 9:30 AM 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.

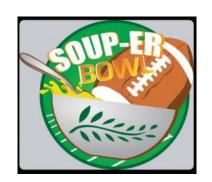
January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord
Thirty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



It has been confirmed that there is a significant amount of mold on all 3 floors in the rectory due to a longtime leak in the roof. We are investigating our options on how best to deal with this issue, including replacing the rectory roof. Asking parishioners for additional money is NOT an option. We will NOT be asking you for more money. With the current information we have, we are choosing to take necessary safety precautions due to the health concerns surrounding the irritants. The parish office will temporarily be closed to the public. If you need to communicate with the office, please call or email. If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of Father, please call the phone number listed on the front cover of the bulletin. We will keep you updated as we obtain more information.



First Annual St. Mary Parish Souper Bowl Party



Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Time: 12:00-3:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont

Best Soups Prizes

Football Theme—Wear your favorite football team jersey!

50/50 Raffle and Games

We're looking for 10 parishioners to make a crockpot of their favorite soup and bring to the party. Please contact the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 or stmarysclaremont@comcast.net to submit your entry.



Sign-Up Sheets in the Back of the Church

January 6, 2024—January 14, 2024

Sat. Jan 6 Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM Ina Perron (†)

By Ron, Rod & Lynne

Sun. Jan 7 The Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 AM

Alcide & Yvette Gilbert (†)

By Michael & Sharon Gilbert

10:30 AM For the People

Mon. Jan 8 The Baptism of the Lord 9:00 AM Theodore J. Rouillard, Jr. (†)

By Steve Denis

Tue. Jan 9 Weekday

No Mass

Wed. Jan 10 Weekday

No Mass

Thur, Jan 11 Weekday

Gilele St. Sauveur (†) 9:00 AM

By Family

Fri. Jan 12 Weekday Patrick O'Mara 9:00 AM

Susan Bocko & Sarah Bocko

Sat. Jan 13 Weekday

9:00 AM Leo and Leatrice Rheaume (†)

By Bryan Rheaume

Vigil of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Robert Jones (†)

By Wife & Children

Sun. Jan 14 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Christine McElreavy (†) 8:00 AM

By Joseph McElreavy & Family

10:30 AM For the People

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jan 8 Is 55:1-11/Mk 1:7-11 Tues. Jan 9 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 Wed. Jan 10 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 Thurs, Jan 11 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 Fri. Jan 12 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22/Mk 2:1-12 Sat. Jan 13 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Sun. Jan 14 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

PARISH OFFERING

| SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER | 31, 2023 |
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| Envelopes (56) | \$1,832.50 |
| Loose | |
| Catholic Outreach | |

ONLINE GIVING

| Offertory | \$605.65 |
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| Capital Campaign | \$641.19 |

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel January 6/7 **Church Maintenance** January 13/14 Catholic Outreach January 27/28

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

| Dennis Fontaine | David Montano |
|-------------------------|--|
| Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert | Leanne Mortell |
| David Grey | Mary Ouellette |
| Jake Grey | Shirley Pierce |
| Renee Honeman | Mary Raymond |
| Geoffrey Houle | Andrew St. Pierre |
| Timothy Houle | Janet Sullivan |
| David Immic | Mary Sullivan |
| Donna Kulacz | Christine Snyder |
| Pam LaBounty | Erika Thomas |
| John Laushance | Pauline Trottier |
| Matthew Limoges | Louise Unger |
| Fr. John Loughnane | Felicity Wallace |
| Shirley McNutt | Joe Wallace |
| Sylvia Michaud | |
| | Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert David Grey Jake Grey Renee Honeman Geoffrey Houle Timothy Houle David Immic Donna Kulacz Pam LaBounty John Laushance Matthew Limoges Fr. John Loughnane Shirley McNutt |



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.

HYMNS—The Epiphany of the Lord

Processional Hymn: #148—We Three Kings

Offertory Hymn: #150—As With Gladness Men Of Old

Communion Hymn: #109—What Child Is This

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #155—Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. January 27th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage Sun. January 28th — 7:30—10:30 AM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Aluminum cans only! Rinse out cans, do not crush them.
5 cent plastic soda bottles marked VT accepted. Check markings!

Proceeds go to 2 seminarians and a postulant.

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.



Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. This week Mr. Bob Fulmer, the engineer, will begin the walkthroughs with various contractors who will be bidding the entire church project. We hope to receive the bids by February. We are progressing!

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



We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$8,465.00 toward our goal of \$28,422.00. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish

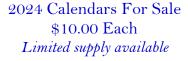
this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your envelope to Mass or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal.

To schedule a home visitation of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please contact Juanita Sweet at 603-477-1348 or juanitajoy2@gmail.com.





Parish Ornaments For Sale One for \$20 or Two for \$35 Limited supply available





Great Gifts!
200-Year Anniversary Souvenirs!
Bundle Deal: 2 ornaments and 1 calendar
\$40.00 total

HOME VISITS



Fr. Sebastian visits the homebound on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call the Parish Office at 603-542-9518 or email Fr. Sebastian at sebaafri @ comcast.net.