

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

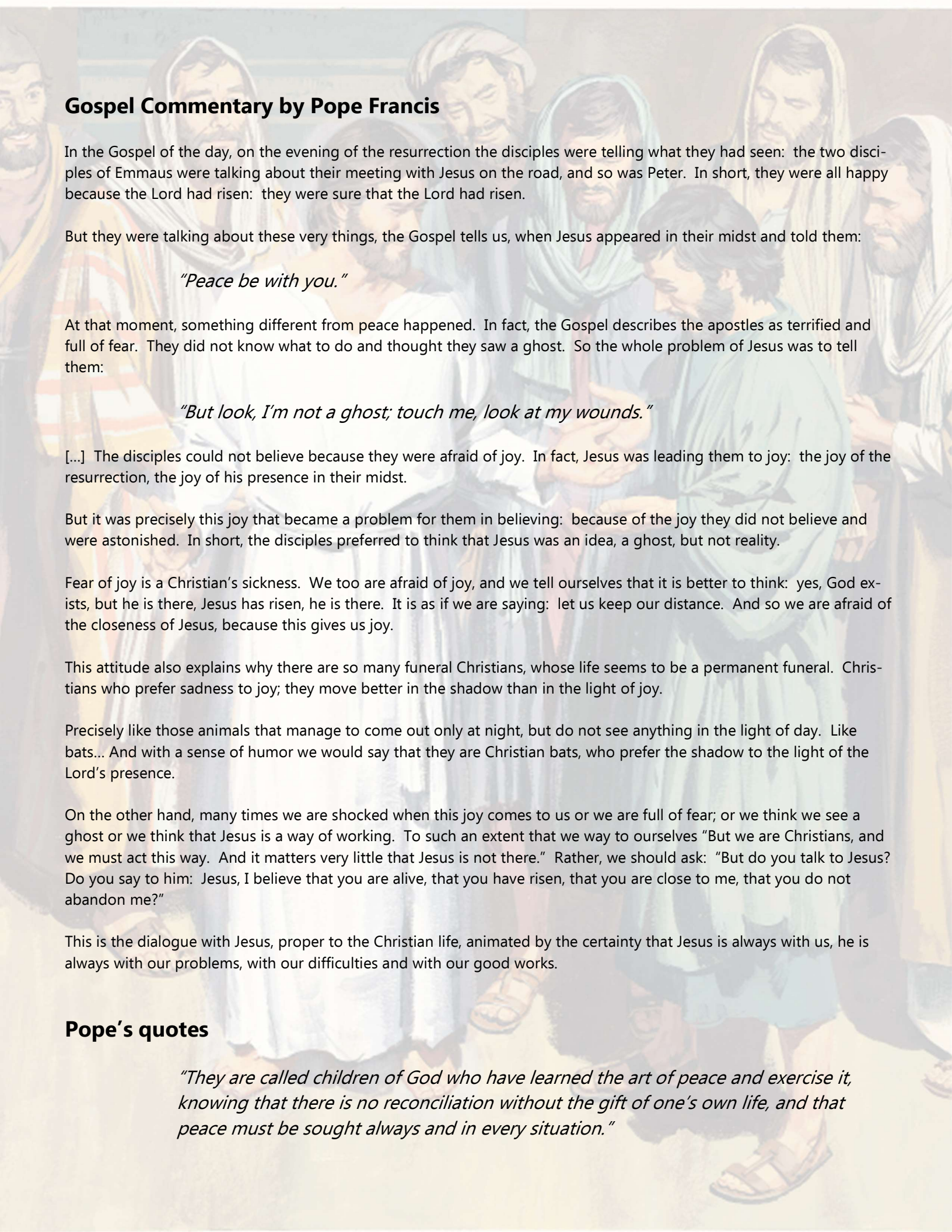
Chapel Hours

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 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter



Gospel Commentary by Pope Francis

In the Gospel of the day, on the evening of the resurrection the disciples were telling what they had seen: the two disciples of Emmaus were talking about their meeting with Jesus on the road, and so was Peter. In short, they were all happy because the Lord had risen: they were sure that the Lord had risen.

But they were talking about these very things, the Gospel tells us, when Jesus appeared in their midst and told them:

"Peace be with you."

At that moment, something different from peace happened. In fact, the Gospel describes the apostles as terrified and full of fear. They did not know what to do and thought they saw a ghost. So the whole problem of Jesus was to tell them:

"But look, I'm not a ghost; touch me, look at my wounds."

[...] The disciples could not believe because they were afraid of joy. In fact, Jesus was leading them to joy: the joy of the resurrection, the joy of his presence in their midst.

But it was precisely this joy that became a problem for them in believing: because of the joy they did not believe and were astonished. In short, the disciples preferred to think that Jesus was an idea, a ghost, but not reality.

