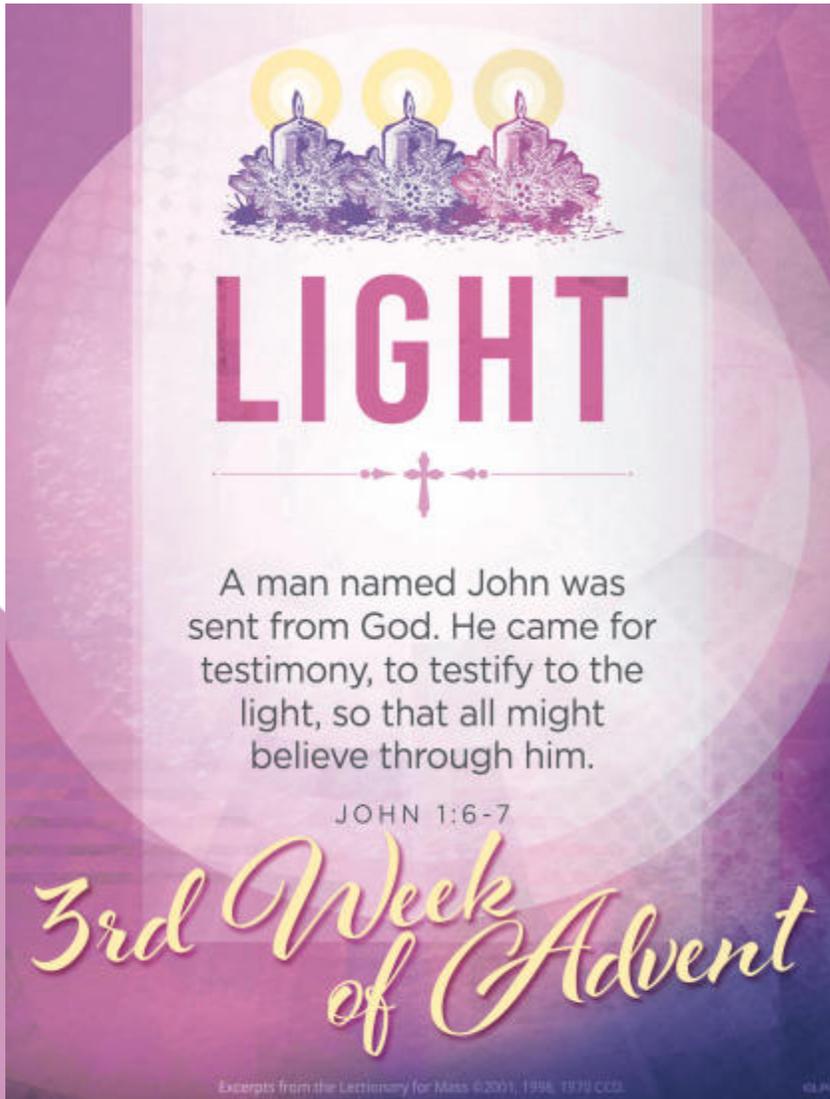


# SAINT MARY

December 13, 2020

CHURCH



## OUR MISSION:

**St. Mary Church in Newmarket, NH  
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### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Welcome back to Mass! COVID-safe mask wearing  
and social distancing is required.*

Sunday ..... 9:30am

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00pm

Daily (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)..... 7:00am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm in the Sacristy.

### PASTORAL STAFF

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### ADVISORY COUNCIL

Bob Elliott Finance Council Chairman

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## THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54  
[Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and  
23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,  
11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17  
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,  
4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

4:00 pm Sophie McGrath

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

9:30 am Catherine Moore  
~Living

**Monday, December 14, 2020**

7:00 am Lucille LeGault

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

7:00 am Fecteau Family  
~Living

**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

7:00 am Fiduccia Family  
~Living

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

4:00 pm Carol Tremblay

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

9:30 am Don Spearman

### Welcome Back!

We are happy to have you with us! Reservations are not currently needed. Mask wearing & social distancing is required.

Our diocese is now allowing public masses with a limited capacity. Due to the fact that we are not open at 100% capacity, this decision from our bishop has not changed the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to actually be at Mass. If you are unable to attend mass, you can still keep the Sabbath holy by:



- ◆ Avoiding unnecessary work
- ◆ Find weekly readings on this page <<
- ◆ Access weekly/daily readings at bible.usccb.org
- ◆ Watching Livestream Mass at any of the following sites: stmarynh.org | stmichaelparish.org (Recordings available.) EWTN, Word On Fire, CatholicTV, St. Patrick's Cathedral
- ◆ **Make an 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.*

### Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist: Adoration Time Extended to 6pm!

