

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Deacon James Wilton
Mary K. Keating
Joe Labrecque
Kevin Krawiec

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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

Monday and Friday	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

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

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pope's message for World Vocations Day:

Pope Francis releases a message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and urges all religious and clergy to look to St. Joseph as a model of unreserved fidelity to God's invitation to service.

By Devin Watkins

As the Church marks the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis released his [Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#), which falls this year on 25 April.

The Pope held up the husband of the Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus as a model for all members of the clergy and religious men and women. He drew heavily on his Apostolic Letter [Patris Corde](#), released on 8 December 2020, which seeks to "increase our love for this great saint."

Heart of a father

St. Joseph, said the Pope, is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charism or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life. "God looks on the heart," he said, "and in Saint Joseph He recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines." Vocations, he added, have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others. The priesthood and consecrated life, he said, require men and women with open hearts, who are "capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes."

Chasing a dream

Pope Francis went on to focus on three key words which St. Joseph suggests for each individual's vocation: *dream*, *service*, and *fidelity*. The Gospel of Matthew recounts four dreams with which God inspired St. Joseph, each of which represented a difficult call from God. "After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely." Though it seems strange to us that he would put so much trust in dreams, the Saint let himself be guided without hesitation. "Why?" mused the Pope. "Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards Him. A small indication was enough for his watchful 'inner ear' to recognize God's voice." God's call to each of us, said Pope Francis, happens in the same way, without putting pressure on our freedom. "He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings." Yet, as St. Joseph demonstrates, our acceptance of God's call cannot be passive, but requires us to press forward and take risks by abandoning ourselves to grace.

Serving and protecting

Pope Francis then considered St. Joseph's vocation to *service*. "The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself," he said. "By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service." His limitless, selfless love led the Saint to sustain daily sacrifices, as a rule for daily life. "He adapted to different circumstances with the attitude of those who do not grow discouraged when life does not turn out as they wished," said the Pope. "He showed the *willingness* typical of those who *live to serve*." Pope Francis added that he likes to think of St. Joseph as the "protector of vocations," since his willingness to serve fills him with a "concern to protect." "Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation," he said, "the testimony of a life touched by the love of God."

In simple, daily fidelity

Fidelity, said the Pope, is the third aspect of St. Joseph's example for all consecrated persons. He always patiently pondered his actions, and knew that "success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions." Pope Francis said God teaches each of us how to nurture fidelity "in the light of God's own faithfulness." "This fidelity is the secret of joy," he noted. "It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour."

Example of joy

The Pope concluded his message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations by urging the Church's ministers to fill their homes with this same "simple and radiant, sober and hopeful" joy. "I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *serving him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy."

April 24, 2021—May 2, 2021

Sat. Apr 24 4:00 PM	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter Pauline Johnson (†) By Lorraine Dion
Sun. Apr 25 8:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Apr 26 12:10 PM	Easter Weekday Heidi Borgstrom By Family
Tue. Apr 27 12:10 PM	Easter Weekday All Souls
Wed. Apr 28 7:30 AM	Easter Weekday All Souls
Thur. Apr 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Church Doctor No Mass
Fri. Apr 30 12:10 PM	Easter Weekday Arthur H. Dion (†) By Family
Sat. May 1 4:00 PM	Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter Christine McElreavy (†) By Joseph McElreavy & Family
Sun. May 2 8:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter Michael Villers (†) By Family
10:30 AM	For the People

All 3 Weekend Masses are livestreamed on the parish Facebook page. The church is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Monday and Friday from 3:00-4:00 PM.

Thank you to all who are generously sending in their weekly offertory. Please continue to support the parish weekly. It is imperative to the running of our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
- Fr. Shawn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

Mon. Apr 26	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tues. Apr 27	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wed. Apr 28	Acts 12:24—13:5/Jn 12:44-50
Thurs. Apr 29	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Fri. Apr 30	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Sat. May 1	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Sun. May 2	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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!

