St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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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	9:00 AM
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) 543-7183
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.

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY/RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

A beautiful way to honor this month is to visit Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel praying for the end of abortion. We invite you to visit the Respect Life Table (40 Days for Life) at the entrance of the church for more information.

Another important issue of respecting life in which Catholic citizens must become involved is the vital campaign in preventing the legalization of physician-assisted suicide (PAS) in New Hampshire. You will find cards in the pews provided by the Diocese of Manchester. Parishioners are asked to fill out a card and drop in the collection basket. We will then send the signed cards to Manchester at the end of the month in support of the campaign. You are also welcome to fill out a card online by going to catholicnh.org/euthanasia.

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

Conclusion and Celebration of the Capital Campaign

On Sunday, October 4th from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, we will have a parish meeting in St. Mary Gym in conclusion of the Church Capital Campaign. Steve Horton will be with us to summarize and highlight all the work completed outside and inside St. Mary Church. Lunch will be provided.

To say the campaign was a success is an **understatement**!

Let's celebrate together as a parish and give thanks to God for His abundant blessings and the intercession and patronage of St. Jude!

40 Days for Life
Pray to End Abortion!

St. Mary's Parish will once again be coordinating with the Worldwide Organization, **40 Days for Life**, beginning Wednesday, September 23 until Sunday, November 1, 2026. The Pro-Life Ministry has a table at the church entrance where you may sign up to spend an hour in the Adoration Chapel before Our Blessed Lord to pray for the end of abortion and for the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death. We invite and thank you for being a part of these 40 Days for Life for the Unborn...the most innocent and the most defenseless! For more information, please see our table. Thank you!

We Are Having A Baby Shower!

As we did last year, we are having a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center in Claremont for families in need. Beginning this weekend until the end of October. You will see a decorated box at the entrance of the church where you may place a new unwrapped baby gift. Examples of what you may purchase are Diapers, Onesies, Blankets, Baby Sweaters and Baby Outfits for sizes…. newborn up to 2 years. The Pregnancy Center has said they also need Baby Wipes. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you so much!

October 3, 2026—October 11, 2026

Sat. Oct 3	**Vigil of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 PM	David Chase (†) By David & Ann Woodburn
Sun. Oct 4	**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Alfred Villers (†) By Margaret Villers
10:30 AM	For the People
Mon. Oct 5	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	L. Josephine Manley (†) By the Family Estate
Tue. Oct 6	**Weekday** No Mass
Wed. Oct 7	**Our Lady of the Rosary** No Mass
Thur. Oct 8	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	Mary R. and J. Park Goddard (†) By the Estate
Fri. Oct 9	**Weekday**
9:00 AM	Leonard & Alma Newell (†) and Their Children, Lillian Harvey (†), Ida Bresell (†), and Arthur Newell (†) By Deborah Harvey
Sat. Oct 10	**Weekday**
9:00 AM*	Esther DiBenedetto (†) By Her Son
	Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM	Omer and Cleophee Thibault (†) By Their Children
Sun. Oct 11	**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM	Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Norman Savoie (†) By Kevin & Claire Krawiec

*The last 9:00 AM Saturday Mass for the season at Old St. Mary's will be October 10th. Beginning October 17th, the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturdays will be at St. Mary's.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .

Mon.	Oct 5	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tues.	Oct 6	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wed.	Oct 7	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thurs.	Oct 8	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Fri.	Oct 9	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Sat.	Oct 10	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Sun.	Oct 11	Is 25:6-10/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

PARISH OFFERING

SUNDAY OFFERTORY—SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Envelopes (36)	$1,653.50
Loose	$1,530.00
Catholic Outreach	$312.00

ONLINE GIVING

Offertory	$396.56
Capital Campaign	$190.65

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Fuel	Oct 3/4
Church Maintenance	Oct 10/11

