St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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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

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 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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1st

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 58:7-10

THUS SAYS THE LORD:
Share your bread with the hungry,/ shelter the oppressed and the homeless;/ clothe the naked when you see them,/ and do not turn your back on your own./ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,/ and your wound shall quickly be healed;/ your vindication shall go before you,/ and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard./ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,/ you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!/ If you remove from your midst/ oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;/ if you bestow your bread on the hungry/ and satisfy the afflicted;/ then light shall rise for you in the darkness,/ and the gloom shall become for you like midday.
The word of the Lord.

PSALM 112

℟/ **(4a) The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

Or: Alleluia.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious and merciful and just.
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice. ℟/

He shall never be moved;
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.
An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. ℟/

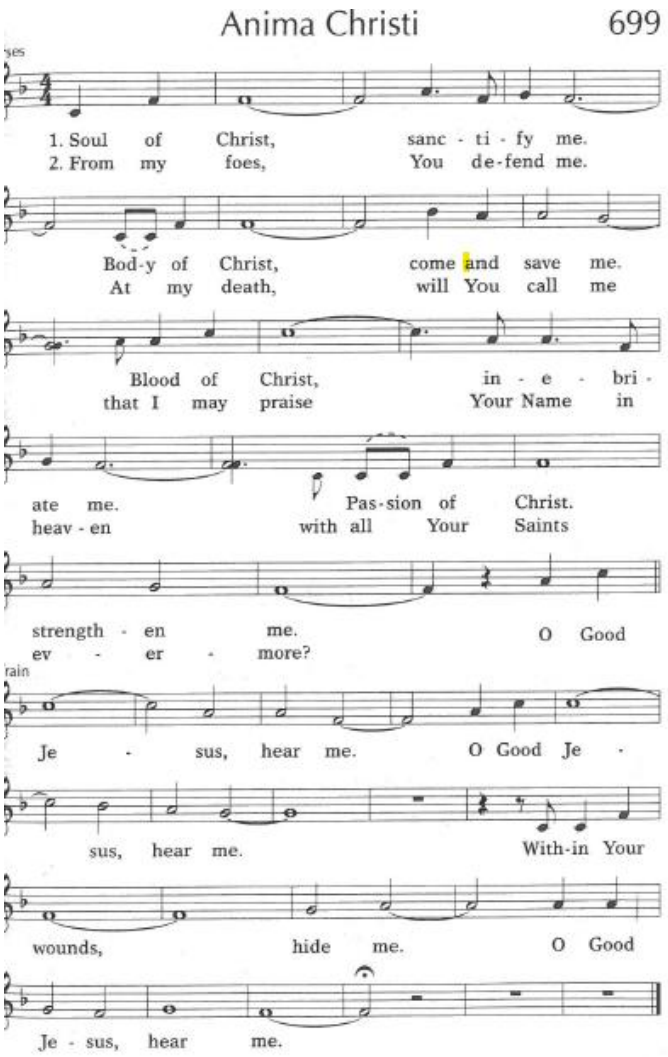
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.
Lavishly he gives to the poor;
his justice shall endure forever;
his horn shall be exalted in glory. ℟/

2nd

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

WHEN I CAME to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
The word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16

JESUS SAID TO his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."
The Gospel of the Lord.

February 7, 2026—February 15, 2026

Sat. Feb 7 4:00 PM	**Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (StJ) Bernadette Theroux (†) By Daughters & Family
Sun. Feb 8 10:30 AM	**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (StJ) Victor and Shirley Hamel By Mary K. Keating
Mon. Feb 9 9:00 AM	**Weekday** (OSM) Maisy-Ann Rublee (†) By Rublee Family
Tue. Feb 10	**St. Scholastica, Virgin** No Mass
Wed. Feb 11 9:00 AM	**Our Lady of Lourdes** (StJ) Healing Mass
Thur. Feb 12 9:00 AM	**Weekday** (OSM) Leonard & Alma Newell (†) and Their Children, Lillian Harvey (†), Ida Bresell (†), and Arthur Newell (†) By Deborah Harvey
Fri. Feb 13 9:00 AM	**Weekday** (OSM) Don Keating, Jr. By Mary K. Keating
Sat. Feb 14 9:00 AM	**Sts. Cyril and Methodius** (OSM) Azellie Sobocinski By Kingston Family
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

The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before each Mass during the week.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon. Feb 9	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tues. Feb 10	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wed. Feb 11	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thurs. Feb 12	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Fri. Feb 13	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Sat. Feb 14	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Sun. Feb 15	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

PARISH OFFERING

Sunday Offertory - February 1, 2026

Envelopes (41)	$1,821.50
Loose	$1,086.00
Fuel	$1,363.00

Online Giving

Offertory	$391.57
Capital Campaign	$190.65

Upcoming Second Collections

Church Maintenance	February 7/8
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	Alisa Silva
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—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #281—Holy, Holy, Holy

Offertory Hymn: #300—All Creatures of Our God and King

Communion Hymn: *Choir*

Recessional Hymn: #306—Holy God We Praise Thy Name

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 doorway. 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.

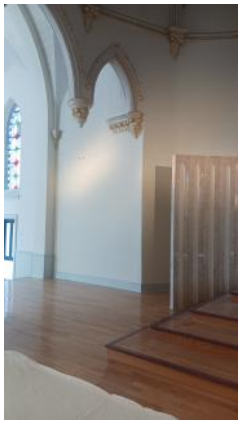
5. **We ask for your patience** as these changes begin and we will soon become more comfortable with them.

Campaign Corner

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

The plaster repair and painting crews are moving right along! Masses each weekend continue to be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, and we still anticipate work being 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!

Recognize these areas without the banners hiding the peeling plaster?



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.

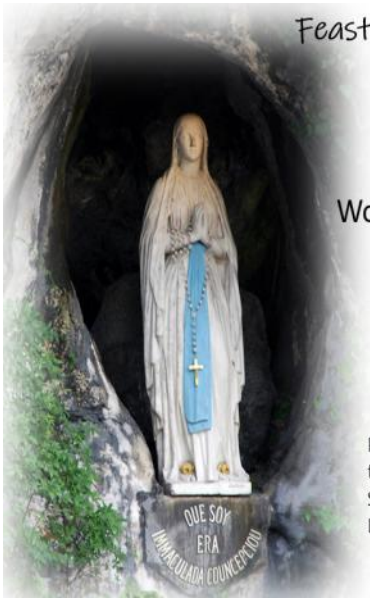
ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

Mass and distribution of ashes:

9:00 AM—St. Joseph Church

5:30 PM—St. Joseph Church



Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes
February 11, 2026

World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Healing Mass

St. Joseph Church
9:00 AM

Please join us for a healing Mass followed by the Sacramental Rite of the Anointing of the Sick, Priestly Prayer over Individuals, and Distribution of St. Jude Healing Oil.

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.