

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

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) 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.

July 7, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here's why July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ



When Pope Pius IX was in exile in 1849, he turned to the Blood of Christ for strength.

One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honoring of his Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

On August 10 he made it official and proclaimed that the **1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II the feast was removed from the universal calendar, but a **votive Mass in honor of the Precious Blood was established** and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year). Some dioceses, especially in Europe, still celebrate the July 1 feast day.

Poured out

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, **Pope Pius IX went into exile** to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

July 6, 2024—July 14, 2024

Sat. Jul 6 4:00 PM	Vigil of Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oscar Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne
Sun. Jul 7 8:00 AM	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
10:30 AM	Gary Savoie (†) By Family
Mon. Jul 8 9:00 AM	Weekday Ian Pierce (†) By Knights of Columbus Council 1820
Tue. Jul 9	Weekday No Mass
Wed. Jul 10	Weekday No Mass
Thur. Jul 11 9:00 AM	St. Benedict, Abbot Julie Hill (†) By Bernette Williams
Fri. Jul 12	Weekday <i>No Mass Due to Funeral</i>
Sat. Jul 13 9:00 AM	Weekday—Mass at Old St. Mary's Gertrude Dion (†) By Lorraine Dion
4:00 PM	Vigil of Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Jones (†) By His Wife & Children
Sun. Jul 14 8:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Robin Flaig (†) By Randy & Patricia Fullam
10:30 AM	Lorraine Dube (†) By Brian & Cynthia Lessard

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jul 8	Hos 2:16-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tues. Jul 9	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wed. Jul 10	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thurs. Jul 11	Hos 11:1-4, 8-9/Mt 10:7-15
Fri. Jul 12	Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Sat. Jul 13	Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
Sun. Jul 14	Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY - JUNE 30, 2024

Envelopes (51).....	\$2,358.50
Loose.....	\$1,073.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$854.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory.....	\$570.31
Capital Campaign.....	\$220.60

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	July 6/7
Church Maintenance	July 13/14
Catholic Outreach	July 20/21

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	Joan Flaherty	Sylvia Michaud
Linda Bergeron	Dennis Fontaine	David Montano
Michelle Breen	Dennis Greenwood	Mary Ouellette
Andy Champy	Joan Greenwood	Dennis Palmer
Kathleen Chaudhry	Renee Honeman	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandy Colby	Geoffrey Houle	Edward Stone
Scott Colpas	Timothy Houle	Mary Sullivan
Liz Jones-Dern	David Immic	Ryan Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	Donna Kulacz	Christine Snyder
Susan Doody	Pam LaBounty	Erika Thomas
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Richard Tremblay
Thomas Eagan	Diane Lavigne	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Louise Unger
Frank Emig	Fr. John Loughnane	Felicity Wallace
Chuck Ferland	Shirley McNutt	Joe Wallace

If you notice people on the prayer list who may be taken off for whatever reason, please let us know so that we may keep the list updated. Also if you have someone you would like on the prayer list, please let us know that as well.



The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church
will burn this week in memory of
Oscar Perron
as requested by Ron, Rod & Lynne.

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—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #540—Faith of Our Fathers

Offertory Hymn: #461—For the Fruits of His Creation

Communion Hymn: #356—Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist

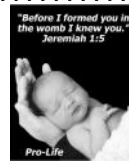
Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #314—Immaculate Mary



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



Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn – End of Month 4

"I had a dream today!"

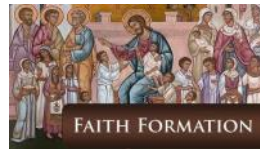
Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.

Home Visits



The Homebound Ministry is now firmly established. If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Homebound visits will be made by Father on the second Monday of every month.

OCIA



"Why do those crazy Catholics use holy water? Pray to Mary? Use incense?"

Would you like answers to these or other questions? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you think you might like to join the Church?

If any of the above is true, please consider joining us for OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), the process by which adults learn what the Catholic Church teaches and prepares the way for them to enter the Church.

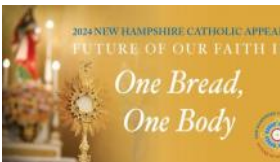
To inquire, please email Lisa Sweet at claremontfaith-formation@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



Campaign Corner

The Steering Committee received 2 bids through Fulmer Associates late June 11th, one for \$2.4 million and one for \$3.2 million. Both bids far exceed our campaign goal and original cost projection. We are looking at all possible options as we continue our discussions with the Diocese concerning their guidance in this matter. We want to continue to be open and honest about this process and will keep everyone informed as we learn more. As always, prayers are our best defense against the forces working against us and we ask that you continue to keep Father and the parish in your prayers.



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 **\$6,610.00** 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 bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. 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**. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries in the Church.