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

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.

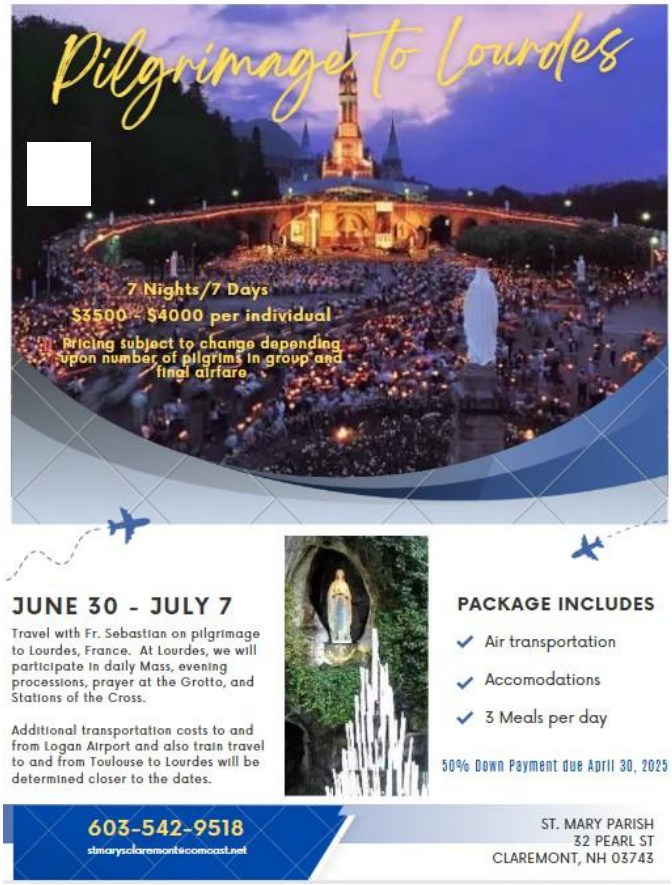
ST. MARY CEMETERY Old Church Road

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

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONCERNING ST. MARY CEMETERY:

The official opening of the Catholic cemeteries and burial grounds in New Hampshire is Memorial Day weekend. Continuing with the parish informational campaign concerning St. Mary Cemetery to re-educate us all on the importance and beauty of Christian burial in a Roman Catholic cemetery, we will continue to solely follow the Diocese of Manchester's rules and regulations as we begin this new season. This season NO NEW DECORATIVE ADDITIONS will be allowed in St. Mary Cemetery. Please see Diocese of Manchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Article XIV Section G: *Ornaments and Flower Vases – Management reserves the right to regulate the method of decorations of lots so that uniform beauty is maintained. Use of statues, silk/fake flowers, boxes, shells, coins, gourds, toys, metal designs, ornaments, vases, votive candles, glass, plastic, concrete, vigil lights, Christmas decorations, crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, potted plants, balloons, pinwheels, lawn ornaments, bric-a-brac of any description, etc. will not be permitted on any lot and any such articles will be removed by management. In addition, should these ornaments be placed on the cemetery property in violation of these rules, the cemetery shall not be responsible for the damage or loss of any of these items at any time. Memorial Day floral arrangements and/or decorations must be placed on the base of the memorial (monument) or placed on an extension to that base. Memorial Day floral arrangements and/or decorations may be placed seven (7) days before the federal holiday and removed from the cemetery by June 10.* Also beginning this season, St. Mary Cemetery will implement a policy of "carry in, carry out" relating to water and trash. Water for any existing plantings and bins for removal of trash/trimmings will no longer be provided by St. Mary Cemetery. The goal of implementing these rules and regulations is to move towards a uniform, orderly, and beautiful cemetery to honor our beloved dead in keeping with the Catholic Faith.



