



St. Theresa Parish & St. Mary Parish

IN HENNIKER & HILLSBOROUGH, NH

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October 15, 2023

FEAST



“Come to the feast.”

MATTHEW 22:4BC

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The Vision for St. Theresa Parish and St. Mary Parish

**To grow the presence of the Catholic Church in the towns of the
Contoocook River Valley and on the New England College Campus**

Our Mission:

- ❖ To welcome individuals, couples and families
- ❖ To form disciples
- ❖ To train for service
- ❖ To learn to share our faith
- ❖ To go deeper into scripture and prayer

ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

**Due to the early submission date for this bulletin,
the October 8th financial information will be posted in
the October 22nd bulletin.**



*St. Theresa
Prayer Chain*

G. Blanchard, Nancy Bessette,
Priscilla & Barney Barbera, Claudette Bernier,
Madelein-Mae Cynthia Brouillard, Dennis Broussard,
Maria Carranza, Dan DaCosta, Tyler & Caitlyn
Deschenes & family, Faith Downs, Bill Gould,
Madalyn Grace Downs, Crystal Emerson,
Roy Emerson, Paul & Donna Fanny, Liam Gannon,
Marie Gannon, Skye George, Honor Fellows,
Frank Lembree, Linda M., Sue and Kevin McElroy,
Chloe McEvoy, The McPike Family, Allen Meade,
Sheila Miller, Mike & Sharon Otterson, Francis Page,
Bonnie Pratt, Christine Prince, Sandy & Gary Quint,
A.J. Ranfos, Pauline Ranfos, Rodney Richardson,
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Grace Rock, Gabriel Rock,
John Rock, Jennifer Schallert & children,
Mary Ellen Schule, Sabine & Eric Smith,
Joseph Tierney, Drysdan Wallace &
Anthony Yarochwicz



*St. Mary
Prayer Chain*

Peggy Abeln, David Ancil, Peter Beard,
Lori Carrington, Tommy Connolly, Mathew Douston,
Tom Fraser, Charlotte Furo, Katie Walter Jeffery,
Jostin & Family, Jocelyne LeBlanc, Tommy Lloyd,
Ashley Montgomery, Melissa Morin, Betty Plante,
Lily Plater, Paul Plater, Phillip Sullivan, Dan Tafe,
Ursula & Walter Radermacher and Michael Wahl



Oct. 14 Family Formation
Oct. 14/15 Mount Royal Speaker all Masses
Oct. 16 Respect Life Meeting St. Theresa 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 17 The Prayer Course at St. Theresa 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18 The Prayer Course at St. Mary 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 21/22 World Mission Sunday Collection
Oct. 21 Knights hosting Harvest Dinner
Oct. 22 Divine Mercy 2:30 at ST. MARY
Oct. 23 St. Mary Outreach Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 The Prayer Course at St. Theresa 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 25 The Prayer Course at St. Mary 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 28 Pro-Life Conference Abortion & the Church
St. Theresa 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oct. 28 Family Formation Movie Night
Oct. 28/29 Anointing of the Sick following all Masses



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ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

Sat. Oct. 14 4:00 p.m.
 † In memory of Richard Nourse
 by Pat & Fred Moreland
 and
 † In memory of Tommy, Dennis & Joan Angle
 by the Schuster Family

Sun. Oct. 15 8:00 a.m.
 † In memory of Rachel Paul
 by Family
11:00 a.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

Mon. Oct. 16 8:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Daymon Murdough
 by family

Wed. Oct. 18 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 9:00 a.m.-Noon
 † In memory of Diana Lind
 by her husband of 65 years

Sat. Oct. 21 4:00 p.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

Sun. Oct. 22 8:00 a.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary
11:00 a.m.
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Sun. Oct. 15 9:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Joe, Marie & Eddie
 by Poutre Family

Tues. Oct. 17 8:30 a.m.
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Mary
 and St. Theresa

Thurs. Oct. 19 8:30 a.m.
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Mary
 and St. Theresa

Sun. Oct. 22 9:30 a.m.
 ☼ For additional qualified, compassionate
 security guards for our NH correction
 facilities
 by Rita Murdough

**If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention
 at St. Mary or St. Theresa,
 please contact the Parish Office.
 Mass cards are available.**

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp is the candle burning near
 the tabernacle which signals Jesus' Eucharistic
 presence in the tabernacle. The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns constantly, 24 hours a day!

