

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Arockia Antony, HGN  
Deacon James Wilton  
Mary K. Keating  
Joe Labrecque  
Kevin Krawiec

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM
Monday / Tuesday	12:10 PM
Wednesday	7:30 AM
No Mass on Thursday or Friday	

## MASSES AT OLD ST. MARY CHURCH

Saturday Morning Mass at 8:00 AM every week  
(June to October) at Old St. Mary Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 - 3:45 PM
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## VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 PM
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## ST. MARY CEMETERY

**Old Church Road**  
Please call the Parish Office for inquiries or other  
information regarding the parish cemetery.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

**Closed until further notice!**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

## Chapel Hours

Monday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Sunday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**November 28, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



# MEDITATION OF THE DAY

## *The Cry of Advent*

Holy Church cries out to Jesus, desiring that we join her in repeating the word proper to Advent—the plea of the exile—“Come!” In heaven our song will express possession, felicity; from our lips and from our heart will break forth the “new canticle” of holy Scripture. But in our banishment, although once in a while that heavenly chant flashes like lightning at midnight, ordinarily we can intone only the word of hope and desire: “Come! Come!”

This is the word of exile. Let us not tire of repeating it. If we lie in darkness and in the shadows of death, let us cry out to him: “Come!” And he will come with his grace to purify us and to lift us up. If we sit in sadness and dejection, let us continue pleading: “Come! Come!” And he will come with his presence to scatter our sadness and with his help to strengthen our weakness. May the constant cry of hope and of desire never fail to rise from our heart; then each coming of Jesus will purify us, give us life, and make us happy by inflaming us with love.

Here on earth love has the strange prerogative of producing emptiness in our hearts the more it fills them; of producing a thirst the more it refreshes us; for each degree of love that our soul receives is a new desire for Jesus, a new vacancy hollowed out in it, a new degree of hope and of desire blossoming from the depth of our being. Hence, the more we love the more we repeat the word of exile, “Come!” Even when arrived at the peak of perfection, from that height we continue pleading, and with greater vehemence we utter the same word: “Come!”

Is it not this same word that forms the theme, so to speak, of the blessed symphony of this world while awaiting the consummation of time? At the end of Revelation, Saint John paints with two masterly strokes—two phrases—the history of the world since Jesus came twenty centuries ago until he will return to judge the living and the dead at the end of time: *The Spirit and the bride say “Come!” Let him who hears say “Come!”*

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

SERVANT OF GOD LUIS MARÍA MARTÍNEZ

Archbishop Martínez († 1956) was a spiritual author and the first official Primate of Mexico. / From *Liturgical Preludes*, Sister Mary St. Daniel, B.V.M., Tr. © 1961, The Peter Reilly Company, Philadelphia, PA.



Let us  
go  
rejoicing  
to the  
house  
of the  
Lord.

**November 27, 2021—December 5, 2021**

<b>Sat. Nov 27</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of First Sunday of Advent</b> For the People
<b>Sun. Nov 28</b> 8:00 AM	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Michael LaPlante (†) By Shirley Baldasaro
<b>Mon. Nov 29</b> 12:10 PM	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Joanne Lemieux. (†) By Hibbard & Claire Doe
<b>Tue. Nov 30</b> 12:10 PM	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b> Marilyn Michener. (†) By Lorraine Dion
<b>Wed. Dec 1</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Alana Carpenter By Her NH Family
<b>Thur. Dec 2</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Dec 3</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier, Priest (First Friday)</b> No Mass
<b>Sat. Dec 4</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent</b> Eugene Theroux. (†) By Doris Dorr
<b>Sun. Dec 5</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Lucille Matteau (†) By Her Children
10:30 AM	Intentions of Marie Lozito By Patrick Lozito

All 3 weekend Masses are livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

**St. Mary Church is open 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Monday—Friday.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .**

Mon. Nov 29	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tues. Nov 30	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Wed. Dec 1	Is 25:6-10/Mt 15:29-37
Thurs. Dec 2	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri. Dec 3	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Sat. Dec 4	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8
Sun. Dec 5	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**WEEKLY OFFERING . . . Stewardship**  
**Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure in gratitude**  
**for all of God's gifts.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Thank you also for those who make up envelopes!**

**November 21, 2021**

Offertory	\$3066.00
Human Development	\$ 872.00

**Upcoming Second Collections**

Catholic Outreach Nov 27/28

**PLEASE NOTE** ... Offertory checks made payable to: St. Mary Parish.  
You are welcome to indicate a diocesan 2nd collection in the memo section of your check. Donations to Catholic Outreach should be made payable to "**Catholic Outreach—St. Mary Parish.**"

