St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Music Director	Joe Labrecque
Catholic Outreach Director	Denny Francis
ProLife Ministry Director	Juanita Sweet
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

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday 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) 322-1644
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.

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
Thirty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Patrick Day Dinner

(Prepared by Knights of Columbus)

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024

Time: Noon - 3:00 PM

Place: St. Mary Gym, Claremont, NH

Menu:

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Turnip, Rolls, Irish Soda Bread, Desserts, Coffee/Tea, Soft Drinks

Seats are Limited - **Tickets are REQUIRED**
$20 per adult - $40 per family

Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses.
You may also contact Kevin Krawiec at (603) 801-6130 or kkrawiec26@gmail.com for tickets.

Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Drawing
Live Entertainment by the Poor Cousins
All Proceeds to Benefit the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Church Maintenance Fund

Spiritual Adoption of The Unborn

Thank you so much to everyone who has spiritually adopted an unborn baby and is praying for that baby every day with the prayer Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen gave us:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

For anyone who does not have a prayer card or the information explaining it, they are available on the table to the left at the entrance of the church. May we one day, by the Mighty Hand of God see the end of abortion in our country soon!

May God Bless you.... The Pro Life Ministry

Claremont Warming Shelter needs volunteers

The warming shelter opened at Trinity Episcopal Church on the Feast of the Epiphany and will remain open until March 15th (on nights that go below 28 degrees Fahrenheit) as long as there are enough funds and volunteers.

St. Mary and St. Joseph parish organizations have generously contributed monetarily. There is an ongoing need for opening and morning hospitality volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Trinity Administrator, Shelly Page, at 603-542-2103 or welcome@trinityclaremont.org.

Hours of operation and services for guests
Monday to Thursday: 9PM to 8AM / Friday to Sunday: 7PM to 8AM
Average number of nightly guests is 7.
There are enough cots and sleeping bags for everyone to sleep. There is a sleeping room and separate room to sit with games and movies. The Claremont Soup Kitchen and BabySteps have been providing food and drinks.

Opening Hospitality Volunteers (2 per shift)
Two-hour shift starting a half hour before the warming shelter opens.
Jobs: Assist overnight hosts in welcoming guests and making them comfortable and setting out food, setting up bedding and cots, and maintaining the space.

Morning Hospitality Volunteers (2 per shift)
Two-hour shift from 7 to 9AM.
The volunteer time is split between helping guest leave the shelter (providing food and drink) and cleaning up after the shift.

Overnight Host Team covers the whole hours of operation
Host team members must have some background in direct services, crisis management, EMS, working with those in recovery or mental health issues or some other relevant experience. The chief responsibility is to maintain a safe, respectful and welcoming space for all. The lead on a shift is additionally responsible for the overall operation of the warming shelter. If you have interest in this position and the background, please contact Shelly Page at Trinity.

February 24, 2024—March 3, 2024

Sat. Feb 24	**Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**
4:00 PM	For the People
Sun. Feb 25	**Second Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM	Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	George Veilleux (†) By Mary Ellen Mega & Steve Denis
Mon. Feb 26	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Rick Mihaly (†) By Mary K. Keating
Tue. Feb 27	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Wed. Feb 28	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Thur. Feb 29	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Bella Wallace By Mary K. Keating
Fri. Mar 1	**Lenten Weekday *(First Friday)***
9:00 AM	Michael Beagan (†) By Martha Beagan
Sat. Mar 2	**Lenten Weekday *(First Saturday)***
9:00 AM	Tim Therrien (†) By Donna Therrien
	Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM	For the People
Sun. Mar 3	**Third Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM	Roy Lucier (†) By Sharon, Mike, Steve, Rick & Danny
10:30 AM	Roland LaPointe (†) By Ray & Sally Michaud

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Feb 26	Dn 9:4-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tues. Feb 27	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wed. Feb 28	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thurs. Feb 29	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri. Mar 1	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat. Mar 2	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun. Mar 3	Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - February 18, 2024

Envelopes (56).....$1,901.00
Loose.....$1,314.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....$1,101.25
Capital Campaign.....$283.73

Upcoming Second Collections

Catholic Outreach	February 24/25
Fuel	March 2/3
Diocesan Catholic Schools	March 9/10
Church Maintenance	March 16/17

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

Deb Bedard	Joan Flaherty	David Montano
Linda Bergeron	Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette
Mary Brunet	Rev Msgr Donald Gilbert	Dennis Palmer
Andy Champy	David Grey	Mary Raymond
Kathleen Chaudhry	Jake Grey	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandy Colby	Renee Honeman	Janet Sullivan
Joseph Dalton	Geoffrey Houle	Mary Sullivan
Liz Jones-Dern	Timothy Houle	Christine Snyder
Bryant Dillion	David Immic	Erika Thomas
Susan Doody	Pam LaBounty	Pauline Trottier
Jimmy Dunn	John Laushance	Louise Unger
Thomas Eagan	Matthew Limoges	Felicity Wallace
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Joe Wallace
Frank Emig	Shirley McNutt	
Chuck Ferland	Sylvia Michuad	

The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of Al and Evelyn Cote as requested by Mark and Carla Lafontaine.

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—Second Sunday in Lent

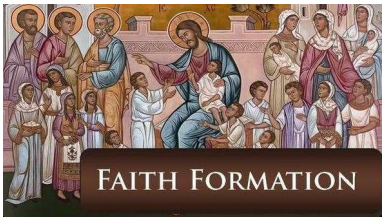
Processional Hymn: #158—From Ashes to the Living Font

Offertory Hymn: #562—Where Charity and Love Prevail

Communion Hymn: #360—Gift of Finest Wheat

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #473—Christ Be Our Light



Parents of children aged 7 and up who have not received the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, are asked to please contact the parish office to register their child(ren) for Sacramental Preparation classes. These classes will begin after Easter. Please contact Lisa Sweet, Faith Formation Director for St. Mary Parish, at lsweet@stmaryparishnh.org or call the parish office at (603)542-9518.

St. Mary Parish Catechumen and Candidates:

Catechumen: Julie Haslam

Candidates: Dawn Nelson
Mike Nelson
Janice Bushey
Joanne Baillargeon

Let us pray for them. The candidates are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 7th in St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester.

Campaign Corner

The safety measures will remain in place throughout the winter and restoration of the church. Total pledges received as of Dec. 20th is $974,100. Any funds raised beyond the total cost of the church exterior repair and restoration project will be used for additional capital improvement needs of the church. 100% of all gifts/pledges remain with the parish.

Please do not forget to make your weekly/monthly pledge payments. There are envelopes available in each church entrance for your convenience. Also, you are welcome to make your payments online.

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

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat.February 24th – 3:00–4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. February 25th – 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.

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised $8,990.00 toward our goal of $28,422.00. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your envelope to Mass or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available at each entrance of the church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal.

Fridays During Lent: Bread & Soup Penitential Meal
11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
St. Joseph Church Hall
Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 1st
Mass at 9:00 AM in St. Mary Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30 AM
Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATES

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Benefit "Fish Fry" on the Fridays of Lent from 4:30 - 6:00 pm at St. Mary's gym. Dinner includes beer-battered fish, hand-cut french fries, beer-battered onion rings, hushpuppies, soda, coleslaw and tartar sauce. Cost per plate is $15.00. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit KofC activities and St. Mary's maintenance fund. For more information please contact Kevin Krawiec (603) 801-6130.