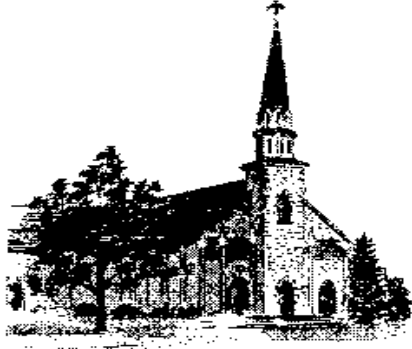


# St. Mary's ~ Roman Catholic Church



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[www.catholicchurchnh.org](http://www.catholicchurchnh.org)

*Sunday ~ March 1, 2015*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 / 10:30 AM  
Monday / Tuesday / Wed. / Friday 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's Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Church is illuminated this week for  
**All Souls.**

## ADORATION CHAPEL

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 8:00 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 - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Remember St. Mary's Renovation Fund**  
**in your Will.**

### A very powerful daily prayer

Many amazing occurrences and miracles have been attributed with this very simple but powerful prayer. Commit to saying this prayer morning and evening.

**☩ Jesus, King of Love, I put my trust in your merciful love.**

## **Are you ready for the fight?**

If you were to enter the boxing ring today, would you be primed? Or are your muscles a little flabby, your lungs easily winded and your feet dragging instead of dancing? Besides you don't want to break your nose.

Think spiritual warfare and you might imagine St. Michael, sword drawn, battling it out with Satan and his minions or the movie *The Exorcist* with the young girl's head spinning and voice growling. Cynics may scoff, "Spiritual warfare is just a fairy tale—a Biblical myth to entertain little kids or a sensationalized story of demons and deliverance to create a box office blockbuster."

The devil, however, is real. As St. Peter tells us, "Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Yes, that someone is you! Definitely, there are times when an exorcist is necessary, but what about you? Are you ready for the fight? Do you have a realistic battle plan to combat the devil in your life?

Are you ready to combat that menacing little voice that taunts you, "You are stupid! You are worthless! You are unlovable!—relentlessly seeking to drive you to despair. Or maybe, he fuels your pride and presumption, "You are great! You are magnificent! You don't need anybody to tell you what to do, certainly not an 'outdated' Church!" Or maybe he exploits your weaknesses, "You can have another drink. You will only gamble a little. Who will know you are looking at porn? You won't get pregnant if you have sex. You can do it your way."

Whatever your weakness—selfishness, pride, anger, bitterness, hatred, jealousy, greed, gluttony, laziness, vanity, and the list never ends—he foments it until it masters you, instead of you mastering your weakness. Maybe it is not a disordered passion, but a frivolous waste of time or money. The kids are screaming, the house is a mess, but you can't miss that soap opera! You deserve a little "me" time! Or as our pastor said, "Maybe he can't get you to do something bad, but he will attempt to get you to do the wrong good thing."

Too often we ignore the spiritual warfare that is happening in our own lives. It's too easy to pass it off as out there or the devil's not real—it's all psychological. But before we can address the challenges of spiritual warfare, we have to accept the devil is real and very much a part of our lives. We are not Don Quixotes charging wind mills? And what is the battle plan to diminish the devil's power and might?

"What are the tools we can use to combat spiritual warfare?" "The Sacraments, prayer, and sacramentals." also the importance of having a close relationship with the Blessed Mother.

Every day as sure as the sun is to rise, we know that our adversary, the relentless devil, with all of his wiles will seek to destroy us by undermining our purity, goodness, and closeness to Christ. Spiritual combat is an interior struggle we deal with

**March 1, 2015—March 8, 2015**

**Sat. Feb 28 Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**

4:00 PM †Normand Bergeron  
Vicki & Al Lee

**Sun. Mar 1 Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM For the People

10:30 AM †Peter Michaud  
By Patricia Michaud

**Mon. Mar 2 Lenten Weekday**

7:30 AM †Madeleine Currie  
The Lynch Family

**Tue. Mar 3 Lenten Weekday**

12:10 PM All Souls

**Wed. Mar 4 Lenten Weekday**

7:30 AM †Normand Bergeron  
By Louri & Jim Trombly

**Thu. Mar 5 Lenten Weekday**

NO MASS

**Fri. Mar 6 Lenten Weekday**

12:10 PM Intention of the Celebrant

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Sat. Mar 7 Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM Community Mass at Saint Mary's Church

4:00 PM †Lynn Nelson  
By Yvonne Ferland

**Sun. Mar 8 Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM For the People

10:30 AM Special Intention  
By The Lynch Family

*He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.  
—Mark 1:13*

Imagine Jesus in the desert for forty days and nights. As he wandered through the blistering heat, he was exposed to dust and sandstorms. It's not a stretch to imagine him collapsing from exhaustion on the scorched land. Most likely, he felt pangs of loneliness. Jesus shows us that the desert can be a place of spiritual enlightenment. He battled Satan and met wild beasts, but in the wasteland, beautiful angels ministered to his soul. Are you in the wilderness today? Wait for enlight-

**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 backed envelopes!  
February 22, 2015**

Offertory	\$ 3363.00
Ash Wednesday/Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 198.00

**Upcoming Collections:**

St Vincent De Paul	Feb 28-Mar 1
Fuel	March 7-8
Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Mission	March 14-15

