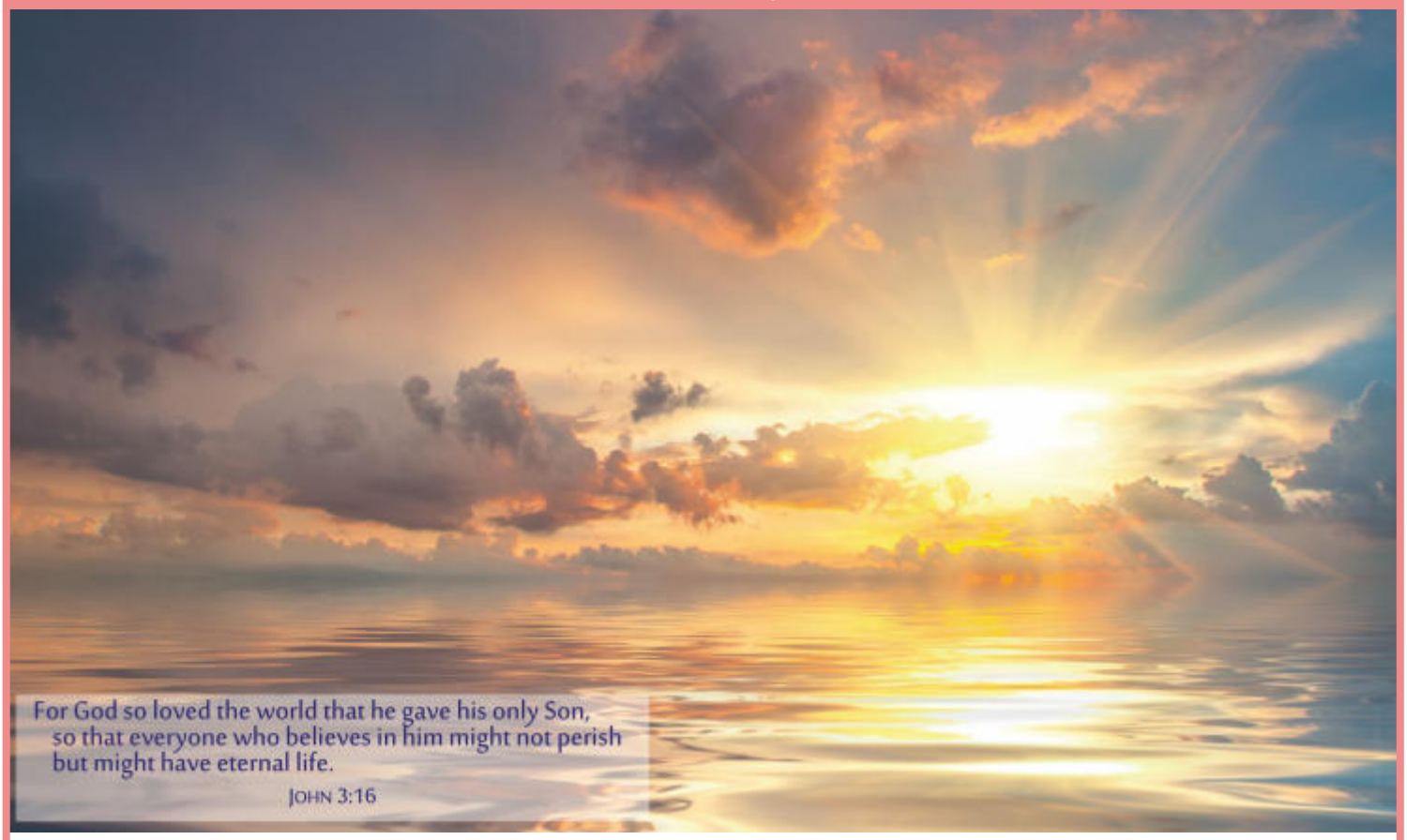
Fourth Sunday of Lent



St. Mary Church

71 Lowell Street
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MASSES:

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:15 am & 11:30 am
	2:00 pm (Español)
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday	8:00 am
Wednesday	5:00pm

No Mass on Fridays

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday - 3 pm, or by appointment

St. Peter Church

88 Central Street
Farmington, NH 03835

MASS:
Sunday 9:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30 - 7 pm

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Baptisms

Call the office for arrangements. First time parents must attend Pre-Baptismal Instruction.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made with the Pastor or the Deacon at least six months before the wedding date.

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Rochester

For information, please contact the parish office.

This Sunday's Readings:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm:	Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]
Second Reading:	Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel:	John 3:14-21

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

This week, the sanctuary lamp at St. Mary Church burns in memory of the Orlando & Prussen families, by Ed Orlando

Reminder during cold and flu season:
The obligation to attend Mass has not yet been reinstated since it was lifted last spring. People who are in high risk categories or feel safer at home should do so.

