

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church



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## Websites

St. Mary Parish  
[www.stmaryparishnh.org](http://www.stmaryparishnh.org)

Diocese of Manchester  
[www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org)

## Sunday ~ December 15, 2019 The Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor  
Parochial Vicar  
Deacons

Administrative Assistant  
Music Director  
Interim Faith Formation Director

Very Rev. Shawn Therrien, V.G.  
Rev. Arockia Antony, HGN  
Rev. Deacon Paul Boucher  
Rev. Deacon James Wilton  
Mary K. Keating  
Joe Labrecque  
Kevin Krawiec

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

### 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

### ADORATION CHAPEL

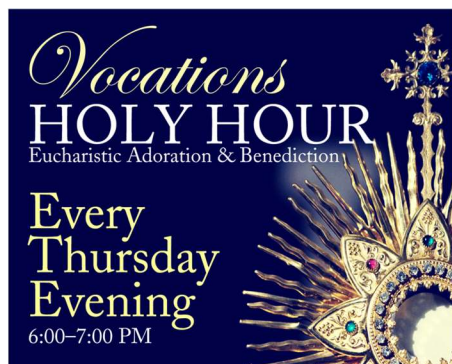
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday ONLY 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

#### 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

Remember the St. Mary Renovation Fund  
in your Will.

Church is illuminated this week  
for all souls.





## Schedule for Christmas and New Year

### Christmas

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:	5:30 PM
Wednesday, December 25th, Midnight Mass:	12:00 AM
Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Morning:	10:30 AM

### New Year, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st, Solemnity Vigil:	5:30 PM
Wednesday, January 1st, Solemnity:	10:30 AM

### Parish Office Closings

Christmas:	December 24, 25, and 26
New Year:	December 31st (at noon) and January 1st

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## *Decorating for Christmas*

*Attention men and women who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas:*



*1—Following the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 22nd, we will begin decorating the church for Christmas. 2—On Monday, December 23rd, the poinsettias will be delivered in the morning and we will continue decorating, **beginning at 10:00 AM**. The goal is to have the majority of the decorations up before the flowers arrive. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to come decorate either or both days. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and a time for entering into the joy of the season as we prepare our church to welcome the Christ Child! If you would like more information, please call the parish office at 542-9518.*

*Many hands make for light work....and merry work!*

**December 14, 2019—December 22, 2019**

<b>Sat. Dec 14</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent</b> For the People
<b>Sun. Dec 15</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Duane Hjulstrom (†) By Family
10:30 AM	Paul Duval (†) By Beverly Duval
<b>Mon. Dec 16</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Elaine Keating By Mary K. Keating
<b>Tue. Dec 17</b> 12:10 PM	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> All Souls
<b>Wed. Dec 18</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> Park and Mary Goddard (†) By the Estate
<b>Thur. Dec 19</b>	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> No Mass
<b>Fri. Dec 20</b> 12:10 PM	<b>Late Advent Weekday</b> Christine Martinson (†) By Family
<b>Sat. Dec 21</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> For the People
<b>Sun. Dec 22</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Emig and Mathauser Families By Frank Emig
10:30 AM	Paul St. Pierre (†) By Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK. . .**

Mon. Dec 16	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Mt 21:23-27
Tues. Dec 17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Wed. Dec 18	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Thurs. Dec 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Lk 1:5-25
Fri. Dec 20	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Sat. Dec 21	Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
Sun. Dec 22	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions—December 2019**

**The Future of the Very Young**—That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

The next ministry schedule for January through April 2020 is due to be completed by December 27th. If you have any upcoming dates which you would not be available to serve, please contact the parish office **by December 23rd**. Please call 542-9518 or email stmarysclaremont@comcast.net with the dates.

**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!**

**December 8, 2019**

Offertory	\$ 4,245.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 1,925.00

**Second Collections**

Buck-A-Month	Dec 14/15
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Dec 28/29

**PLEASE NOTE ... All checks are payable to: St. Mary Parish.** If you would like to put in the memo section what collection it is that is fine, just as long as checks are made out to the church! Checks for St. Vincent de Paul Society **should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

**PRAYER LIST**

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

Jeff Albright	Alison Gagnon	Shirley McNutt
Doris Allen	Val Gregoire	David Montano
Erich Baccke	Brendan Gunning	Mary Murphy
Jeffrey Baker	Shirley Hamel	Mary Ouellette
James Baljak	Marion Hamilton	Erin Cahill Pacheco
Linda-Joy Beauregard	Bailey Hanson	Rosalie Parker
Janet Blaisdell	Douglas Hartwell	Mike Poirier
Carolyn Bouchard	Deborah Hemingway	Marilyn Prever
Joseph Bouchard	Renee Honeman	Phil Prever
Carol Braga	Anne Houle	Mary Raymond
James Bridges Family	Gabriel Houle	Joey Rittlinger
Gary Bromley	David Immic	Kim Rounds
Pauline Buckner	Donna Kulacz	Gloria Santini
William Burr, Jr.	Richard LaCasce	Carole Shaw
Ken Christy	Bertha Lamarre	Andrew St. Pierre
Sis Corsale	Pearl Landry	Elaine St. Pierre
Sarah Davis	Norman LeBlanc	Moe St. Pierre
James DeTore	Ray Lemieux	Irene Stearns
Richard Dietz, Jr.	Merranda Lenahan	Kathy Stone
Claire Doe	Matthew Limoges	Mary Sullivan
Gary Doiron	Roy Lucier	Christine Synder
Thomas Eagen	Cassandra Mae Lufkin	Helene Therriault
Charles Eastman	Peter McCusker	Michael Villers
Charles Fletcher	Brayden McEnany	Theresa Viger
Donat Gagne	Terry McGuire	David White

