St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor	Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN
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Interim Faith Formation Director	Kevin Krawiec
Children Catechesis Director	Moriah Lombardi
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
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday	9:30 AM
Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 PM

ST. MARY CEMETERY **Old Church Road**

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 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 - 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

L E N T 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY **February 22nd**
Masses: **9:00 AM—St. Mary Church**
5:30 PM—St. Joseph Church

Collection: **Aid to Churches in Central & Eastern Europe & Churches in Africa. Donations may be placed in the offertory basket.**

This is a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' collection which nurtures religious education and scholarships and provides training for seminarians, assistance to the elderly without pensions and food for children.

DAILY MASSES **Monday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday 9:00 AM—St. Mary Church**
Wednesday 5:00 PM—St. Joseph Church

CONFESSIONS **Friday 9:30 - 10:30 AM—St. Mary Church**
Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 PM—St. Mary Church
(except on Holy Saturday - April 8th)

FASTING … is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE … is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the pastor should be consulted.

DAYS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE **Ash Wednesday (February 22nd)**
Good Friday (April 7th)

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE **All Fridays of Lent**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS **15-minute Stations following every weekday Mass**

EASTER DUTY…this is the obligation to receive Holy Communion between the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 26th) and Holy Trinity Sunday (June 4th). Those who are conscious of serious sin (check Examination of Conscience) are also required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Holy Communion.

PRAYER & ALMS GIVING … in conjunction with fast and abstinence and linked with a greater intensity in prayer opens our awareness to the needs of others for whom fasting and abstinence are a way of life by virtue of their socio-economic status. For those of us who have the privilege of being able to fast and abstain, we do so in solidarity with our less fortunate sisters and brothers throughout the world, and unite our sacrifice with theirs in interceding to the Lord for peace in our time.

"OPERATION RICE BOWL"… a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program that calls all participants to PRAY with their families and faith communities, FAST in solidarity with those who are hungry, LEARN about our global community and the work of Catholic Relief Services overseas, GIVE sacrificial contributions to those in need around the world and in our diocese. RICE Bowls are available at all the Church entrances.

February 18, 2023—February 26, 2023

Sat. Feb 18	**Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM	Deborah Pamplin (†) By Wayne & Juanita Sweet
Sun. Feb 19	**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Sally Michaud (†) By Bob & Eleanor Jones
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Feb 20	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	Jacqueline Muriel Boisvert By the Michaud & Doody Families
Tue. Feb 21	**Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Feb 22	**Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Brian Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Thur. Feb 23	**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Brian Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Fri. Feb 24	**Friday after Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Brian Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Sat. Feb 25	**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Ron Perra (†) By Bill Pamplin
	Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM	Intentions of Marie Lozito By Patrick Lozito
Sun. Feb 26	**First Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM	Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	For the People

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each daily Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Feb 20	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tues. Feb 21	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wed. Feb 22	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Feb 23	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri. Feb 24	Is 58:1-9/Mt 9:14-15
Sat. Feb 25	Is 58:9-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sun. Feb 26	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - February 12, 2023

Envelopes (52)	$1,845.50
Loose	$949.00
Fuel	$2,017.00

Online Giving

Offertory	$1027.45
Fuel	$100.20
Church Maintenance	$143.16

Total Collected for Grand Annual Collection...$24,953.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Church Maintenance	February 18/19
Catholic Outreach	February 25/26

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."

Grand Annual Collection now available with online giving.

PRAYER LIST

Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list

Bill Beattie	David Goodwin	Sylvia Michaud
Gloria Beattie	David Grey	David Montano
William Beattie	Jake Grey	Leanne Mortell
Deb Bedard	Renee Honeman	Mary Ouellette
Carol Braga	Geoffrey Houle	Lynn Raymond
Mary Brunet	Timothy Houle	Mary Raymond
Stephen Burlew	David Immic	Andrew St. Pierre
Andy Champy	Paul Keating	Mary Sullivan
Mary DiFilippo	Nancy Kingsbury	Peter Sullivan
Susan Doody	Diane Landry	Christine Snyder
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Robert Tancrede
Charles Eastman	Matthew Limoges	Richard Tremblay
Chuck Ferland	Fr. John Loughnane	Chee Chee Tyrrell
Joan Flaherty	Roy Lucier	Louise Unger
Dennis Fontaine	Barbara Manning	George Veilleux
Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Shirley McNutt	

The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Constance Tewksbury as requested by Wayne and Juanita Sweet

GiveOnline easy. fast. secure.

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

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—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #633—Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Offertory Hymn: #564—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Communion Hymn: #361—O Sacrament Most Holy

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #427—Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual St. Patrick'sDay dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, March 12th from 12:30-3:00 PM in St. Mary's Gym. Dinner will include corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, turnip, Kevin's Irish soda bread, and dessert. Macaroni & cheese and hot dogs will be available for the kids. Tickets will be sold beginning in late February after all the Masses. Tickets are limited. All proceeds benefit KofC programs as well as renovations to St. Mary's Church. For information please see Kevin Krawiec or call 603-801-6130.

Parish Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Parish is seeking to onboard a Director for a proposed parish child care center. The individual would be involved in the early stages of the decision-making process prior to opening and engaged directly and enthusiastically in the start-up of the center. It is required that a candidate be a practicing Catholic who understands the importance of providing a positive childcare environment based on good Catholic values. Once open, the Director will be responsible for the daily operation of the program and ensure the program's compliance with all applicable federal, state and local codes, as well as diocesan policies. Other responsibilities will include: Oversee staff, assist in the creation of a budget, market the facility, meet with parents and parish personnel regularly**.** This is a new venture for the parish, one that will provide a much-needed service with a Catholic identity. Salary and benefits will be based on experience. Interested candidates should send a brief description of interest in the position along with any relevant experience to stmarysclaremont@comcast.net.

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St. Mary Parish is seeking a part-time maintenance employee to clean the church on a weekly basis and perform janitorial duties as needed in the gym. Duties will also include small maintenance jobs around the parish campus. Please contact the Parish Office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or 603-542-9518 if you or someone you know would be interested. Hourly rate of pay based on experience.

MARDI GRAS

(Prepared by *Knights of Columbus)*

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM
Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:

Sausages, Eggs, Pancakes, Desserts, Coffee/Tea, Beverages

Please RSVP to:
St. Mary Rectory at
(603) 542-9518 or
stmarysclaremont@comcast.net

There will also be sign up sheets in the back of the church following all Masses

Free Will Offering
All Proceeds to Benefit the Church Renovation

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat.February 25th – 3:00–4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. February 26th – 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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

Program: Valentine Theme
Tuesday, February 21st –6:30 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall
Elm Street, Claremont

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Classes began on Sunday, January 29, 2023. All classes will be held following the 10:30 AM Mass (approximately 11:30). These classes are designed for those baptized children, 2nd grade and above, who desire the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Confession and Confirmation. We will meet every other Sunday in the St. Dominic Room on the 2nd floor of the Annex building. Because this catechesis is part of the Family Faith Formation program, parents are encouraged to attend. Any questions, please contact Kevin Krawiec at 603-801-6130 or kkrawiec26@gmail.com.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents' Day.