

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Homebound Ministry Director

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Mary K. Keating

Lisa Sweet

Joe Labrecque

Denny Francis

Juanita Sweet

Kevin Krawiec

Steve Denis

Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Council 1820

*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

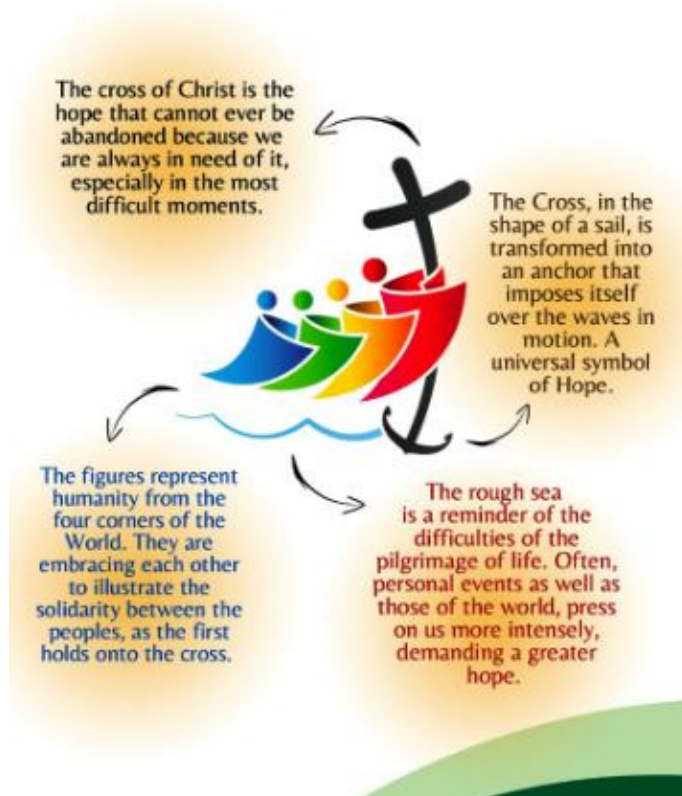
Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other information regarding the parish cemetery.

**January 5, 2025**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**



“The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

*-Pope Francis, Letter for Jubilee 2025, 11 February 2022*



## HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE



1.



Detachment from all sin, even venial

2.



Sacramental confession



Holy Communion



One Our Father for the intentions of the pope

The conditions in number 2 can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works below to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith. Bishop Peter Libasci designated St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester, NH, as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year 2025. For information, visit [www.stjosephcathedralnh.org](http://www.stjosephcathedralnh.org)



## January 4, 2025—January 12, 2025

<b>Sat. Jan 4</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Ina Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne
<b>Sun. Jan 5</b> 8:00 AM	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Alcide and Yvette Gilbert (†) By Michael and Sharon Gilbert
10:30 AM	Archie and Dora Hockel (†) By Mark & Carla Lafontaine
<b>Mon. Jan 6</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Tue. Jan 7</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Wed. Jan 8</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Thur. Jan 9</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Jan 10</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Sat. Jan 11</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord</b> For the People
<b>Sun. Jan 12</b> 8:00 AM	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Christine McElreavy (†) By Joseph McElreavy & Family
10:30 AM	Alfred and Eveline Cote (†) By Mark & Carla Lafontaine

Please keep Fr. Sebastian in your prayers as he travels home to India.

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each Mass during the week.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jan 6	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues. Jan 7	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wed. Jan 8	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thurs. Jan 9	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22
Fri. Jan 10	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Sat. Jan 11	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Sun. Jan 12	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## PARISH OFFERING

### SUNDAY OFFERTORY - DECEMBER 29, 2024

Envelopes (48).....	\$1,693.00
Loose.....	\$1,236.50
Christmas.....	\$4,423.00

### ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$473.77
Capital Campaign.....	\$190.65

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	January 4/5
Church Maintenance	January 11/12
Catholic Outreach	January 25/26

*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."*

### PRAYER LIST

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

Deb Bedard	Marilyn Gilbert	David Montano
Marc Bissonette	Richard C. Hall	Mary Ouellette
Bob Bonebrake	Joshua Head	Dennis Palmer
Paul Boudreau	Geoffrey Houle	Jesse Rivard
Andy Champy	Timothy Houle	Christine Snyder
Mike Clay	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Rev. Daniel Cogut	Gloria Kalbfleisch	Barbara St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Don Keating	Edward Stone
Liz Jones-Dern	Paul Keating	Mary Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	Al Kulacz	Ryan Sullivan
Susan Doody	Donna Kulacz	Enola Surrall
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Richard Tremblay
Charles Eastman	Diane Lavigne	Pauline Trottier
Frank Emig	Matthew Limoges	Louise Unger
Joan Flaherty	Fr. John Loughnane	Felicity Wallace
Dennis Fontaine	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace



*Request a  
Mass Intention*

*Give a gift of the greatest prayer for  
your loved ones, living or deceased.  
Contact the Parish Office to schedule.*



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
the Poor Souls in Purgatory

**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—The Epiphany of the Lord

**Processional Hymn:** #148—We Three Kings

**Offertory Hymn:** #155—Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**Communion Hymn:** *Choir*

**Anima Christi:** #699

**Recessional Hymn:** #150—As With Gladness Men of Old

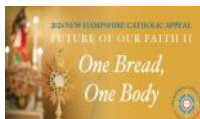


### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Reconciliation  
First Eucharist  
and Confirmation

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** We are in the process of planning sacrament preparation classes for First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If you are interested in having your children participate,

please contact Lisa Sweet at [claremontfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:claremontfaithformation@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office. Registration is required. Cost is \$35.00 per child for materials that cover all three sacraments.



### NH Catholic Appeal:

We are grateful to all parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

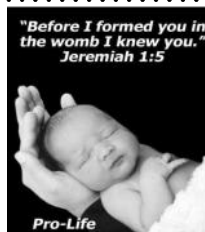
As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$7,135.00** toward our goal of \$32,307.93. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please mail your gift in an Appeal envelope or make your gift online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca). Envelopes are available in the church. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Please make all checks payable to **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**.

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.



### 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



### St. Mary Parish ProLife Ministry

Contact Juanita Sweet or the Parish Office for more information

### 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. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, Bill Pamplin, or Gary Lambert.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** If you receive a suspicious email or text supposedly from Fr. Sebastian requesting you contact him, PLEASE do not respond. There are emails AND TEXTS circulating to various individuals ultimately requesting money and gift cards. These are SCAMS and should not be answered.

### Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. January 25th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage  
Sun. January 26th — 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!

**St. Mary Parish 2025 calendars  
are available at each church entrance.**

### ST. MARY CEMETERY:

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.

PLASTIC FLOWERS were to be removed from all graves in St. Mary Cemetery by December 31st. All plastic flowers still remaining will be thrown away by the cemetery maintenance volunteers.

### 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!



### Campaign Corner

As Steve Horton, hired as the parish representative for the church project, explained at the parish meeting, the path going forward is with a construction management company. Mr. Horton is in the process of soliciting interest from local/regional companies and so far the interest is very high. He is working on Requests for Proposal from these companies and once received, the Steering Committee will select a CM. This process will play out over the next several weeks, and we will update parishioners as progress is made.