St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor	Rev. Maria Sebastian Susairaj, HGN
Administrative Assistant	Mary K. Keating
Faith Formation Director	Lisa Sweet
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

FAMILY HOLY HOUR First Fridays 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) 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

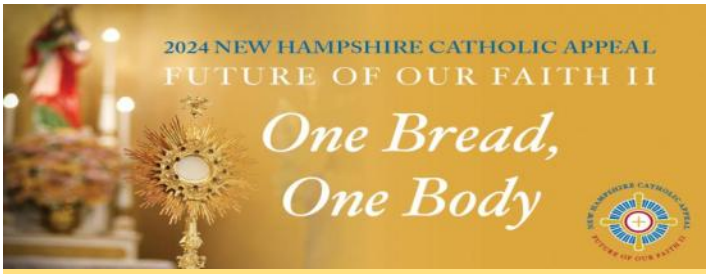
ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

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 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent



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 **$7,305.00** toward our goal of $32,307.93. 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 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**.

Family Holy Hours

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14

Our next Family Holy Hour will be Friday, March 7th from 6:00—7:00 PM in St. Mary Church.

It is our desire to support our families in the all-important task of raising their children in the faith; therefore, we invite families to gather for a teaching and prayer in the church each First Friday.

Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome! Please bring the babies too! We believe that children's voices are the sound of new life in the Church and are happy to abide with a little "joyful noise."

March 8, 2025—March 16, 2025

Sat. Mar 8	**Vigil of the First Sunday in Lent**
4:00 PM	Gene Fowler (†) By His Wife
Sun. Mar 9	**First Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM	For the People
10:30 AM	Peter McCusker (†) By the Doody Family
Mon. Mar 10	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Roland LePointe (†) By Ray & Sally Michaud
Tue. Mar 11	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Wed. Mar 12	**Lenten Weekday**
	No Mass
Thur. Mar 13	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	George Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Fri. Mar 14	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	George Denis (†) By Charles & Doreen Kusselow
Sat. Mar 15	**Lenten Weekday**
9:00 AM	Thomas Dion, Sr. (†) By St. Mary High School Class of 1960
	Vigil of the Second Sunday in Lent
4:00 PM	Karen Grenier
Sun. Mar 16	**Second Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM	Peter McCusker (†) By the Doody Family
10:30 AM	Victor and Shirley Hamel By Mary K. Keating

The Stations of the Cross for the Souls in Purgatory are prayed after each weekday Mass.

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory – March 2, 2025

Envelopes (48).....$1,721.00
Loose.....$1,466.00
Fuel.....$1,607.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....$557.54
Capital Campaign.....$190.65

Upcoming Second Collections

Church Maintenance	March 8/9
Catholic Outreach	March 22/23

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	Marilyn Gilbert	David Montano
Marc Bissonette	Richard C. Hall	Mary Ouellette
Bob Bonebrake	Renee Honeman	Dennis Palmer
Paul Boudreau	Geoffrey Houle	Bill & Barbara Pierce
Andy Champy	Timothy Houle	Jesse Rivard
Mike Clay	David Immic	Christine Snyder
Rev. Daniel Cogut	Don Keating	Andrew St. Pierre
Scott Colpas	Al Kulacz	Barbara St. Pierre
Liz Jones-Dern	Donna Kulacz	Edward Stone
Bryant Dillion	John Laushance	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Diane Lavigne	Ryan Sullivan
Jimmy Dunn	Matthew Limoges	Enola Surrell
Charles Eastman	Fr. John Loughnane	Richard Tremblay
Frank Emig	Jerry Malone	Pauline Trottier
Joan Flaherty	Sylvia Michaud	Louise Unger
Dennis Fontaine	Mark Miller	Joe Wallace

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 10	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tues. Mar 11	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wed. Mar 12	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thurs. Mar 13	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Fri. Mar 14	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Sat. Mar 15	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Sun. Mar 16	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28-36

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week in honor of Fr. Sebastian's Birthday as requested by St. Mary Parish.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed March 5th until March 17th.

HYMNS—First Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn: #457—I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Offertory Hymn: #175—Hosea

Communion Hymn: #171—Draw Near, O Lord

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #178—Forty Days and Forty Nights

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

ATTENTION PARENTS: We are in the process of planning sacrament preparation classes for First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Lisa Sweet at claremontfaithformation@gmail.com or call the Parish Office. Registration is required. Cost is $35.00 per child for materials that cover all three sacraments.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Bring a "Green Gift" for Yankee Swap
Tuesday, March 11th—6:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall

SAVE THE DATES

The Knights of Columbus will once again hold their Fish Fry during Lent. They will be held the following Fridays in Lent: **March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11th**. Dinners will be available from 4:30—7:00 PM. Menu will include fried fish fillets, French fries, homemade onion rings, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and dipping sauce. Coffee, soda, tea will also be provided. Suggested offering is $15 per person, $30 per family (immediate family please), and children under 12 are free. No tickets required, pay at the door. For more information, please contact Kevin Krawiec (603-801-6130).

Campaign Corner

Bishop Libasci has approved our selection of DEW Construction as the Construction Management Company along with the plan for renovation as proposed by Steve Horton. The vote to approve was unanimous by the Diocesan Real Estate Committee, and we are now full steam ahead! Contracts are being drawn up and ready for signatures, and then we will begin work on the steeple first. The work should begin soon, weather permitting. It has been a LONG process but is most certainly the fruit of your prayers and resilience of Fr. Sebastian and the Steering Committee members. God is good, and we are grateful to finally have approved the best plan for St. Mary Parish.

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 for more information

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: Steve Denis, Jackie Merrill, and Bill Pamplin.

March 10th is Fr. Sebastian's birthday. Be sure to wish him a happy birthday and keep him in your prayers—If you wish to give him a gift, cash is most appreciated!

Coming soon! The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Sunday March 16th from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm in St. Mary's gym. This traditional dinner will include: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rutabaga, Colcannon, and homemade Irish Soda bread. Dessert, coffee, soda are also included. This year we will allow BYOB beverages to have with your dinner. Great raffle prizes and a 50/50 will also be held. Tickets to this event are $20.00 per person, family tickets are $40.00 (immediate family please) and children under 12 are free. Tickets will be sold after all the weekend Masses. For more information please call Kevin Krawiec @ 603-801-6130.

The Ministry of Helps is looking for additional parishioners to help keep the church clean. Unfortunately, we had a few volunteers back off from cleaning at this time. We are looking for both temporary and permanent help, as well as anyone interested in being a substitute. It is not a time-consuming commitment, only 2 hours a month. The Ministry has been doing a fantastic job keeping the church maintained, and, therefore, the tasks are light. If you've been looking for a way to help out the parish and have only minimal free time available, this would be a wonderful opportunity! Please speak with Marti Beagan or contact the Parish Office.