Please stay home if you are sick or have been exposed.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Mary Church

Saturday **March 13**
4:00pm Jason Twombly, by Edie Burkhead
Lindie Chandler & family, by Susan

Sunday **March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Theresa Locke, by John & Pat Roese
11:30am Bernard Baillargeon, by family
2:00pm ❀ Los miembros de la comunidad hispana

Monday **March 15**
8:00am Rob Crichton, by Deb & Dave
Denise Dupuis & family, by Susan

Tuesday **March 16**
8:00am Marie Mathis, by Deb
Jim Biracree (10th Anniversary), by Knights of Columbus Council #2048

Wednesday **March 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop**
5:00pm William Smith, by Deb Smith
Robin Bowler, by Becky

Thursday **March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
8:00am Louis Gregoire, by Peter & Louine Deegan

Friday **March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
No Mass

Saturday **March 20**
4:00pm Donna & Kirby Flanagan, by Kathy & family
Richard Layton, by family

Sunday **March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Jason Twombly, by John & Christine Norris
11:30am Carmela Orlando by Ed Orlando
2:00pm ❀ Los miembros de la comunidad hispana

St. Peter Church

Sunday **March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
9:15am John Clement, by Cheryl & Ray
Bruce Gallagher, by Maggie Bean

Sunday **March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**
9:15am Sydney Bean, by wife Maggie
Bruce Gallagher, by wife Margaret

This week in our parishes…

Tuesday, March 16	**Adoration at St. Mary from 9 am until Evening Prayer at 6**
Wednesday, March 17	**12:00 nn -** Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy (StP) **3:00 pm -** Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Facebook)
Friday, March 19	**3:00 pm -** Stations of the Cross (StP) **6:00 pm -** Stations of the Cross (StM)
Saturday, March 20	**3:00 pm -** Confession (StM)
Sunday, March 21	**St. Peter Food Pantry Weekend** **10:00 am -** K-5 Faith Formation (StM) **10:15 am -** Ladies Guild Meeting (StP)

A Look Ahead...

- **March 28 -** Palm Sunday
- **March 28 -** St. Mary Food Pantry Weekend
- **April 4 -** Easter Sunday
- **April 5 -** Marian Society Meeting (StM)
- **April 11 -** Divine Mercy Sunday
- **April 14 -** St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry
- **April 18 -** St. Peter Food Pantry Weekend
- **April 24 -** St. Peter Savers Fundraiser

This Weekend's Second Collection:

Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions Appeal

CRS provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration & Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

CHM supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.

Daily Readings for this week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/ Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

"Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week. "
— St. John Paul II —

Come spend some time with Our Lord in Adoration at St. Mary! Tuesdays after morning Mass throughout the day. At 6pm, we will conclude with Evening Prayer and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Blessed Sacrament is reposed. We ask that all people sign themselves in and out (This includes visitors and substitutes as well as each hour's permanent adorers.)

We are in need of more Adorers for both morning and afternoon! If you can commit to an hour on a permanent basis or even if you are only able to substitute from time to time, please contact the office.

Adoration at St. Peter is held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Marian Society Lenten Project
February 20th through March 28th

There will be a box in the gathering space for parishioners to donate items for the homeless. These are people who are living in their cars, on someone's couch, or in the woods. For one reason or another they do not qualify for the shelters.

What is needed should fit into a backpack:

chap stick
toiletries: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, soap, etc. Travel size items are encouraged so they can fit easily in a backpack.
Cheese & crackers (individual packs)
$20-$25 gift cards for food at grocery stores
phones (Youth Reach administrators will set up phones for the participants so that they can easily check back in with YR.)
Socks
Hats, scarves, gloves
Hand & foot warmers in packets

We are working with the Rochester Youth Reach to distribute these items.

Thank you!!!

Thank you again to Althea and Pauline for the beautiful devotional candle stand that they gifted to St. Mary's almost two years ago. We have profited nearly $100 per week through their generous gift.

Your February donations to Gerry's Food Pantry totaled $215, 30 bags of food, and 3 cases of beverages!
Thank you for your continued generosity!

REPAIR UPDATES

The sprinkler system has been repaired!

We have not been able to get estimates for the roof repairs because of the snow in the roof valleys. Thank you to the many St. Mary parishioners who made a donation for the needed repairs!

Stations of the Cross

Please join us at St. Mary on Fridays at 6pm to pray the Stations of the Cross together. In order to preserve our books for future years, paper copies will be available. Please keep these and bring them back with you in future weeks.