**PLEASE NOTE ... All checks are payable to: St. Mary's Parish.  
If you would like to put in the memo section what collection it is  
that is fine. Just as long as checks are made out to the church!**

With the exception of St Vincent De Paul:

St. Vincent de Paul, payable direct to: St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Community Mass**

Sat. March 7 —8:00 AM, Saint Mary's Church

**In Memory Of**

Del/Rita Michaud  
Joseph/Esther Michaud  
Janice/Mildred/Bert Nelson  
Adam Ferland  
Albert/Yvonne Landry  
Rose/Norman Brassaw  
Lillian Brassaw  
Bouchard/Bissonnette Families  
Alice, Ted, Dana Giguere  
Companion/LeBlanc/Gulbault Families  
Brian G. Denis  
George L. Denis  
Elmer & Ellen Beliveau  
Lawrence & Beatrice Poirier  
Members of Blain/LeBlanc Families  
Members of Hill/LaCasce Families  
Members of Lang/Baljak Families  
Roy Quimbly

**Requested By**

Children  
Son  
Husband/Son Ronald  
Family  
Family  
Arthur/Joyce Brassaw  
Daughters Denise/Donna  
Joseph Bouchard  
Janice, Linda, David  
Ronald & Charlette Companion  
Leona Denis & Doreen Kusselow  
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Rick & Kathy Beliveau  
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LaCasce Family  
LaCasce Family  
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Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Chiasson

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES**

Tom / Bergan Flannigan ...Army  
Paul J. Nadeau Jr. ...Army (Afghanistan)  
Joseph (Joey) Villers ... Army

Call the parish office to add your loved ones in the service.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK . . .**

Mon. Mar 2	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tues. Mar 3	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wed. Mar 4	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 23:1-12
Thurs. Mar 5	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri. Mar 6	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat. Mar 7	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. Mar 8	Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

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

## HYMNS ~ Saturday & Sunday



- Entrance Antiphon: Pg 120
- Offertory Hymn: Hymn # 610 Hosea
- Communion Antiphon: Pg 122
- Communion Hymn: Hymn # 845 Jesus, Our Living Bread
- Recessional Hymn: Hymn # 495 The Glory of These Forty Days

## Highlights of Events

- Mon Mar 2 **Daughters of Mary**  
6:00 PM—Rectory
- Wed Mar 4 **Sons of Mary**  
6:30 PM—Rectory
- Fri-Sat Mar 6-7 **First Friday Vigil**  
Friday Mar 6 @ 7:00 AM— Saturday Mar 7 @ 7:00 AM
- Mon Mar 9 **Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
7:00 PM—Knights Room in Gym

**Hungering for a Bountiful Earth:** This week CRS Rice Bowls takes us to the coffee highlands of Nicaragua, where we're called to protect both the goodness of creation and the livelihoods of struggling families. How will this week's fast remind us of the sacredness of God's creation and our duty to protect it? Be sure to grab your CRS Rice Bowl at the entryways of the church. Seventy-Five percent of every donation goes to help the poor overseas, and twenty-five percent stays in your diocese to support local hunger and homelessness alleviation projects.

## GIVE US YOUR 2 CENTS!

Both Operation Rice Bowl (Catholic Relief Services) and the Baby Bottle Benefit (Dayspring Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley) are worthy projects asking for loose change to help those in need. Please feel free to pick up either one or both at every entrance of the church. Donating our loose change is a wonderful almsgiving and can be used to benefit so many individuals! Thank you!

**Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your**

## We need your help to keep the Church neat and clean!

We ask that you refrain from stepping on the kneelers with wet or dirty shoes. Also, at the end of Mass, please make sure that our Missalette/Hymnals are closed and placed in the rack in front of the kneeler.



Thank you for your cooperation!

## REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

### "Memorial Candle Fund"

Candles burning in the Church/Adoration Chapel are in memory of All Souls.

**Please Note:** During the weekdays when school is cancelled because of weather the daily mass/chapel will also be cancelled/

Lent Sundays: Adoration 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM

## PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA- August 3-6, 2015

\$425 per person base upon double occupancy. Visiting the shrines of Sacred Heart, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal, St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, and St. Benoit du Lac. Coach Bus will leave from Plaistow, Derry, Manchester, Concord and Claremont, NH) and will include two full meals a day, accommodation with private facilities, taxes etc. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Shawn Therrien -



**Pope Francis exhorts, "Awake the world! Awake the world! How? Put Christ at the center of your existence... It is not easy; let yourselves be touched by his hand, led by his voice, sustained by his grace." Do you know someone who seeks to meet this challenge? It is the Year of Consecrated Life!**

If you are from the ages of 6-15, a resident of NH and are interested in going to Camp Fatima for boys/ Camp Bernadette for Girls Bishop Libasci is making scholarships available! Due to the increased camping cost the number of scholarships are limited to 26 and new applicants will be given priority. Full scholarships granted **to those in need are based upon recommendation of the pastor.** The completed application must be brought to the church office before March 11th. Applications can be found on the table in the back of the church or at the church office.

## Struggling in your marriage?- You are not alone!

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriage with Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend.

The 2015 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on: **April 10-12, 2015 & September 11-13, 2015** To register for the weekend or for more information call 1-

**ANNOUNCEMENT** We are very excited to announce that Saint Mary's new website is officially up and running! :) Thank you Annette Morello for all your hard work! Please be sure to