A great way to add a little peace to your week and deepen your relationship with Christ is to sit with Him in Adoration. We build earthly relationships by spending time together. Come nurture yours with Jesus through prayer, journaling, or simply listening.

### Third Thursday of the Month, THIS WEEK! 12/17

**After 7am Mass, until 6pm.**

Please observe Covid safety.

If you have any questions or would like to commit to a time slot, please use the sign up sheet near the entrance to the church or call the parish office at 603.772.2494.



### Bereavement Group

#### UPCOMING MEETING: DECEMBER 21ST, 10AM

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Join us in solidarity and prayer in **Drouin Hall in Gabriel House at St. Michael, 10 - 11:30am on 12/21**. Our Bereavement Group regularly meets on the 3rd or 4th Monday of each month. Select evening sessions will be available starting 12/21. Register for those nights at [stmichaelparish.org/bereavement-group](http://stmichaelparish.org/bereavement-group). All are welcome!



### Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle may be lit in honor of your loved one. Please call 772.2494 to reserve. A donation of \$25 is suggested.



### What can we pray for?!

[stmarynhprays@gmail.com](mailto:stmarynhprays@gmail.com)

## A REFLECTION FOR THE SEASON OF FAITHFUL PREPARATION



*“Make straight the way of the Lord...”*

*- St. John the Baptist*

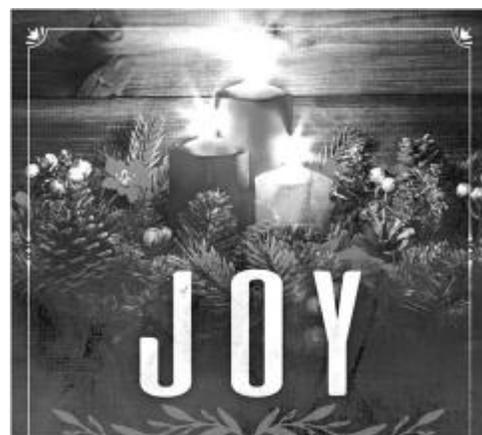
*Miracle baby, cousin of Christ, spirit-filled man on a mission, prophet, evangelist, martyr, rugged dresser, eater of locusts and honey, liver of the simple but joyful life.*

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of so many celebrities who have spiraled after achieving their fame and fortune. Or how about winning the Lotto... On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, as luck would have it, we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and we're not as satisfied as we thought we were or would be. We find ourselves living with a void, even profound sorrow and grief. "I am surrounded by plenty, but did not find joy within."

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. (This is important to remember this Advent, as the commercial side of Christmas is broadcast to us from all different angles.) Glimpses of joy are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

*Source: LPI Vibrant Churches*



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## PARISH INFORMATION

**St. Mary Church is open daily for personal prayer.**

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact Deacon Eric at Deacon@stmichaelparish.org or 772-2494 X211.

**MARRIAGES:** Please register your intentions with the parish at least six months in advance.

**CALVARY CEMETERY:** Michael Pelczar @ 659-3344

**MERCY MEALS:** Please contact Karen Polzinetti at 397-7685 or kdd42409@yahoo.com

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** facebook.com/stmarystmichaelnh  
stmmcomms@gmail.com

**PRAYER LINE:** StMaryNHPrays@gmail.com / 770-8904

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Hannah Parent  
339-309-9187 or hannahrose.parent@gmail.com

**HEALING PRAYER:** For an individual healing prayer appointment by a trained prayer team please contact us at Healing.StMaryNH@gmail.com or at the parish office.

**ROSARY:** The rosary is prayed Mon, Tue, Thurs at 6:30am before the 7am mass and Sat at 3:30pm before the 4pm mass. First Saturday Devotional Rosary is prayed at 3pm before the 4pm Vigil each first Saturday of the month.

**FORMED:** Parish Code: KYJ3M2

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT: CALLED TO BE STEWARDS

During the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and reassess our priorities in life, we should also strive for a greater understanding and appreciation for the ministries in our parish, and look within our hearts to determine what role stewardship plays in our lives.

This season, we thank you for giving your financial stewardship prayerful consideration. To make your life easier, we offer the online option below. On behalf of the staff, we wish you a blessed Advent & a Merry Christmas. We're grateful you're in our community!

## PARISH GIVING

November 22, 2020

Envelopes	\$523.00
Loose	\$429.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,972.00</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish during this difficult time. See below for our online giving option.

It's easy to



1

Visit [stmichaelparish.org](http://stmichaelparish.org) click "Give Online" (left side of home page)

2

Set up your online giving account with **WeShare**

3

Choose a preferred payment option & **customize your donation**

Questions about the program or setting up your account? Don't hesitate to contact Erin at 772-2494 or [stmarynh@gmail.com](mailto:stmarynh@gmail.com)

## Respect Life Ministry Shares...

### Diary of a Little Soul: Week 11



I am beginning to grow much more rapidly now. Although I only weigh about half an ounce, I'm about the size of a peach and twice as long as I was a month ago. I'd like to report another new development: While Mom's blood has always helped to feed me, protect me, and get rid of any stuff I don't need, I'm proud to say that my own blood supply is now able to help with this important task. Yes!