Fear of joy is a Christian's sickness. We too are afraid of joy, and we tell ourselves that it is better to think: yes, God exists, but he is there, Jesus has risen, he is there. It is as if we are saying: let us keep our distance. And so we are afraid of the closeness of Jesus, because this gives us joy.

This attitude also explains why there are so many funeral Christians, whose life seems to be a permanent funeral. Christians who prefer sadness to joy; they move better in the shadow than in the light of joy.

Precisely like those animals that manage to come out only at night, but do not see anything in the light of day. Like bats... And with a sense of humor we would say that they are Christian bats, who prefer the shadow to the light of the Lord's presence.

On the other hand, many times we are shocked when this joy comes to us or we are full of fear; or we think we see a ghost or we think that Jesus is a way of working. To such an extent that we say to ourselves "But we are Christians, and we must act this way. And it matters very little that Jesus is not there." Rather, we should ask: "But do you talk to Jesus? Do you say to him: Jesus, I believe that you are alive, that you have risen, that you are close to me, that you do not abandon me?"

This is the dialogue with Jesus, proper to the Christian life, animated by the certainty that Jesus is always with us, he is always with our problems, with our difficulties and with our good works.

Pope's quotes

"They are called children of God who have learned the art of peace and exercise it, knowing that there is no reconciliation without the gift of one's own life, and that peace must be sought always and in every situation."

April 17, 2021—April 25, 2021

Sat. Apr 17 **Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter**
4:00 PM Benoit and Antoinette Lafreniere (†)
By Paul & Lorraine Lafreniere

Sun. Apr 18 **Third Sunday of Easter**
8:00 AM Michael Villers (†)
By Family

10:30 AM For the People

Mon. Apr 19 **Easter Weekday**
12:10 PM All Souls

Tue. Apr 20 **Easter Weekday**
12:10 PM Mercedes Barreiro (†)
By Lucia Barreiro

Wed. Apr 21 **Easter Weekday**
7:30 AM Mary R. and J. Park Goddard (†)
By the Estate

Thur. Apr 22 **Easter Weekday**
No Mass

Fri. Apr 23 **Easter Weekday**
12:10 PM Johanna Doody (†)
By Rick & Susan Doody

Sat. Apr 24 **Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter**
4:00 PM Pauline Johnson (†)
By Lorraine Dion

Sun. Apr 25 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 AM Emig and Mathauser Families
By Frank Emig

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 19	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tues. Apr 20	Acts 7:51—8:1/Jn 6:30-35
Wed. Apr 21	Acts 8:1-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thurs. Apr 22	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fri. Apr 23	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sat. Apr 24	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sun. Apr 25	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:12/Jn 10:11-18

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!

Offertory	\$3994.50
Fuel	\$1235.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Buck-A-Month	Apr 17/18
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Apr 24/25

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	Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt
Gloria Beattie	Dennis Fontaine	Matthew Merrill
Joan Beattie	Herb Foster	Ann Milan
Scott Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
William Beattie	Jay Grey	Mary Ouellette
Deb Bedard	Joan Grey	Mike Poirier
Jeanette Benware	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

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
for all souls.

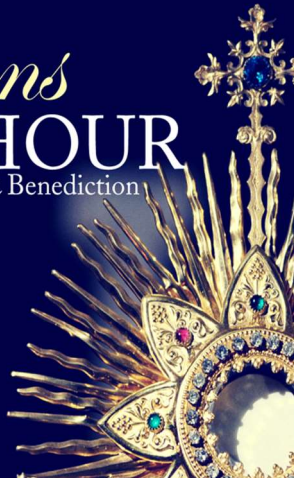


Welcome New Parishioners...Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!

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.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating any significant wedding anniversaries during the year 2021 to pray with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via livestream on **Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** All registering couples will receive a certificate from the bishop recognizing their anniversaries and a link to an at-home date night kit. Registering couples may opt to attend a virtual couple's trivia night for a small fee (\$10/couple). Please contact Alyse Hlasny at ahlasny@rcbm.org or at (603) 663-0108 with any questions. Registration deadline is April 11th.

New Online Support Group from Catholic Charities

Divorce/separation can be an uncomfortable and often misunderstood topic, and for those directly impacted, a painful process with many questions often left unanswered. Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group, "Divorce/ Separation: Why me? What can I do?" for those navigating the divorce process or trying to find their way afterward. Participants will learn more about the dynamics of divorce, better understand their options, learn helpful coping strategies, and support others on the same journey. The program will be held via Zoom for six consecutive Wednesdays (at noon) starting April 21. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/supportgroup or call 603-752-1325.

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 postulant.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Ct. Virgil H. Barber #892
Meeting

Tuesday, April 20th—6:30 PM
St. Joseph Hall

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 beginning this weekend. 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.