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 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

L E N T 2025

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

St. Mary Church	9:00 AM
St. Joseph Church	5:30 PM

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 9:00 AM at St. Mary Church**
Wednesday 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Church

CONFESSIONS **Friday 9:30 - 10:30 AM (St. Mary's) / Wednesday 5:30 PM (St. Joseph's)**
Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 PM (except on Holy Saturday - April 19th)

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 (March 5th) and Good Friday (April 18th)**

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE **All Fridays of Lent**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS **Following each weekday Mass at St. Mary's**
FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

EASTER DUTY…this is the obligation to receive Holy Communion between the 1st Sunday of Lent (March 9th) and Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15th). 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.

March 1, 2025—March 9, 2025

Sat. Mar 1	**Vigil of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM	Deb Bedard By the Doody Family
Sun. Mar 2	**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Roy Lucier (†) By Steve Denis, Michael & Sharon Gilbert
10:30 AM	Jack and Jackie Merrill—50th Wedding Anniversary
Mon. Mar 3	**St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**
9:00 AM	Paula Gallagher (†) By Tom & Cindy LaCasce
Tue. Mar 4	**Weekday**
	No Mass
Wed. Mar 5	**Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Rick and Sue Doody By the Doody Family
Thur. Mar 6	**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Rita Michaud (†) By Her Children
Fri. Mar 7	**Friday after Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	Shirley Pierce (†) By Louis Millette
Sat. Mar 8	**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
9:00 AM	William Muzeroll (†), Jeanette Muzeroll (†) and Martin Muzeroll (†) By Phyllis Muzeroll Trust
	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
8:00 AM	Peter McCusker (†) By the Doody Family

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Mar 3	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tues. Mar 4	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 1028-31
Wed. Mar 5	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Mar 6	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri. Mar 7	Is 58:1-9/Mt 9:14-15
Sat. Mar 8	Is 58:9-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sun. Mar 9	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - February 23, 2025

Envelopes (47).....$1,948.50
Loose.....$1,482.00
Catholic Outreach.....$347.00

Online Giving

Offertory.....$714.54
Capital Campaign.....$1,279.81

Upcoming Second Collections

Fuel	March 1/2
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

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 memory of Armand Therrien 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—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #437—All Creatures of Our God and King

Offertory Hymn: #441—O God Beyond All Praising

Communion Hymn: #380—Seed, Scattered and Sown

Anima Christi: #699

Recessional Hymn: #315—Sing of Mary

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.

MARDI GRAS

Prepared by Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 4th / 4:30 PM—7:00 PM
St. Mary Gym
Menu: Eggs, Pancakes, Desserts,
Coffee/Tea, Beverages
Free Will Offering

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).

God's HOUSE Our HOME
ST. MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

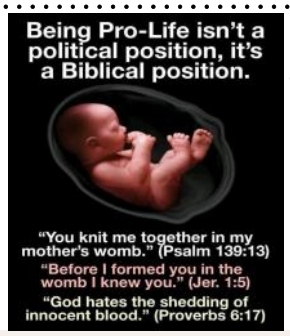
Campaign Corner

We are still waiting to officially hear whether we have received approval by Bishop Libasci to proceed with our choice of Construction Management Company and begin work. In the meantime Steve Horton continues to move full speed ahead, meeting with additional subcontractors to begin this spring!

OUTREACH

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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 7th
Mass 9:00 AM—St. Mary Church
Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30-10:30 AM
Adoration in Chapel 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

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.