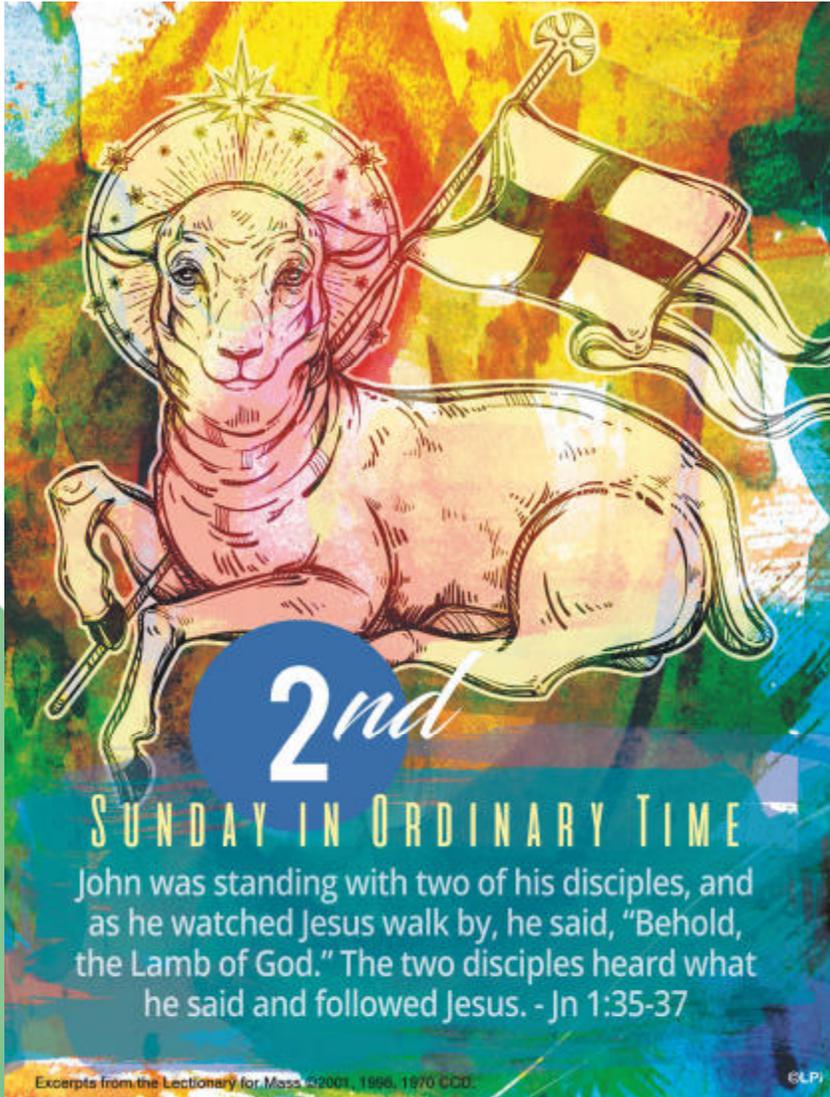


SAINT MARY

January 17, 2021

CHURCH



OUR MISSION:

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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.
COVID safety guidelines apply.

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2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16, 2021

4:00 pm John Bogacz

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:30 am Jack Elliott

Monday, January 18, 2021

7:00 am Dan Dannah
~Living

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday, January 21, 2021

7:00 am Fecteau Family
~Living

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 pm Louis Eisenhard

Sunday, January 24, 2021

9:30 am John Bogacz

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.

**"The time is always right
to do what is right."**

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - 1/18

Welcome Back!

We are happy to have you with us! Thank you for loving our fellow parishioners by wearing masks & social distancing.

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.

CONNECTING our COMMUNITY ONLINE

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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Tag us & share: What're your "ordinary" prayer habits? Where do you find the "extraordinary" in your life?

Eucharistic Adoration

THIS WEEK - THURSDAY, 1/21

Sign up for a time slot in the back of the church, or stop by from after 7am Mass until 6pm.

Encounter Jesus in Reconciliation
SATURDAYS, 3-3:30 IN THE SACRISTY

Experience the love and mercy of God and release your burdens through the sacrament of confession. Covid precautions are being observed. Thank you!

What can we pray for?!

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As we look forward to the start of a new year, perhaps a year with more certainty about the future and in-person gatherings, we would like to reflect on the gifts of 2020.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us each by name and invites us, especially children, into a personal relationship with him. St. Mary Church & St. Michael Parish are blessed with the gift of children!

With inspiration from the children of our community, 2020 brought new ways to share our faith and love for Christ. Kids have a beautiful way of experiencing the wonder and awe of God's presence in their lives. It is a gift and privilege to witness the blossoming of their faith, their growing relationship with Jesus, and their ability to ponder, be still and listen to their hearts.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who made the following events possible:

Virtual Vacation Bible School
(VBS from home with daily craft bags and activities!)

Outdoor Rock Paper Scripture
(Games, faith and fun!)

Zoom Game Nights

Outdoor Halloween Gathering

Zoom Christmas Games and Sing-a-long

Preschool Bible Story Time
(Weekly story and craft for your children and their caregiver!)

Santa Drive-By
(Children picked up Advent Crafts and had the chance to wave hello to Santa!)

Virtual Night in Bethlehem
(Video walk through Bethlehem the night Jesus was born, plus a drive-thru to pick up activity bags!)

Outdoor & Virtual Sacramental Retreats

At-home sacramental preparation

We pray that you all have a healthy, happy New Year!