*The Holy Rosary is prayed every Saturday before the 4:00 PM Mass, beginning at 3:30 PM. Come join fellow parishioners in lifting up one another in prayer as we meditate on the mysteries in the life of Our Lord.*



**Vocations Prayer Corner**

This week we pray for all a fuller appreciation of the gift of ministry within the Church, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and holy matrimony.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY LOVED ONES**

Zachary Long... US Army  
Raymond F. Parizo, Jr....US Navy  
Joseph Villers....US Army

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

**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—The Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: Page 63

Offertory Hymn: #204—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Communion Antiphon: Page 65

Communion Hymn: *Choir Solo*

Recessional Hymn: #256—The Advent of Our King

**Help Wanted!** Elm Wood Center in Claremont is looking for a part-time hairdresser. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Sue Veilleux at 543-1431.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** If you receive an email supposedly from Fr. Shawn or Fr. Arockia requesting you contact him, PLEASE call the parish office at 542-9518 before responding. There are emails circulating to various individuals ultimately requesting money and gift cards. Some of these emails even contain a picture of Father and look very valid. These are SCAMS and should not be answered.



### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAS 2019 HOLIDAY PECAN SALE

Court Virgil H. Barber #892, Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**Presents for your enjoyment:**

Delicious prize-winning Chocolate covered or Plain Mammoth

Great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers!

Or put them in your freezer for use throughout the year!

(supplies are limited)

**AVAILABLE ARE;**

12oz Mammoth Pecans ....\$9.00/bag

16oz Mammoth Pecans.... \$11.00/bag

12oz Chocolate Covered Pecans ... \$8.00/bag

12oz Roasted Salted Pecans ... \$9.00/bag

GLAZED PECANS \$8.00 each bag

PECAN CLUSTERS \$8.00 each bag

CINNAMON GLAZED \$8.00 each bag

12 oz JUMBO ROASTED,SALTED CACHEWS ... \$9.00

PECAN ROLLS \$4.50 each

7-way Tin nut assortment.....\$25.00 each

Contact: Arline Marro 542-5933

### Advent "Tree of Life" 2019

Monetary donations are still being accepted until December 31. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our local families who are struggling. They will enjoy wrapping the gifts that you have so thoughtfully chosen and presenting them to their children on Christmas morning. The Claremont Kiwanis Club is the organization that coordinated the giving of about 800 clothing gifts and many toys too! St. Mary's is the largest donor since we purchased over 200 clothing gifts this year. We couldn't do it without the help of so many of you! May the joy you have shared with others come back to bless your own Christmas! Thank you!

## REMEMBERING DURING THE YEAR

### "Memorial Candle Fund"

Candles burning in the Church/Adoration Chapel  
for all souls.

## EDUCATION CONTEST

Art, Essay, Computer Art, Poetry, Music and Photography are the categories included in the Education Contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Any student, boy or girl, in grades 4-12 is eligible to enter the contest. There are 3 student divisions according to grade level and a student may enter more than one category. The 4th division is for Adult CDA members for Poetry, Art, and Photography. Awards are given for each division in each category. The 2019 themes are "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Mark 5:9 or "Living in Harmony with Others."

Here is an opportunity for students and adults to apply their talents, their lively imagination and freedom of thought. Applications are due by February 1, 2020. Applications and rules may be obtained from Arline Marro, CDA Education Chair, (603) 542-5933.



68th Annual  
Festival of Lights 2019

La Salette Shrine  
Enfield, NH

November 30 to December 31  
Lights on nightly 5:00-9:00  
Cafeteria Open Nightly Until 8:30

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



**Prepare the Way of the King**  
Dr. Scott Hahn

*The Greatest Gift We Can Ever Receive*  
Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind — Jesus Christ.

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## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

**Ct. Virgil H. Barber #892**

Annual Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday - December 15th - 6:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Hall

For reservations, call Regent at 603-542-6646



## 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Christmas Social Monday, December 16th

Pleasant Street Restaurant, Claremont

Social begins at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Gift drawings after dinner.

Welcome a Brother Knight from 1st, 2nd or 3rd Degree and ask them to attend.

**GiveOnline**  
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Consider online contributions to St. Mary Parish. Visit our website and click on the "Give Online" button.