April 18, 2021

Offertory	\$2728.00
Buck-A-Month	\$ 95.00

Upcoming Second Collections

St. Vincent de Paul Society	Apr 24/25
Fuel	May 1/2

PLEASE NOTE ... All checks made payable to: St. Mary Parish.
You are welcome to indicate the collection in the memo section of your check. Checks for St. Vincent de Paul Society **should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

PRAYER LIST

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

Bill Beattie	Dennis Fontaine	Matthew Merrill
Gloria Beattie	Herb Foster	Ann Milan
Joan Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
Scott Beattie	Jake Grey	Mary Ouellette
William Beattie	Joan Grey	Mike Poirier
Deb Bedard	Douglas Hartwell	Mary Raymond
Deacon Paul Boucher	Deborah Hemingway	Lucille Richards
Carol Braga	Renee Honeman	Gloria Santini
Gary Bromley	Gabriel Houle	Cheryl Shaimas
Pauline Buckner	David Immic	Christopher Shaimas
Stephen Burlew	Donna Kulacz	Andrew St. Pierre
Sis Corsale	Richard LaCasce	Elaine St. Pierre
Douglas Craig	Pearl Landry	Marcy St. Pierre
McKenna Day	Ray Lemieux	Mary Sullivan
Rebecca DeVoyd	Merranda Lenahan	Peter Sullivan
Claire Doe	Matthew Limoges	Christine Synder
Susan Doody	Roy Lucier	Carolyn Theroux
Thomas Eagen	Lucille Matteau	David White
Charles Eastman	Terry McGuire	Roy Winot
Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt	

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—April 2021

Universal Intention—Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

"Memorial Candle Fund"

Candles burning in the Church/Adoration Chapel
in memory of Bernard Ouellette.

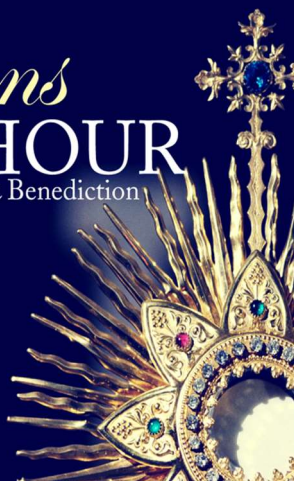


Welcome New Parishioners...Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!

Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Every
Thursday
Evening
6:00-7:00 PM



The Diocese of Manchester invites all to join in an Easter Series, "The Resurrection and the Church's Mission in the Public Square." This series is offered to help New Hampshire Catholics reflect more deeply on the Easter message and its meaning today for our state, our country, and the whole world. The full series is available in a free-eBook at catholicnh.org/Easter that contains brief written offerings and short excerpts from various church writings on the topics that are covered for each week of the Easter Season.

All good things come to an end. I have been diagnosed with serious health issues that prevent me from continuing my deaconate responsibilities. I have thoroughly enjoyed my almost 19 years with you. I have baptized your children, married others and performed funerals of your loved ones. Please pray for me as I go through this time of my life. A blessed Easter season to all of you. Deacon Paul



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.



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. April 24th — 3:00-4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. April 25th — 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 postulante.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch *Into the Breach*, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, *Into the Breach* challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



INTO THE BREACH

FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020



FORMED NOW! WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

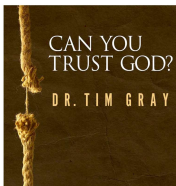
In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

LEARN

LISTEN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD? BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



CAN YOU
TRUST GOD?
DR. TIM GRAY

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 7th

St. Mary Church

Mass 8:00 AM, Adoration 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Confessions from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Benediction at 4:00 PM



Dear Friends,

Would you like to learn more about the secular Third Order of St. Francis? We would like to begin a Third Order in our parish. Please email Fr. John Loughnane at allsaints3@comcast.net for more information and to sign up. Without withdrawing from the world, the Third Order carries out the principles of Franciscan life. We perform works of teaching, charity, and social service. We will give you more information and plan our first meeting in the near future.

May the Lord bless you always,
Fr. John Loughnane
All Saints Parish
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Charlestown, NH 03603
603-717-5603

ALL LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Fr. Shawn has decided to resume full participation of lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers for all weekend Masses. If you feel comfortable serving again on the altar, please contact the parish office at 542-9518 or stmarysclaremont@comcast.net. The plan is to have a schedule in place for the summer months.

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