**PRAYER LIST**

**Call the parish office to add/continue a person on the prayer list**

Bill Beattie	Jake Grey	David Montano
Gloria Beattie	Deborah Hemingway	Mary Ouellette
William Beattie	Renee Honeman	Melvin Parker
Deb Bedard	Timothy Houle	Deborah Phaup
Carol Braga	David Immic	Mary Raymond
Pauline Buckner	Elaine Keating	Brian Rivet
Stephen Burlew	Richard LaCasce	Sharon Rivet
Douglas Craig	Pearl Landry	Andrew St. Pierre
Rebecca DeVoyd	Claire Lessard	Elaine St. Pierre
Susan Doody	Matthew Limoges	Marcy St. Pierre
Thomas Eagen	Roy Lucier	Mary Sullivan
Charles Eastman	Jon Manning	Peter Sullivan
Joan Flaherty	Terry McGuire	Todd Supernois
Charles Fletcher	Shirley McNutt	Christine Snyder
Dennis Fontaine	Jack Merrill	Chee Chee Tyrrell
David Grey	Sylvia Michaud	David White

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES**

Zachary Long... US Army

Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy

**Call the parish office to add your loved ones in the service.**

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—**  
**November 2021**

**Universal Intention—People Who Suffer From Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR**

***"Memorial Candle Fund"***

Candle burning in the Church for the souls in purgatory.



**Welcome New Parishioners....**Just moved to this area? We welcome you to St. Mary Parish. Please stop by the parish office or call (603) 542-9518 for "new parishioner" information!



## HYMNS—First Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: Page 53

Offertory Hymn: #201—O Come, Divine Messiah

Communion Antiphon: Page 54

Communion Hymn: #255—The Advent of Our King

Recessional Hymn: #229—People Look East

### **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, December 3rd

St. Mary Church

Adoration 9:00 AM—4:00 PM



### **Baby Bottle Benefit Coin Collection**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Virgil Barber #892 has resumed its support for the Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley by providing baby bottles to collect loose change donations. The Pregnancy Center continues to provide a wonderful program to pregnant women in need! They offer many resources which include counseling, ultrasounds, options for adoption, maternity/family training, baby items which include clothing and much more! They are able to help women with their pregnancy and also allow pregnant women another option in our community than going to Planned Parenthood. They are entirely privately funded. Please help by donating to the baby bottle benefit. Baby bottles are located in the main entrance of the church. Any donation given to this cause is greatly appreciated and helps the Pregnancy Center continue on their mission! These can be left at the back table of the Church or at the parish office.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS:**

Registration forms are now available on the parish website under the Faith Formation/Religious Education tabs. Please print and fill one out prior to the start of classes. They can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Registration fee checks should be made payable to "St. Mary Parish." Please call 603-542-9518 with questions.



### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself  
wholly to You. Never permit me  
to be separated from You.

Amen.

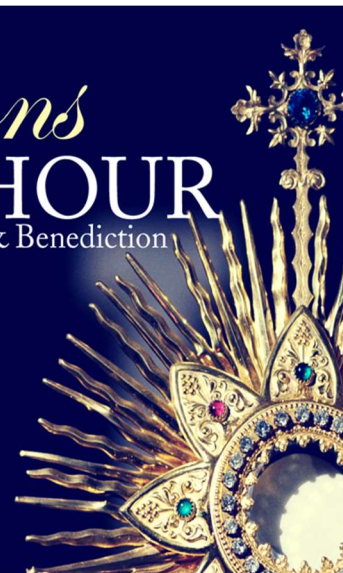
Thursday evenings during Advent (Dec. 2, 9, and 16)  
during the Vocations Holy Hour from 6 to 7 PM, Fr.  
Arockia will give a brief Advent reflection and will also  
be available to hear confessions.

## Vocations HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

# Every Thursday Evening

6:00–7:00 PM



### **Knights of Columbus Aluminum Can Drive**

Sat. November 27th — 3:00–4:00 PM...St. Mary Rectory Garage

Sun. November 28th — 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!

**Proceeds go to 2 seminarians and a postulant.**

The Knights of Columbus are seeking the DONATION of barn or garage space for the outside Creche displayed during the Christmas season in the Broad Street park. Prior locations no longer are available to store the Creche. Dimensions are: 8'+10" H x 7'+00" W x 17'+10" L from hitch to tail. Contact Walt Stapleton at 603-995-1034 or waltstapleton@juno.com with inquiry or information. Thank you.

### **Advent Tree of Life**

If you have already taken one or more envelopes off the Advent Tree, thank you! If you have not, this is your last chance to take an envelope and shop for a gift for a needy child in the Claremont area. Each envelope has a specific request for a clothing item. Do not worry if you can't find a particular color. Do the best you can. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. Requests have increased this year, so please buy several gifts if you possibly can! All gifts must be returned to the church or parish office by next Sunday December 5th. Gifts will be sorted on Monday December 6th for distribution by the Claremont Kiwanis Club. If you can't shop, you can still help by taking a white yarn envelope and returning it in the collection basket or to the parish office with a monetary gift. This money is used to purchase the many boots, jackets and snowsuits that are requested. Thank you very much!