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

Mark Baril	Geoffrey Houle	Janet Ruest
Aelise Beattie	Timothy Houle	Nancy Ruest
Marc Bissonnette	Wendy Houle	Paul Ruest
Georgette Boudreau	Ricky Kaynew	Paul Ryczer
Paul Boudreau	Danny King	Nancy Sammataro
Eliott Brown	Al Kulacz	Robert Silliman
Michael Cirre	Donna Kulacz	Andrew St. Pierre
Sandra Colby	Robert Labelle	Barbara St. Pierre
Tiffany Doyle	Diane Lavigne	Edward Stone
Kristen Dulong	Matthew Limoges	Mary Sullivan
Susan Doody	Fr. John Loughnane	Ryan Sullivan
David Doster	Patrick Lozito	Louise Trottier
Nichole Dunkel	Sylvia Michaud	Pauline Trottier
Charles Eastman	Mark Miller	Louise Unger
Frank Emig	Mary O'Grady	Gary Vezina
Carol Fontaine	Sandy Orr	Barbara Woodin
Dennis Fontaine	Mary Ouellette	Jeffrey White
John Glasner	Denise Pantanella	Robert White

Give a gift of the greatest prayer for your loved ones, living or deceased. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. The 2027 calendar is now available.

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Mary Church will burn this week in memory of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn: #274—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Offertory Hymn: #573—Amazing Grace

Communion Hymn: #380—Seed, Scattered and Sown

Anima Christi #699

Recessional Hymn: #314—Immaculate Mary

Mass Readings: CREDO Hymnal—page 884

Opening bids for winter plowing

St. Mary Parish is accepting bids for the 2026-2027 winter season for snow/ice maintenance. Individual(s) must provide equipment for plowing, salting/sanding, and shoveling of parking lots, sidewalks, and walkways. A high degree of flexibility is needed in order to ensure safety of pastor and staff, parishioners, and visitors according to Mass schedules, funerals, parish events, and office hours.

Bids are asked to be submitted to the Parish Office by October 15, 2026. For further information, please contact the office at stmarysclaremont@comcast.net or call 603-542-9518

October Bake Sale

Following:

Saturday, October 17th, 4:00 mass

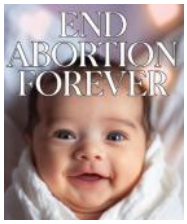
Sunday, October 18th, 8:00 and 10:30 mass

Call Gail Leclerc-Roberts @ 603-543-4187 to coordinate your support

FREE WILL DONATIONS

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

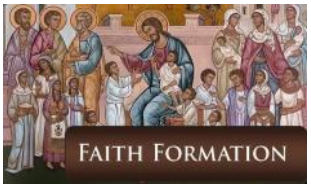


Life is a Gift from God

St. Mary ProLife Ministry
Contact Juanita Sweet
or the Parish Office

Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry

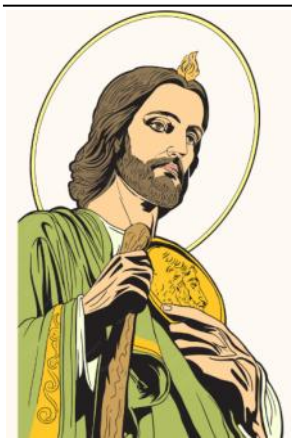
If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Fr. Sebastian, please call Steve Denis at (603) 558-5209. Visits are made on the 2nd Monday of every month. Father is assisted by one of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.



Do you feel called to a closer relationship with God? Are you curious about the Catholic Church and its teachings? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith?

If so, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) process may be for you! OCIA is a journey for those exploring the Catholic faith, including those who are unbaptized, baptized in other Christian traditions, or baptized Catholics who have not completed their sacraments of initiation. Practicing Catholics who desire to understand their faith more deeply are also welcome to attend.

Classes are just beginning. For more information, please speak with either Lisa Sweet or Mark Roberts. We look forward to welcoming you home to the Church!



Mass in Honor of St. Jude
October 28, 2026—10:00 AM
St. Mary Church

Join us on the Feast Day of St. Jude to honor him in gratitude for his continued efficacious intercession on our behalf. A novena to him will begin on October 19. Prayers will be provided closer to the date. Priests will administer the Anointing of the Sick and also pray over individuals. Blessed oil will also be available to take home for your families.

The Parish Office will be closed starting Tuesday, October 6th and will reopen on Tuesday, October 13th.