St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor	Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN
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Music Director	Joe Labrecque
Catholic Outreach Director	Denny Francis
ProLife Ministry Director	Juanita Sweet
Safe Environment Coordinator	Kevin Krawiec
Homebound Ministry Director	Steve Denis
Parish Hospitality/Security	Knights of Columbus Fr. Cote Council 1820

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 2:00 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.

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year's:

Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	St. Mary Church
Midnight Mass	12:00 AM	St. Mary Church
Christmas Morning	9:00 AM	St. Joseph Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — Holy Day of Obligation

January 1, 2026	9:00 AM	St. Mary Church
January 1, 2026	5:30 PM	St. Joseph Church

IMPORTANT UPDATE CONCERNING ST. MARY CEMETERY:

The official closing of Catholic cemeteries and burial grounds in New Hampshire was Columbus 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 end this past season and look towards the holiday season and 2026.

All plastic flowers and potted plants will be removed by November 30th. In preparation for next season, please be advised that **PLASTIC FLOWERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**. Please plan accordingly.

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, this year Christmas wreaths will be permitted from Saturday, November 22, 2025, until Saturday, January 10, 2026. All wreaths must be either attached to the monument/ headstone or placed on a stand in front of the monument/headstone.

For a copy of the Diocese of Manchester Cemetery Rules and Regulations, please contact the office.

World Youth Day 2027

The next World Youth Day will take place in August of 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. The Archdiocese of Boston is organizing a pilgrimage there and is welcoming groups or individual participants from the Diocese of Manchester to join them. For more information, including costs, itinerary, and much more, visit their website. If you or a group would like to attend, please contact Karen Hettrick, Director of Parish Faith Formation (khettrick@rcbm.org, 603-663-0176), and she can connect you with other parishes and individuals attending from New Hampshire.

"Take courage! I have overcome the world."

(John 16:33)

Pope Francis chose John 16:33 as the theme for World Youth Day Seoul 2027. This verse, spoken by Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper, reminds us of the irrevocable truth that despite the challenges of the world, Christ has already conquered fear, sin, and death. It is a call to hope and courage rooted in faith in the resurrection—not a passive optimism, but a bold confidence grounded in the living presence of Christ.

Young people across the globe today are confronted with a wide range of challenges, including conflicts, economic hardship, and an uncertain future. Thankfully, at WYD Seoul 2027, they can receive the joy of becoming the "salt of the earth and the light of the world." Through their encounters with one another they will experience unconditional love, thereby gaining the strength to be sent back out into the world as "pilgrims of hope" and "courageous missionaries," boldly putting into practice the joy of the Gospel they have discovered.

December 13, 2025—December 21, 2025

Sat. Dec 13	**Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent**
4:00 PM	George Limoges (†) By Monique Limoges
Sun. Dec 14	**Third Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM	Elaine Keating By Mary K. Keating
10:30 AM	Norma Limoges By a Friend
Mon. Dec 15	**Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM	For a Special Intention By Les & Sandra St. Pierre
Tue. Dec 16	**Advent Weekday**
	No Mass
Wed. Dec 17	**Advent Weekday**
	No Mass
Thur. Dec 18	**Late Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM	Sally Michaud (†) By Ray Michaud
Fri. Dec 19	**Late Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM	Francis A. Delorier (†) By Karen Grenier
Sat. Dec 20	**Late Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM	Arthur and Evelyn Barrows and Family (†) By Family
	Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM	For a Special Intention By Charlene Addario
Sun. Dec 21	**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 AM	Leona Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
10:30 AM	Gerald Gringas (†) By Family

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Dec 15	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Mt 21:23-27
Tues. Dec 16	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wed. Dec 17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thurs. Dec 18	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Fri. Dec 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Lk 1:5-25
Sat. Dec 20	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Sun. Dec 21	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - December 7 , 2025

Envelopes (48).....$1,608.50
Loose.....$1,339.00
Fuel.....$1,517.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....$411.12
Capital Campaign.....$999.14

Upcoming Second Collections

Retirement for Religious	December 13/14
Church Maintenance	December 20/21
Catholic Outreach	December 27/28

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

Michael Aaron	Carol Fontaine	Sylvia Michaud
Mark Baril	Dennis Fontaine	Mark Miller
Georgette Boudreau	Joanne Garren	David Montano
Paul Boudreau	Patricia Girard	Mary Ouellette
Eliott Brown	Geoffrey Houle	Janet Ruest
Michael Cirre	Timothy Houle	Nancy Ruest
Sandra Colby	David Immic	Paul Ruest
Scott Colpas	Ricky Kaynew	Christine Snyder
Christine Currier	Don Keating	Andrew St. Pierre
Dana Davidson	Al Kulacz	Barbara St. Pierre
Norman Dion	Donna Kulacz	Edward Stone
Susan Doody	Robert Labelle	Mary Sullivan
David Doster	John Laushance	Ryan Sullivan
Nichole Dunkel	Diane Lavigne	Pauline Trottier
Jimmy Dunn	Matthew Limoges	Louise Unger
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Gary Vezina
Frank Emig	Patrick Lozito	Barbara Woodin

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in honor of Elaine Keating as requested by Mary K. Keating.

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—Third Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: #101—O Come, Divine Messiah

Offertory Hymn: #100—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

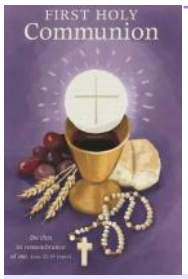
Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #99—Savior of the Nations, Come

Mass Readings: CREDO Hymnal—page 743

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Classes for First Holy Communion preparation will be starting soon. Please contact Kevin Krawiec at 603-801-6130 for further information.

Traveling Statue of Mary

A program of the New Hampshire State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the statue into their home for a week or two and gather family, friends, or neighbors to pray the rosary daily during the statue's stay.

Pamphlets and blessed rosaries are provided.

To sign up call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209.

Campaign Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated at the Parish meeting this past Sunday and to Carol St. Pierre for catering it! An update was given by Steve Horton and members of the Steering Committee regarding the completed work and future projects. Emphasized was the need for all to fulfill their pledges in order to pursue the possibility of repairing/painting the interior of the church. Mr. Horton is obtaining the required estimates. We will update you as we move forward.

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

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.

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

GiveOnline
easy. fast. secure.

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:

We are grateful to all parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **$6,283.24** toward our goal of $32,657.00. Approximately 90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year of appeal. If you have not made your gift yet, please mail your gift in an Appeal envelope or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Envelopes are available in the church. 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**.

Advent "Tree of Life" 2025

Monetary donations are still being accepted until December 31. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our local families who are struggling. They will enjoy wrapping the gifts that you have so thoughtfully chosen and presenting them to their children on Christmas morning. The Claremont Kiwanis Club is the organization that coordinated the giving of about 600 clothing gifts and many toys too! St. Mary's is the largest donor since we purchased over 180 clothing gifts this year. We couldn't do it without the help of so many of you! May the joy you have shared with others come back to bless your own Christmas! Thank you!