If you'd like to pray the Stations on your own, our outdoor Stations are available any time! We have laminated copies available in a bin on the walkway to the right of our front doors. If you'd like to use your tablet or smartphone, we recommend the "Stations and Way of the Cross" app by Piusworks LLC, which is available for download from the App Store or on Google Play.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

St. Mary

	3/6-7/21
Offertory - Envelopes	$5,793.50
Offertory - Loose	455.00
Diocesan Collections	165.00
Holy Days	30.00
Repairs	905.00
Easter Flowers	100.00
Total	$7,448.50

St. Peter

	3/7/21
Offertory - Envelopes	$1,555.50
Offertory - Loose	113.00
Diocesan Collections	30.00
Repairs	50.00
Candles	4.00
Flowers	30.00
Total	$1,782.50

Thank you for your continued support!
St. Mary parishioners may sign up for online giving at:
www.osvonlinegiving.com/1680

New to Our Churches?

Are you a newcomer to our parishes, or just never registered? If so, please register! Forms are available in the church, call to have one mailed to you, or pick one up at the office at St. Mary Church.

St. Peter Church Notes

Your February donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry totaled $190 as well as 6 bags and 1 box of food!
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Savers Fundraiser

Clean out your closets and cupboards for St. Peter!

We will get 20 cents per pound for soft goods and 2 cents per pound for the hardgoods smaller than a breadbox, so we encourage donating your unwanted shoes, boots, purses, clothing, bedding, curtains towels and bags.

Please bring your items on Sunday, April 18th after Mass OR Saturday, April 24th at 10 am.

For more information, visit:
fundrive.savers.com/e/stpeterschurchfundrive030121

Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Fridays during Lent! Doors open at 2:45. Masking and social distancing guidelines will be followed. All are welcome!

Rosary and Divine Mercy

The Rosary and Divine Mercy will be prayed at St.Peter Parish on all Wednesdays at 12 noon (except for first Wednesday Adoration). Our intention will be for Fr. Thom's deployment and safe return. Let's shower Fr. Thom with prayers from Heaven!

We practice social distancing and we wear masks.
If school is cancelled due to bad weather, we will not meet.

The Myrrh Marys Bereavement Support Group

Due to the increase number of Coronavirus cases , we have decided to suspend our meetings until further notice.

However, we may be reached by phone. Please do not hesitate to call. Diane Ficco @603-767-2022 or Cheryl Keery 603-755-2198

"What's So Great About Being Catholic?"

Friday, March 26, 6:30-8:00pm
Immaculate Conception Church
216 E. Dunstable Rd., Nashua, NH

There is ultimately only one reason to be Catholic: because it is true! In this combination in-person/virtual event, international speaker, Jason Evert shows us the beauty and the treasures of the Faith, as revealed through the Saints and Sacraments. The seminar will include a live talk and Q&A with Jason and conclude with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and live music. Attendance for this event is in-person and Jason Evert's talk will be projected live. This event will also be livestreamed at iccnashuanh.org.

Registration required for in-person attendance only. Register at iccnashuanh.org/jason-evert.

If you have any questions, please contact Fatima Walsh at 603 -888-0321 or fatima@iccnashuanh.org.

40 Days for Life

From February 17th through March 28th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Come with a friend or with your group to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood on 24 Pennacook St in Manchester. This is not a protest; it's a positive, life affirming prayer vigil for our sisters and brothers. To sign up, and to find out more, please visit 40daysforlife.com/Manchester.

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

Fast - observed by all who are 18 to 58 years of age; one full meal and two much lighter meals are allowed, with nothing to eat in between meals. Liquids such as water, milk and juices are allowed.

Abstinence - observed by all who are 14 years of age and older. No meat is allowed unless required for reasons of health.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Both fasting and abstinence are observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death, and resurrection as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Matthew Mason 663-0196, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

Pray for Vocations!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a $100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on:

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

Save The Date

The Annual Meeting of Holy Rosary Credit Union will take place on Wednesday, March 24th, at 6:00 PM as a virtual event. All members are welcome to attend. Please check our website https://www.hrcu.org/about/events/community-events/annual-meeting for further updates and details. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Karen Gravel at KGravel@HRCU.org or call (603) 332-6840 ext. 2217.

Men of St. Joseph

Bishop Libasci invites you to join with Men of St. Joseph from all over NH on Saturday, March 20 for a Livestream Mass to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. Holy Rosary will begin at 7:30 am. At 8:00 am Bishop Libasci will celebrate Mass and will be our homilist.

Visit www.stjosephcathedralnh.org to watch via livestream.

"We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is a friend of silence."
St. Teresa of Calcutta

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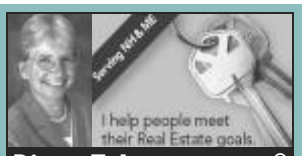

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