ST. MARY PARISH:

PALM SUNDAY
4:00 PM Mass (Saturday)
7:45 AM Mass / 10:30 AM Mass (Sunday)

HOLY THURSDAY
6:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper/Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY
2:30 PM The Lord's Passion/Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY
7:30 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 AM Mass / 10:30 AM Mass

ST. JOSEPH PARISH:

PALM SUNDAY
9:15 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
5:00 PM Mass
5:30 PM Confessions

GOOD FRIDAY
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY
11:00 AM Blessing of the Food

EASTER SUNDAY
9:15 AM Mass

April 5, 2025—April 13, 2025

Sat. Apr 5	**Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent**
4:00 PM	Eleanor Jones (†) By Ray & Sally Michaud
Sun. Apr 6	**Fifth Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM	For the People
10:30 AM	Carol Buckley (†) By the Regan Family
Mon. Apr 7	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory By Tom and Cindy LaCasce
Tue. Apr 8	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Wed. Apr 9	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Thur. Apr 10	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Paula Gallagher (†) By Tom and Cindy LaCasce
Fri. Apr 11	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Denis Boivin (†) By Former Classmate
Sat. Apr 12	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Martha Wilber (†) By Liz Regan
	Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:00 PM	Sally Michaud (†) By Ray
Sun. Apr 13	**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
7:45 AM	For the People
10:30 AM	Debbie Bedard (†) By Wayne & Juanita Sweet

The Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory are prayed after each weekday Mass.

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - March 30, 2025

Envelopes (38).....$1,458.50
Loose.....$1,162.00
Catholic Relief Services.....$721.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....$459.20
Capital Campaign.....$190.65

Upcoming Second Collections

Fuel	April 5/6
Church Maintenance	April 12/13
Catholic Outreach	April 26/27

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

Marc Bissonette	Renee Honeman	Dennis Palmer
Bob Bonebrake	Geoffrey Houle	Bill & Barbara Pierce
Paul Boudreau	Timothy Houle	Christine Snyder
Mike Clay	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Rev. Daniel Cogut	Don Keating	Barbara St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Al Kulacz	Edward Stone
Liz Jones-Dern	Donna Kulacz	Mary Sullivan
Bryant Dillion	John Laushance	Ryan Sullivan
Susan Doody	Diane Lavigne	Enola Surrell
Jimmy Dunn	Matthew Limoges	Richard Tremblay
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Pauline Trottier
Frank Emig	Jerry Malone	Louise Unger
Joan Flaherty	Sylvia Michaud	Joe Wallace
Dennis Fontaine	Mark Miller	Janet Weed
Marilyn Gilbert	David Montano	
Richard C. Hall	Mary Ouellette	

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. The 2026 calendar is now available.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon.	Apr 7	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tues.	Apr 8	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed.	Apr 9	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thurs.	Apr 10	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri.	Apr 11	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat.	Apr 12	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun.	Apr 13	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Anne H. O'Grady as requested by Patrick O'Grady.

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—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #327—Lift High the Cross

Offertory Hymn: #161—O Sacred Head Surrounded

Communion Hymn: #171—Draw Near, O Lord

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #174—Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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.

Please consider online contributions to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website and click on the "Give Online" button.

SAVE THE DATES

The Knights of Columbus will once again hold their Fish Fry during Lent. The next fish fry in Lent will be held on Friday, **April 11th**. Dinners will be available from 4:30—7:00 PM. Menu will include fried fish fillets, French fries, homemade onion rings, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and dipping sauce. Coffee, soda, tea will also be provided. Suggested offering is $15 per person, $30 per family (immediate family please), and children under 12 are free. No tickets required, pay at the door. For more information, please contact Kevin Krawiec (603-801-6130).

Campaign Corner

As mentioned in prior bulletins, Fr. Sebastian and the Steering Committee met with Steve Horton on March 20th to go over the work schedule. The contract with DEW Construction has been submitted to the Diocese, and we are awaiting the signed approval. Work is scheduled to begin mid-April, weather permitting. Unless an unforeseen development occurs during restoration and repair, the entire project should be completed this year and within the $1 million campaign budget—thanks to Steve Horton. That is fantastic (miraculous!) news for St. Mary Parish! Please persevere in submitting your pledged amounts so we may fully complete the church restoration project!

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 ProLife Ministry

Contact Juanita Sweet or the Parish Office for more information

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up for an hour of Adoration during these 40 Days of Lent for 40 Days for Life. We still have a few hours available. For more information, please stop at our table at the entrance of the church.

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.

Italian International Dinner

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2025
Time: 12:00 PM-3:00 PM
Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH
Sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Free-will donations to benefit the parish. Food prepared by Louis Millette.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Tuesday, April 8th—6:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall

Program: Sharon Wood...Story Teller