

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church



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Sunday ~ September 22, 2019
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Deacons

Administrative Assistant
Music Director

Very Rev. Shawn Therrien, V.G.
Rev. Arockia Antony, HGN
Rev. Deacon Paul Boucher
Rev. Deacon James Wilton
Mary K. Keating
Joe Labrecque

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

MASSSES 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

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

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	9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Remember the St. Mary Renovation Fund
in your Will.

Church is illuminated this week
for all souls.

My Queen and my Mother, I give You myself and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day, and for ever my eyes, ears, mouth, heart, wholly and without reserve. Wherefore good Mother as I am your own, keep me defend me, as your property and your own possession. Amen

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Although we are not currently in the Easter season, sometimes it is good to remember we worship the Risen Lord who has overcome sin and death. Below is Pope Francis' homily from Easter 2019. "We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song!" - St. Pope John Paul II

The women bring spices to the tomb, but they fear that their journey is in vain, since a large stone bars the entrance to the sepulcher. The journey of those women is also our own journey; it resembles the journey of salvation that we have made this evening. At times, it seems that everything comes up against a stone: the beauty of creation against the tragedy of sin; liberation from slavery against infidelity to the covenant; the promises of the prophets against the listless indifference of the people. So too, in the history of the Church and in our own personal history. It seems that the steps we take never take us to the goal. We can be tempted to think that dashed hope is the bleak law of life.

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. A single phrase astounds the woman and changes history: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Lk 24:5). Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give into resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. Human history does not end before a tombstone, because today it encounters the "living stone" (cf. 1 Pet 2:4), the risen Jesus. We, as Church, are built on him, and, even when we grow disheartened and tempted to judge everything in the light of our failures, he comes to make all things new, to overturn our every disappointment. Each of us is called tonight to rediscover in the Risen Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones. So let us first ask: *What is the stone that I need to remove, what is its name?*

Often what blocks hope is *the stone of discouragement*. Once we start thinking that everything is going badly and that things can't get worse, we lose heart and come to believe that death is stronger than life. We become cynical, negative and despondent. Stone upon stone, we build within ourselves a monument to our own dissatisfaction: *the sepulcher of hope*. Life becomes a succession of complaints and we grow sick in spirit. A kind of *tomb psychology* takes over: everything ends there, with no hope of emerging alive. But at that moment, we hear once more the insistent question of Easter: *Why do you seek the living among the dead?* The Lord is not to be found in resignation. He is risen; he is not there. Don't seek him where you will never find him: he is not the God of the dead but of the living (cf. Mk 22:32). Do not bury hope!

There is another stone that often seals the heart shut: *the stone of sin*. Sin seduces; it promises things easy and quick, prosperity and success, but then leaves behind only solitude and death. Sin is looking for life among the dead, for the meaning of life in things that pass away. *Why do you seek the living among the dead?* Why not make up your mind to abandon that sin which, like a stone before the entrance to your heart, keeps God's light from entering in? Why not prefer Jesus, the true light (cf. Jn 1:9), to the glitter of wealth, career, pride and pleasure? Why not tell the empty things of this world that you no longer live for them, but for the Lord of life?

Let us return to the women who went to Jesus' tomb. They halted in amazement before the stone that was taken away. Seeing the angels, they stood there, the Gospel tells us, "frightened, and bowed their faces to the ground" (Lk 24:5). They did not have the courage to look up. How often do we do the same thing? We prefer to remain huddled within our shortcomings, cowering in our fears. It is odd, but why do we do this? Not infrequently because, glum and closed up within ourselves, we feel in control, for it is easier to remain alone in the darkness of our heart than to open ourselves to the Lord. Yet only he can raise us up. A poet once wrote: "We never know how high we are. Till we are called to rise" (E. Dickinson). The Lord calls us to get up, to rise at his word, to look up and to realize that we were made for heaven, not for earth, for the heights of life and not for the depths of death: *Why do you seek the living among the dead?*

God asks us to view life as he views it, for in each of us he never ceases to see an irrepressible kernel of beauty. In sin, he sees sons and daughters to be restored; in death, brothers and sisters to be reborn; in desolation, hearts to be revived. Do not fear, then: the Lord loves your life, even when you are afraid to look at it and take it in hand. In Easter he shows you how much he loves that life: even to the point of living it completely, experiencing anguish, abandonment, death and hell, in order to emerge triumphant to tell you: "You are not alone; put your trust in me!"

