St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Catholic Outreach Director	Denny Francis
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Homebound Ministry Director	Steve Denis
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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

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 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st

A reading from
the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

THUS SAYS the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.
The word of the Lord.

PSALM 130

℟ (7) **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication. ℟

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered. ℟

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD. ℟

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
and he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. ℟

2nd

A reading from
the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.
The word of the Lord.

A reading from
the holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45

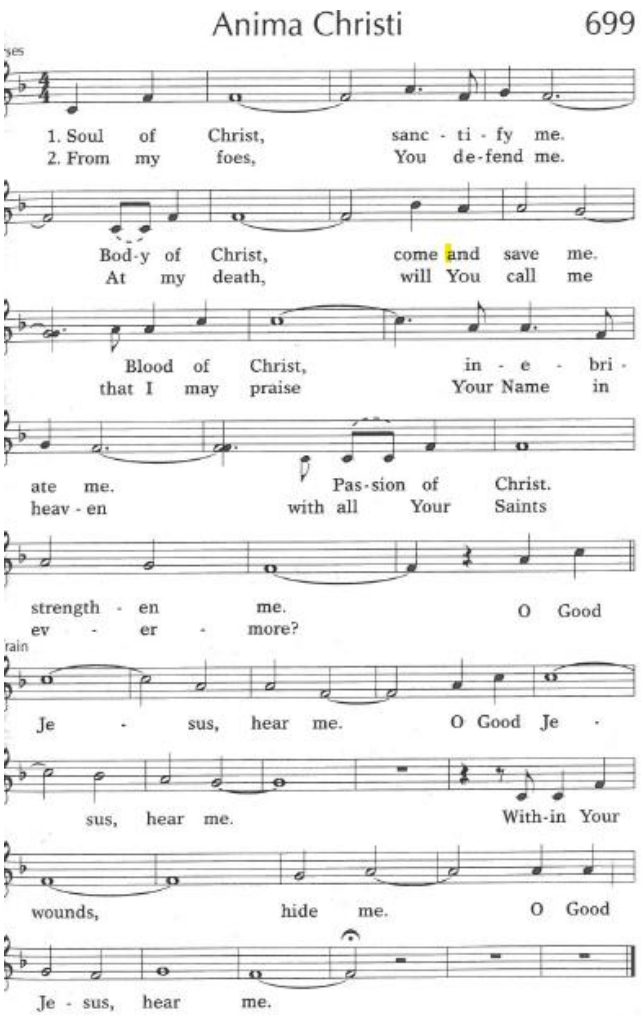
[For the shorter form (11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45), omit the text in brackets.]

[NOW A MAN WAS ILL, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So] the sisters (of Lazarus) sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." [The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."]

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. [Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.] When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

[When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,] he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.
The Gospel of the Lord.

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March 21, 2026—March 29, 2026

Sat. Mar 21	**Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent (StJ)**
4:00 PM	Marie Lozito By Patrick Lozito
Sun. Mar 22	**Fifth Sunday of Lent (StJ)**
10:30 AM	In Thanksgiving for Prayer Answered
Mon. Mar 23	**Lenten Weekday** No Mass
Tue. Mar 24	**Lenten Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Mar 25	**The Annunciation of the Lord** No Mass
Thur. Mar 26	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Alberto and Silvana Enzler (†) By Stetson Family
Fri. Mar 27	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Special Intention By Steve Denis
Sat. Mar 28	**Lenten Weekday (OSM)**
9:00 AM	Special Intention By Steve Denis
	Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (StJ)
4:00 PM	David and Susan Miller By Steve Denis
Sun. Mar 29	**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (StJ)**
10:30 AM	Mary Raymond (†) By Michael & Suzanne Rivard and Family

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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 23	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tues. Mar 24	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wed. Mar 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thurs. Mar 26	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Fri. Mar 27	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Sat. Mar 28	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Sun. Mar 29	Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7;Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - March 15, 2026

Envelopes (33)	$1,905.00
Loose	$1,425.50
Catholic Relief Services	$623.00

Online Giving

Offertory	$496.06
Capital Campaign	$190.65

Upcoming Second Collections

Church Maintenance	March 21/22
Fuel	April 4/5
Church Maintenance	April 11/12

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	Victoria Willis
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—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #239—The Glory of These Forty Days

Offertory Hymn: #243—Forty Days and Forty Nights

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARKING AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

1. There is **no street parking** allowed on Elm Street. PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE LAWN DURING MUD SEASON.

2. If you use the one-way entry from Elm Street to the driveway between the Rectory and Church, you may stop at the door to let off passengers and then drive to the lot behind the church. The second lot is on Elm Street to the left of the Rectory.

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.

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. March 28th — DROP OFF BY 4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. March 29th — 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.

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

We now know that we will not be back in the church for Easter. Thank you to Louie Millette, Mark Roberts, and Les St. Pierre for the extra work ensuring the wood surrounding the altar is protected before the scaffolding goes up in that area. See pictures of the project progress on the parish website!

Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish

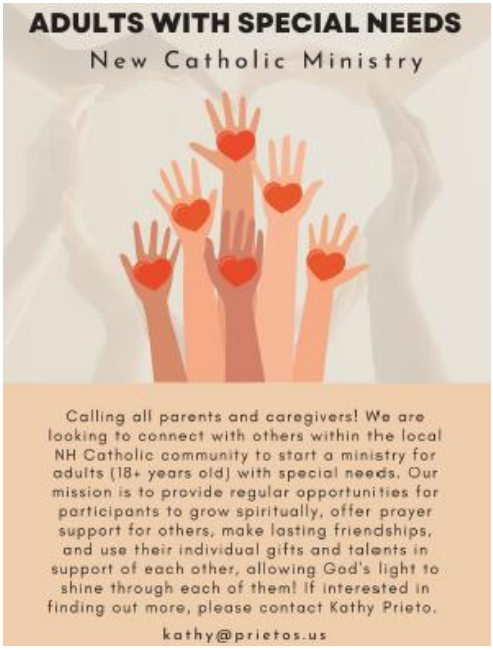
If you or someone you know needs assistance with food or living expenses, please call Denny Francis of Catholic Outreach at 603-543-0551

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Keep in your prayers the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Ava Blake
Jamison Blake
Ryan Blake
Geovanna Da Silva
Alison Gauilema
Anthony Gauilema
Dilan Gauilema
Priscilla Gauilema
Priscilla Millette
Damaris Tasinchana
Justin Tasinchana