"... and precious shall their blood be in his sight."

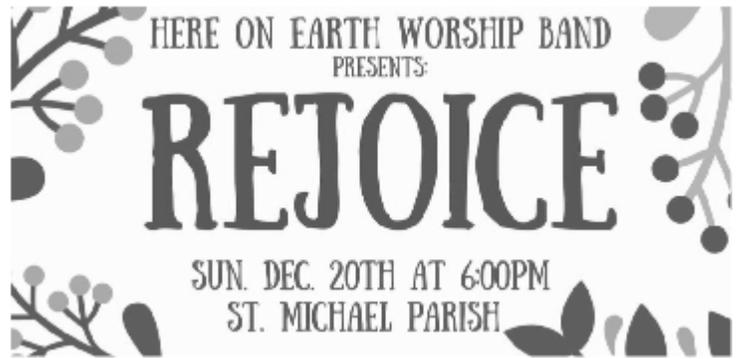
- Ps. 72:14b

Sampled from Fr. Wilfred Deschamps, copyright 2017. Look for more next week!

To join the St. Mary/St. Michael Respect Life Ministry, email Corinne & Kevin Kaneb via [cwinter121@gmail.com](mailto:cwinter121@gmail.com). God bless!

### PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Seacoast Birthright: 603-436-5558  
Birthright of Derry: 603-434-3000  
Options for Women: 603-749-4441  
New Generation, Inc: 603-436-4989



We're bringing this wonderful event back! It's scaled down a bit and attendance is limited (free ticket needed), but we'll have the live stream available and there will be Eucharistic Adoration. What a beautiful way to celebrate Advent & prepare for Christmas week! We hope you'll join us. Grab your favorite mask and reserve a free ticket: [stmichaelparish.org/here-on-earth-worship-band](http://stmichaelparish.org/here-on-earth-worship-band) OR [facebook.com/hereonearthworship](https://www.facebook.com/hereonearthworship)



## Christmas Tree & Wreath SALE!

The Knights of Columbus are currently selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the parking lot of St. Mary. You can even take advantage of convenient ordering over the phone! Call or text to schedule your tree or wreath delivery: (603) 502-9234

Hours of operation will be: Saturdays and Sundays from 9AM-7PM. All proceeds to support the Council's 2021 charitable works.

### Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

Contact Dick Manix at (603) 772 - 3056 or [richardomanix@gmail.com](mailto:richardomanix@gmail.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

@youth.marymichaelnh 

Join us in Cotter Hall at St. Michael, 6:30 - 8pm:

HS Young Life: 12/13 HS Youth Ministry: 12/20

MS Wyldlife Club: 12/17

Young Life Bible Study: Mondays from 7 - 8:45pm  
Advent MS Bible Study, 12/15, 4 - 5pm on Zoom

To register for an event or get more info, contact

Becca [youth@stmichaelparish.org](mailto:youth@stmichaelparish.org)  
Sammie [youth.stmarynh@gmail.com](mailto:youth.stmarynh@gmail.com)

Join us for  
our special &  
safe experience:



## Drive-Thru Confession TODAY!!! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 1-3PM

Experience the love and mercy of God & release your burdens through the healing of reconciliation. Please join us for this COVID-safe sacrament as Fr. Matt or Fr. Bart will meet your right at your car. Can't make it? Drive by St. Michael from 4-6pm today, come to Reconciliation on Saturdays at 3:30pm, or stop by on Adoration day this week:

### THURS 12/17: IN-CHURCH CONFESSION

Extra Advent Reconciliation time with Fr. Bart, 4-6pm.

Calling to mind the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this weekend, and grateful to share God's love with our Spanish-speaking parishioners & neighbors, we offer this invitation from St. Mary's Church over in Rochester to join their Spanish mass on Sundays at 2pm ...

### La Comunidad Hispana en Rochester, NH

Los invita a la misa en espanol los dias domingo a las 2 pm en la Iglesia St. Mary, 71 Lowell St., Rochester, NH.

Por favor usar mascarilla y guardar distancia.  
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What gifts would you bring to Baby Jesus?



*"Father, we are the work of Your hands."*

Is God's work in you to be of service to Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life?

Call Fr. Matt Mason (603) 663-0132, or email:  
[mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)



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## CHRISTMAS MASS IN-PERSON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE:

Due to COVID, in-person Mass attendance will be limited. **Free tickets are required.**

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4pm 6pm 10pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30am

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