- Stacey Cooper-Jennings & Susan Breton

Divine Dinner Dates

presents

Date Night at the Movies



Featuring The Stars of Heaven: THE SAINTS!

THIS WEEK, January 22nd, "There Be Dragons" - the story of ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

2hr 2min

Calling all Married and Engaged Couples to join Deacon Eric and his wife Laura Friday Nights this January, 7-9:30pm

Space is Limited as Couples will be Safely Distanced in Cotter Hall at St. Michael (Masks Required)

Reserve **FREE TICKETS** at stmichaelparish.org/ddd

Popcorn, Soda, Water, and Boxed Candy will be available from 6:30-7pm prior to movie start!



Nurse's Note

Happy New Year 2021!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed, holy, and safe 2021.

Please continue to practice Covid-19 safety protocols with hand washing/sanitizing, masking, social distancing, and avoidance of large gatherings. This helps us keep protecting our vulnerable neighbors. With Covid-19 vaccines now being administered, let us be hopeful and prayerful that this year will bring significant decreases in both the community spread of the illness, and the potential severity of the illness.

On another note, I wish to extend a very heartfelt and huge "thank you" to Boy Scout Troop 323 and Cub Scout Packs 322 and 323 (and their families) for the very generous donations of Christmas and Holiday cards and gifts, which were shared with our local nursing homes. Please know that your generosity, kindness, and thoughtfulness were truly appreciated, and brightened the Christmas Season for many! Thank you for sharing your talents, time, and treasures.

God bless you all!

- Karen Schalitz, Parish Nurse

@youth.marymichaelnh



JANUARY OUTDOOR HANGOUTS

At St. Mary: 1/22 & 1/29, Friday Donuts, 11AM <

At St. Michael: 1/17 & 1/31, Young Life, 1-3PM

1/21, Wyldlife, 3:30-4:30PM



Masks & Distancing Required

Thank You!

We're grateful that you're part of our faith family and appreciate your time, talent, and generosity.

We look forward to a prosperous 2021 together!

PARISH GIVING

Christmas Offertory \$2,310

December 27, 2020

Envelopes	\$4,045.00
Loose	\$162.00
On-Line Giving	\$922.00
Total	\$5,129.00

Thank you for your continued contribution to our church during this difficult time. Your support will keep our ministries vibrant in 2021 and beyond! See below for our online giving option.

It's easy to



1

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2

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

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

Loose Check Reminder

Please remember that if you place a loose check in the offertory, you will need to write your St. Mary envelope number in the memo section in order to receive credit for your donation. Don't know your number? Call the parish office and we will be happy to help you out!



New Birthright Location: 278 Washington St, Dover

Birthright provides non-judgmental, caring support to any woman who may feel distressed during pregnancy.

Birthright uses our own resources and those of the community, providing free pregnancy tests, help with pre-natal care, housing, financial and legal assistance, referrals to professional counselors, adoption agencies and social services.

Birthright offers positive and loving alternatives to abortion. We are bound together by the belief that all life is a gift from God and each human being is precious and valuable.

Caring volunteers are available to listen, answer questions, address concerns and offer help free of charge. Please call our Dover office at 603-436-5558 if you need assistance or you would like to volunteer. Training is available.

You may also contact Renee Portu at mportu@comcast.net.

Respect Life Ministry Shares... Diary of a Little Soul: Week 16



This week was a huge, exciting week for Mom and Dad. Thanks to my longer legs and stronger muscles, Mom felt me kick for the very first time! She shouted the good news to Dad, and I leapt for joy! Now they know that I'm "truly for real" beyond a doubt and everything in here is going according to God's plan. Our unique family bond deepens in a new and special way.

"Let your father and mother have joy; let her who bore you exult." - Proverbs 23:25

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

St. Mary and St. Michael Respect Life Ministry

Invites You to Our

Day of Prayer for the Unborn

In lieu of traveling to the March for Life during COVID, we are hosting Mass & Adoration for the parishes of the Seacoast Deanery.

1/23/2021 at St. Michael Parish
8am Mass followed by
Adoration until 11:30am

Join us for the Holy Rosary, Litany of Life, and personal prayer time.

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

Our Catholic Neighbors Also Invite You to Pray with Them This Week:

Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Life at OLMM

Friday, January 22nd marks the 48th anniversary of ROE V. WADE and the loss of millions of babies to abortion. We invite you to come to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Hampton, NH that evening and join us for a Holy Hour devoted to the Sanctity of Life at 7pm. United in prayer, we'll commemorate the souls of these holy innocents, we'll pray for the sanctity of life, the healing of all those hurt by abortion, and an end to abortion, especially in our country. Please join us.

**PREGNANT?
NEED HELP?**

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Birthright of Derry: 603-434-3000
Options for Women: 603-749-4441
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BEYOND THE CONCEPTS OF CHRISTIANITY, WE SEEK EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTERS

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is sometimes hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is literally what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. However, the person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but our minds try to convince us we really don't need to do that. It just doesn't make sense from our human perspective. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. "Forgiveness is divine." Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. This can be done literally, yes, but our lives are also given through dedication and smaller sacrifices in our everyday practices.

In times that otherwise don't seem special (no holidays, no big sacraments), we find out whether we are truly ready for encounters with open ears, eyes, and hearts. Speak Lord, your servant is listening!

Did you know? Ordinary Time does not mean normal or boring. It comes from the Latin for "numbered" and simply means that these weeks are one after another. So - don't limit your faith or just go through the motions. It is right now that our habits and prayer practices prepare us for the feasts, celebrations, and victory which comes to us through Christ!

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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.

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