Jesus is a specialist at turning our deaths into life, our mourning into dancing (cf. Ps 30:11). With him, we too can experience a Pasch, that is, a Passover— from self-centeredness to communion, from desolation to consolation, from fear to confidence. Let us not keep our faces bowed to the ground in fear, but raise our eyes to the risen Jesus. His gaze fills us with hope, for it tells us that we are loved unflinchingly, and that however much we make a mess of things, his love remains unchanged. This is the one, non-negotiable certitude we have in life: his love does not change. Let us ask ourselves: *In my life, where am I looking?* Am I gazing at graveyards, or looking for the Living One?

Why do you seek the living among the dead? The women hear the words of the angels, who go on to say: "Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee" (Lk 24:6). Those women had lost hope, because they could not recall the words of Jesus, his call that took place in Galilee. Having lost the living memory of Jesus, they kept looking at the tomb. Faith always needs to go back to Galilee, to reawaken its first love for Jesus and his call: *to remember him, to turn back to him with all our mind and all our heart*. To return to a lively love of the Lord is essential. Otherwise, ours is a "museum" faith, not an Easter faith. Jesus is not a personage from the past; he is a person living today. We do not know him from history books; we encounter him in life. Today, let us remember how Jesus first called us, how he overcame our darkness, our resistance, our sins, and how he touched our hearts with his word.

The women, remembering Jesus, left the tomb. Easter teaches us that believers do not linger at graveyards, for they are called to go forth to meet the Living One. Let us ask ourselves: *In my life, where am I going?* Sometimes we go only in the direction of our problems, of which there are plenty, and go to the Lord only for help. But then, it is our own needs, not Jesus, to guide our steps. We keep seeking the Living One among the dead. Or again, how many times, once we have encountered the Lord, do we return to the dead, digging up regrets, reproaches, hurts and dissatisfactions, without letting the Risen One change us?

Dear brothers and sisters: let us put the Living One at the center of our lives. Let us ask for the grace not to be carried by the current, the sea of our problems; the grace not to run aground on the shoals of sin or crash on the reefs of discouragement and fear. Let us seek him in all things and above all things. With him, we will rise again.

September 21, 2019—September 29, 2019

Sat. Sept 21 4:00 PM	Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ronald Companion (†) By Family
Sun. Sept 22 8:00 AM	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Sept 23 11:00 AM	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest <i>Mass at Sullivan County Nursing Home</i>
Tue. Sept 24 12:10 PM	Weekday All Souls
Wed. Sept 25 7:30 AM	Weekday All Souls
Thur. Sept 26	Weekday No Mass
Fri. Sept 27 12:10 PM	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest St. Vincent de Paul Society By Denny Francis
Sat. Sept 28 8:00 AM	Weekday (Old St. Mary's) All Souls
4:00 PM	Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Alex and Roseanna LeClair (†) By E. Jones & Family
Sun. Sept 29 8:00 AM	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
10:30 AM	Intentions of the Celebrant

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Sept 23	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tues. Sept 24	Ezr 6:7-8, 12 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wed. Sept 25	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thurs. Sept 26	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Fri. Sept 27	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Sat. Sept 28	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15/Lk 9:43-45
Sun. Sept 29	Am 6:1, 4-7/1 Tim 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—September 2019

The Protection of the Oceans—That politicians, scientists, and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES

Zachary Long... US Army
Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy
Joseph Villers....US Army

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

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!

