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.

February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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1st

A reading from the Book of Sirach 15:15-20

IF YOU CHOOSE you can keep the commandments, they will save you;/ if you trust in God, you too shall live;/ he has set before you fire and water;/ to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand./ Before man are life and death, good and evil,/ whichever he chooses shall be given him./ Immense is the wisdom of the LORD;/ he is mighty in power, and all-seeing./ The eyes of God are on those who fear him;/ he understands man's every deed./ No one does he command to act unjustly,/ to none does he give license to sin.
The word of the Lord.

PSALM 119

℟/ (1b) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart. ℟/

You have commanded that your precepts
be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes! ℟/

Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.
Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law. ℟/

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
and keep it with all my heart. ℟/

2nd

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,/ and what has not entered the human heart,/ what God has prepared for those who love him,/ this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.
The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-37

[For the shorter form (5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37), omit the text in brackets.]

JESUS SAID TO his disciples: ["Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.] I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; [and whoever says to his brother, *Raqa*, will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.]

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. [If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife—unless the marriage is unlawful—causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.]

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all; [not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.] Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Anima Christi 699

February 14, 2026—February 22, 2026

Sat. Feb 14 4:00 PM	**Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (StJ)** Edwin Dorr (†) By His Wife & Children
Sun. Feb 15 10:30 AM	**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (StJ)** Bob, Ron, Gene Gilbert (†) and Jackie Baron (†) By Mike & Sharon Gilbert
Mon. Feb 16	**Weekday** No Mass
Tue. Feb 17	**Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Feb 18 9:00 AM	**Ash Wednesday (StJ)** Sally Michaud (†) By Her Children
Thur. Feb 19	**Thursday after Ash Wednesday** No Mass
Fri. Feb 20 9:00 AM	**Friday after Ash Wednesday (OSM)** Calla Ann Sarro (†) By Auntie Bev
Sat. Feb 21 9:00 AM	**Saturday after Ash Wednesday (OSM)** Norman Savoie (†) By Kevin & Claire Krawiec
4:00 PM	**Vigil of First Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Joanne Garren (†) By Family
Sun. Feb 22 10:30 AM	**First Sunday of Lent (StJ)** Albert and Carol St. Pierre By Mary K. Keating

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

Please consider online contributions to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website and click on the "Give Online" button.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Feb 16	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tues. Feb 17	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wed. Feb 18	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. Feb 19	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri. Feb 20	Is 58:1-9/Mt 9:14-15
Sat. Feb 21	Is 58:9-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sun. Feb 22	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - February 8, 2026

Envelopes (40)	$1,851.00
Loose	$1,128.50
Church Maintenance	$588.00

Online Giving

Offertory	$401.57
Capital Campaign	$540.02

Upcoming Second Collections

Diocesan Catholic Schools February 14/15

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	David Montano
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	David Immic	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	Jennifer Viger
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 2026 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—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #305—Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Offertory Hymn: #352—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Recessional Hymn: #321—Now Thank We All Our God

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARKING AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

1. There is **no street parking** allowed on Elm Street. St. Joseph Church has **two parking lots**: one behind the church and the other on Elm Street, on the left side of the Rectory. Snow will be cleared so that all available parking spaces will be accessible.

2. **One-way traffic will enter the Elm Street driveway between the Rectory and the Church** and continue on to find a parking space in the large lot behind the church. Drivers may stop at the side door for passengers to get out there and be assisted to the door by Security/ Ushers. An **ELEVATOR** is located at the far end of the side entry door-way. Exiting the parking lots after Mass will be via Gold Street at the back side of the lot.

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.

5. **We ask for your patience** as these changes begin and we will soon become more comfortable with them.

Campaign Corner

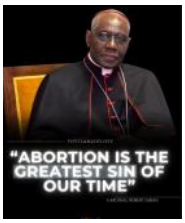
The plaster repair and painting crews are moving right along! Masses each weekend continue to be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, and we still hope for the work to be completed by Holy Week. We ask that everyone please fulfill their pledges in order to complete the project. Visit the parish website to see pictures of the project progress!

The painters are being very careful in working around our beautiful church organ!

I don't know about you, but I sure wouldn't want to climb that high to paint the ceiling!

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.

February 18, 2026

Mass and distribution of ashes:

9:00 AM—St. Joseph Church

5:30 PM—St. Joseph Church

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive

Sat. February 28th — DROP OFF BY 4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage
Sun. March 1st — 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.