St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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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.

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

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1st

the Book of Genesis 12:1-4a

THE LORD SAID to Abram:
"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.
"I will make of you a great nation,/ and I will bless you;/ I will make your name great,/ so that you will be a blessing./ I will bless those who bless you/ and curse those who curse you./ All the communities of the earth/ shall find blessing in you."
Abram went as the LORD directed him.
The word of the Lord.

PSALM 33

℟ (22) **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. ℟

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
to deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine. ℟

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. ℟

2nd

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 1:8b-10

BELOVED: BEAR YOUR share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

JESUS TOOK PETER, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.
As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."
The Gospel of the Lord.

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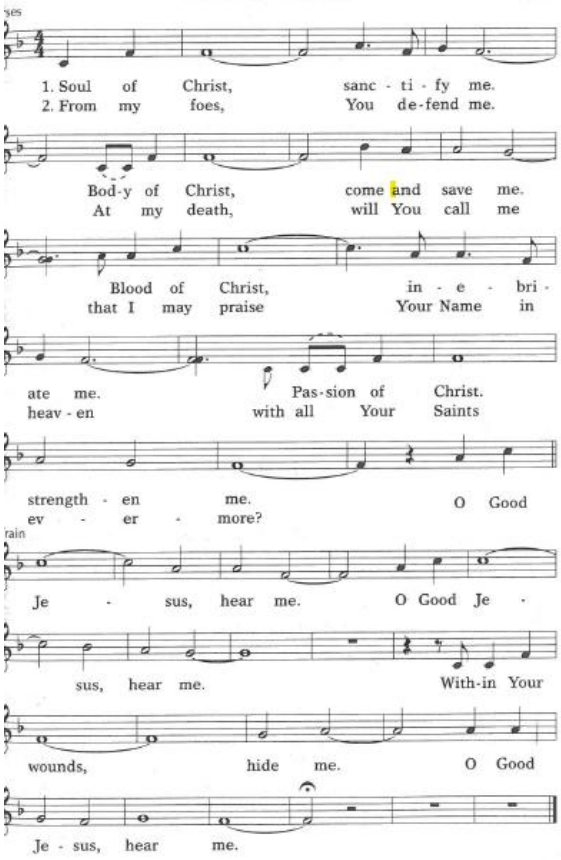
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February 28, 2026—March 8, 2026

Sat. Feb 28 4:00 PM	**Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Roy and Marie Lucier (†) By Mike & Sharon Gilbert and Steve Denis
Sun. Mar 1 10:30 AM	**Second Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Shane and Caitlyn McNeal By Steve Denis
Mon. Mar 2 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)** Laura Wallace By Mary K. Keating
Tue. Mar 3	**Lenten Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Mar 4	**Lenten Weekday** No Mass
Thur. Mar 5 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)** Joanne Garren (†) and Bill Garren By Mary K. Keating
Fri. Mar 6 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday—*First Friday* (OSM)** Rita Michaud (†) By Her Children
Sat. Mar 7 9:00 AM	**Lenten Weekday—*First Saturday* (OSM)** Maisy-Ann Rublee (†) By Rublee Family
4:00 PM	**Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Dr. Leo Abbott (†) By Mike & Sharon Gilbert
Sun. Mar 8 10:30 AM	**Third Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Jack and Jackie Merrill By Steve Denis

The Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be prayed after each Mass during the week in Lent.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 2	Dn 9:4-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tues. Mar 3	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wed. Mar 4	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thurs. Mar 5	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri. Mar 6	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/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 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - February 22, 2026

Envelopes.....$1,090.50
Loose.....$1,387.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....$756.19
Capital Campaign.....$755.37

Upcoming Second Collections

Fuel	March 7/8
Catholic Relief Services	March 14/15
Church Maintenance	March 21/22

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

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. The 2027 calendar is now available.

The Sanctuary Candle Memorials will be temporarily on hold until Our Eucharistic Lord returns to St. Mary Church.

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—Second Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #237—From Ashes to the Living Font

Offertory Hymn: #413—'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Communion Hymn: #435—Eat This Bread

Recessional Hymn: #356—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARKING AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

1. There is **no street parking** allowed on Elm Street. St. Joseph Church has **two parking lots**: one behind the church and the other on Elm Street, on the left side of the Rectory. Snow will be cleared so that all available parking spaces will be accessible.

2. **One-way traffic will enter the Elm Street driveway between the Rectory and the Church** and continue on to find a parking space in the large lot behind the church. Drivers may stop at the side door for passengers to get out there and be assisted to the door by Security/ Ushers. An **ELEVATOR** is located at the far end of the side entry doorway. Exiting the parking lots after Mass will be via Gold Street at the back side of the lot.

3. **Please be considerate** of parishioners with mobility issues by leaving them the parking spaces closest to the entry door (alongside the church, behind the rectory, immediately behind the church) However, following a storm, the possibility of snow and ice sliding off the roofs make it risky to park along the side or directly behind the Church. Please avoid those parking places under wintry conditions.

4. Once Mass starts, if the side entrance facing the Rectory is unattended it will be locked and only the front door unlocked. Security/ ushers will be in the back of the Church and in the vestibule area to assist.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 6th
Mass 9:00 AM—*Old St. Mary's*
Confessions and Adoration 9:30 AM—10:30 AM
Adoration in the Chapel 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Campaign Corner

We are still hopeful that the work will be completed by Holy Week but do keep it in your prayers so there is no unanticipated delay! We ask that everyone please fulfill their pledges and thank you to everyone who has made their final donations.

The main body of the church is almost finished, and the crew will move next to the sanctuary dome! Meanwhile plaster repair is almost completed in each wing. Visit the parish website to see more pictures of the project progress!

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

Life is a Gift from God

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.

Calling all parents/caregivers of adults with special needs (18+ years old)! We are looking to connect with others within the Catholic community to start a ministry within our local area for those of all abilities. The mission of the ministry is to provide opportunities for participants to grow spiritually, offer prayer support for others, make lasting friendships, and use their individual gifts and talents in supporting each other allowing God's light to shine through each of them! If interested in finding out more, please contact Kathy Prieto at Kathy@prietos.us

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Reminder that sacramental classes will begin on Sunday, March 1st. Class time will be from 9:15 to 10:00 am, and will be held in the classroom on the second floor of the chapel (next to St. Mary Church). All children should be registered for classes, as well as having their baptism certificates available. Questions, please call or text Kevin Krawiec at 1-603-801-6130.

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.

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. February 28th — DROP OFF BY 4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. March 1st — DROP OFF BY 10:00 AM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Aluminum cans only! Rinse out cans, do not crush them.
5 cent plastic soda bottles marked VT accepted.