If you would like to "sponsor" the burning of the
 Sanctuary Lamp at St. Theresa or St. Mary in memory
 of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

**This week at St. Mary
 the lamp is burning for the improved health
 of Marilyn Powers**



**Divine Mercy Devotion
 next Sunday
 October 22nd
 2:30 pm
 at ST. MARY**



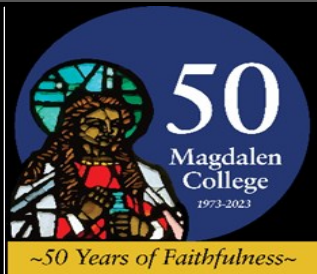
**This weekend we welcome
 a guest speaker from
 Mount Royal Academy
 located in Sunapee, NH
 Pre-K thru 12th Grade
 Rated #1 Catholic high
 school in NH**

ST. THERESA AND ST. MARY PARISHES



If you are new to our parish, please contact the parish office for a registration form or complete our online registration form available on the Parish Website.

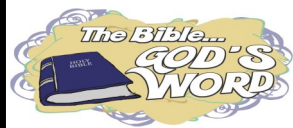
Visitors, we are glad that you joined us today!



Attention ALL high school students and family members!

Join us **October 27-29, 2023**, for our **OPEN HOUSE** weekend.

Experience Socratic seminars and visit with current students, professors, administrators, and alumni. The weekend will include a live jazz band, beautiful liturgy, campus tours, and much more. **Peter Kreeft** will be a guest speaker at a special event on Friday evening. Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts, in Warner, NH is celebrating **50 Years of Faithfulness**. JOIN US. <https://magdalen.edu/admissions-mc/visit/50th/>



Join the St. Theresa and St. Mary Bible Discussion Groups

St. Theresa - Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

St. Mary - Sundays following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall

Both discussion groups read and discuss the Gospel for the following Sunday.



Family Formation will meet this **Saturday, October 14th**

4:00 pm Mass
5:00 pm dinner in parish hall
5:45 pm gather in the church for prayer
6:00 pm children in classrooms for lessons
7:00 pm gather in church for closing prayer



Mark your calendar!!

**Movie Night
October 28th**



Tuesdays at St. Theresa 6:00 P.M.

6:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:45 p.m. Video

7:15-8:00 p.m. Small groups

Wednesday at St. Mary 2:00 P.M.

2:00 p.m. Video - 2:30-3:15 p.m. Small groups

Deepening our prayer lives, and enriching the ways we pray, is what The Prayer Course is all about.

It is not too late...please join us!!!!

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
October 28th and 29th following all Masses**

Father Maurice and Father Marcel will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to all who are eligible to celebrate this sacrament. All who are suffering from serious physical or mental health condition, or by virtue of age are eligible. The celebrant will lay hands on each individual, and then bless each person on the forehead, and on the palms of the hand. The response to both blessings is: "Amen".

**We are not asked
merely to call
ourselves Christians;
we are asked
to be Christians
through our deeds.**



St. Ignatius of Antioch

SUNDAY'S READINGS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
October 21st following the 4:00 p.m. Mass
St. Theresa Church Hall

Menu: Ham or Chicken, garden salad,
mashed potato, green beans, rolls and
brownie for dessert.

Drinks: Water, juice, coffee or tea

Cost: \$15.00 per person
\$40.00 for a family of 3 or more

Tickets will be available after Mass again this
weekend October 14th and 15th

Total tickets available will be limited to
accommodate 120 people.

All Profits to benefit the Family Promise Charity

Abortion & the Church: Gather to Listen ... Gather to Heal



Saturday, October 28, 2023

St. Theresa in Henniker, NH
9AM – 2 PM

FREE - To Register & more information:

<https://www.showerofroses.org/>

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 15, 2023



I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir ©LPi