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

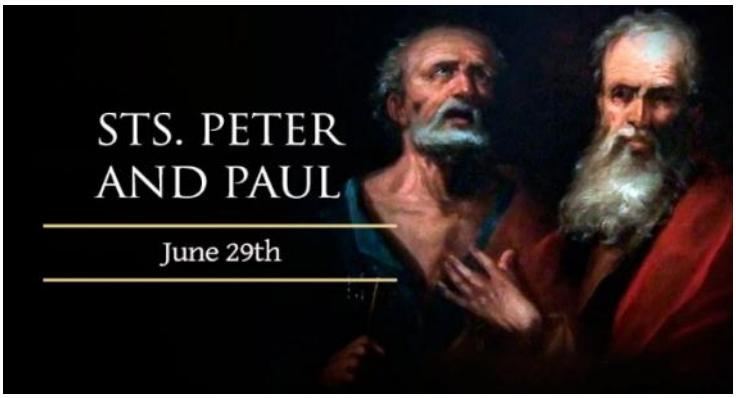
ADORATION CHAPEL—24/7

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.

June 29, 2025
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He answered: “Who are you, Lord?” Christ said: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67.

He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

June 28, 2025—July 6, 2025

Sat. Jun 28	**Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**
4:00 PM	Rick and Susan Doody By the Doody Family
Sun. Jun 29	**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**
8:00 AM	Christine McElreavy (†) By Joseph McElreavy & Family
10:30 AM	Veterans of the Vietnam War (†)
Mon. Jun 30	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	Rick Mihaly (†) By Mary K. Keating
Tue. Jul 1	**Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Jul 2	**Weekday** No Mass
Thur. Jul 3	**St. Thomas, Apostle**
9:00 AM	Delbert Michaud (†) By His Children
Fri. Jul 4	**Weekday ***
9:00 AM	Special Intention By Charlene Addario
Sat. Jul 5	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	Special Intention By Charlene Addario
	Vigil of Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM	Oscar Perron (†) By Ron, Rod & Lynne
Sun. Jul 6	**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Thomas Bentley (†) By Albert & Doris Bergeron
10:30 AM	Richard Pelletier (†) By His Daughter

Saturday 9:00 AM Masses are celebrated at Old St. Mary's.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Jun 30	Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22
Tues. Jul 1	Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
Wed. Jul 2	Gn 21:5, 8-20/Mt 8:28-34
Thurs. Jul 3	Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Fri. Jul 4	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13
Sat. Jul 5	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
Sun. Jul 6	Is 66:10-14/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-2, 17-20

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - June 22, 2025

Envelopes (43)	$1,391.50
Loose	$1,326.00
HGN Seminarians	$3,072.00

Online Giving

Offertory	$905.97
Capital Campaign	$755.37

Upcoming Second Collections

Peter's Pence	June 28/29
Fuel	July 5/6
Church Maintenance	July 12/13

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

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

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. The 2026 calendar is now available.

The Sanctuary Lamp in St. Mary Church will burn this week with intention for peace in the conflicts throughout the world as requested by Suzanne Veilleux.

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.

* Due to First Friday in July being Independence Day, July 4th, Eucharistic Adoration will not be organized for the day in the Parish Chapel. Organized First Friday Adoration will resume in August.

HYMNS—Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Processional Hymn: #327—Lift High the Cross

Offertory Hymn: #540—Faith of Our Fathers

Communion Hymn: #355—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #332—For All the Saints

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

is a faith formation experience for children ages 3 to 12 years old. It is based upon the belief that young children can and do experience God.

We will be hosting a training session for Level 1, part 1 from July 13-19, 2025 at Mount Royal Academy in Sunapee, NH.

Please consider joining us to learn more about how to inspire and gently guide children into a meaningful relationship with Our Lord. It is truly a method like no other.

Tuition is $500 for the full course. *Payment of $250 for Part I is due the first day of class 7/13/25. Remaining payment of $250 will be due the first class of Part II in 2026.*

For more information, please contact Lisa Sweet at 603-763-9010 or lsweet@mountroyalacademy.com

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. June 28th — 3:00—4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. June 29th — 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!

Parish Yard Sale—September 6, 2025
(Kick-Off Meeting August 13, 2025)

Parish Picnic—September 21, 2025
Parish Penny Sale—October 4, 2025

Campaign Corner

God's House Our Home
St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

Scenes from painting the steeple!

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

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.

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 **$5,200.00** toward our goal of $32,657.00. Approximately 90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year of appeal. 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**.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

THE WALL THAT HEALS, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is arriving in Claremont and will be available for viewing June 26-29. The traveling exhibit provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin. In collaboration with this replica arriving here in Claremont, there will be a Mass dedicated to all Veterans of the Vietnam War and their families here at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 29. Please pass the word.