September 15, 2019

Offertory	\$ 3269.50
Buck-A-Month	\$ 455.00

Second Collections

NH Priests Retirement	Sept 21/22
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Sept 28/29

PLEASE NOTE ... All checks are payable to: St. Mary 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! 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

Jeff Albright	Earl Gregoire	Sylvia Michaud
Doris Allen	Val Gregoire	David Montano
Erich Baccke	Jeannine Grenier	Kerry Mulvey
Jeffrey Baker	Brendan Gunning	Mary Murphy
James Baljak	Marion Hamilton	Mary Ouellette
Linda-Joy Beauregard	Bailey Hanson	Erin Cahill Pacheco
Deborah Bedard	Hope Haworth	Rosalie Parker
Janet Blaisdell	Deborah Hemingway	Mike Poirier
Carolyn Bouchard	Renee Honeman	Marilyn Prever
Joseph Bouchard	Anne Houle	Mary Raymond
Carol Braga	Gabriel Houle	Joey Rittlinger
James Bridges Family	David Immic	Kim Rounds
Gary Bromley	Gary Lyle Kingsbury	Gloria Santini
Pauline Buckner	Richard LaCasce	Linda Denis Schneider
William Burr, Jr.	Bertha Lamarre	Andrew St. Pierre
Ken Christy	Pearl Landry	Elaine St. Pierre
Sis Corsale	Norman LeBlanc	Moe St. Pierre
Sarah Davis	Ray Lemieux	Irene Stearns
James DeTore	Merranda Lenahan	Mary Sullivan
Jim Diltz	Matthew Limoges	Christine Synder
Claire Doe	Roy Lucier	Helene Therriault
Sr. Paulette Ducharme	Cassandra Mae Lufkin	Michael Villers
Thomas Eagen	Peter McCusker	Theresa Viger
Charles Eastman	Brayden McEnany	Bill Walsh
Charles Fletcher	Helen McGuire	Steve Wheeler
Donat Gagne	Terry McGuire	David White
Alison Gagnon	Shirley McNutt	Lisa Buckner White

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.

Vocations Prayer Corner



This week we pray for all who actively support the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, may they see the fruit of their efforts in a rich harvest of vocations.

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!

HYMNS—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: Page 239

Offertory Hymn: #106—Christ is the World's Light

Communion Antiphon: Page 241

Communion Hymn: #174—Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Recessional Hymn: #156—Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

NOTE: Neither Fr. Shawn, Fr. Arockia, or any parish staff member will ever ask for money, donations, gifts cards, etc. via email. Please do not respond to such an email as it is a SCAM!



Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. September 28th—3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Sun. September 29th—7:30—10:30 AM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

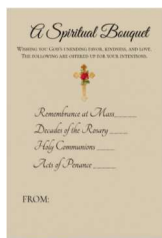
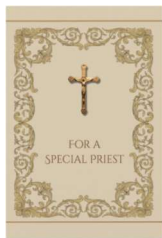
Aluminum cans only! Rinse out cans, do not crush them.
5 Cent Plastic Soda bottles marked VT accepted. Check markings!
Proceeds go to 2 seminarians and a postulant.



Priesthood Sunday September 29th

This year we will not only be praying for priests and praising God for such a beautiful gift to His Church but also providing an opportunity to spend a few moments after the Sunday morning Masses at both parishes to let Fr. Shawn and Fr. Arockia know how much we appreciate their "yes" to God! Following the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses at St. Mary's and the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph's, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will be providing coffee and refreshments.

Also, there are Spiritual Bouquet cards available at the back of each church, as well as in the parish office, for you to fill out for Fr. Shawn and Fr. Arockia. Spiritual Bouquets are simple prayer offerings for another, in this case for the priests. There are designated boxes for you to put them in, which will then be collected and given to the Fathers on Priesthood Sunday.



Priests need our prayers and support! Let us give thanks to God for the gift of His Priesthood by supporting Fr. Shawn and Fr. Arockia through our prayers, words, and deeds.

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REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

"Memorial Candle Fund"

Candles burning in the Church/Adoration Chapel for all souls.

Upcoming Pro-Life Event:

Saturday September 28 Prayer-Witness Vigil for Life
Across from Planned Parenthood
136 Pleasant Street, Claremont, NH
Noon to 1:00 p.m.



All are welcome to come witness for life and pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the unborn and to convert the culture of death.



PENNY SALE

Sunday—October 6, 2019
1:00 PM (Doors open at 12 noon)
St. Joseph Church Hall
Elm Street—Claremont NH

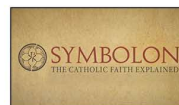
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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

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—Loida T., Sugarland, TX

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