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November 5, 2023

SERVANT



“The greatest among you
must be your servant.”

MATTHEW 23:11

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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

October 29, 2023

Offertory	\$	6,100.25
Offertory Online 10/23-10/27/23	\$	1,420.18
Debt/Capital Projects	\$	115.00
Debt/Capital Online 10/23-10/27/23	\$	25.69

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

St. Theresa
Prayer Chain

G. Blanchard, Nancy Bessette,
Priscilla & Barney Barbera, Claudette Bernier,
Madelein-Mae Cynthia Brouillard, Dennis Broussard,
Jeanne Campbell, 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, Frank Lembree,
Linda M., Sue and Kevin McElroy, Chloe McEvoy,
The McPike Family, Allen Meade, Sheila Miller,
Mike & Sharon Otterson, Francis Page, Paisley,
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
and Anthony Yarochwicz



Time for the St. Mary Outreach's mitten tree again! Look for it under St. Joseph.

Needed...hats, mittens, socks (all sizes) and scarves. Handmade or purchased. Items will be donated to the local school children, food pantry, shut-ins, Welfare Dept or anyone we hear of who has a need. Thank you.

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October 29, 2023

Offertory	\$	2,156.00
Offertory Online 10/23-10/27/23	\$	550.63

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, Marilyn Powers,
Dee Sampson, Jackie Sylvia, Dan Tafe, Ursula &
Walter Radermacher and Michael Wahl



Nov. 5 St. Mary Coffee & Donuts following Mass
Nov. 7 The Prayer Course at St. Theresa 6:00 p.m.
This week we will discuss "Spiritual Warfare"
Nov. 8 The Prayer Course at St. Mary 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 8 Knight's Meeting at St. Mary 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 11 **Family Formation**
Nov. 12 St. Theresa Coffee & Donuts following
8:00 a.m. Mass
Nov. 13 St. Theresa Finance Council 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 15 The Prayer Course at St. Mary 2:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 Knight's Blood Drive at St. Theresa
Nov. 18 Giving Trees at St. Theresa & St. Mary
Nov. 19-26 Family Promise at St. Theresa
Nov. 20 St. Mary Finance Council 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Mary 9:00 a.m.

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ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

Sat. Nov. 4 4:00 p.m.
 † In memory of Frank Gaudette
 by Pat & Fred Moreland
 and
 † In memory of Edward & Mary Monaghan
 by their Family

Sun. Nov. 5 8:00 a.m.
 ☼ Prayers for Leo & Alyssa Schuster family
 by Mom and Dad
11:00 a.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

Mon. Nov. 6 8:30 a.m.
 ☼ For all those on the prayer chain

Wed. Nov. 8 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 9:00 a.m.-Noon
 † In memory of Donald Robert Wright
 by Richard Arms

Sat. Nov. 11 4:00 p.m.
 ☼ For additional qualified, compassionate
 security guards to work in our
 NH correctional facilities

Sun. Nov. 12 8:00 a.m.
 † In loving memory of Honor Fellows
 by the Couhie Family
11:00 a.m.
 ☼ For our Parishioners and all who
 live in the towns served by
 St. Theresa & St. Mary

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

Sun. Nov. 5 9:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Francis McBride
 by Sue Cheetham
 and
 † In memory of Mary McGuire
 by her daughter

Tues. Nov. 7 8:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Donald Morin
 by Julie Morin & Jon Rheault

Thurs. Nov. 9 8:30 a.m.
 ☼ For the Parishioners of St. Mary
 & St. Theresa

Sun. Nov. 12 9:30 a.m.
 † In memory of Joan Donoghue
 by the Bartoldus Family
 and
 † In memory of John & Madeline Evans
 by their Granddaughter

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!

**This week at St. Mary
 the lamp is burning in memory of
 Carter Proctor**



**This week at St. Theresa
 the lamp is burning in memory of
 Edward & Mary Monaghan**



COFFEE AND DONUTS



St. Mary —this Sunday,
 November 5th following Mass

St. Theresa—next Sunday,
 November 12th following the
 8:00 a.m. Mass





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!

Respect Life – *Imago Dei*

We're constantly fed this lie that abortion access empowers women. Brittany Spears, in her memoir "The Woman in Me" talks about how she was pressured into abortion by her boyfriend Justin Timberlake. "To this day, it's one of the most agonizing things I have ever experienced in my life," writes Spears. The baby "was a surprise," she writes, "but for me, it wasn't a tragedy." In fact, it's common for women who have an unexpected pregnancy to be pressured by others to have an abortion. A 2023 survey by Charlotte Lozier Institute, surveying women ages 41 to 45, found that a whopping 60% who had abortions felt they faced "high levels of pressure to abort." We supposedly live in an era of feminism, where women are both honored and free to make their own choices. But Spears' harrowing story reveals the ugly reality of modern life: We may talk a good game about feminism, but for many women, male pressure still plays a key role in their decision about whether to get an abortion.

ALL GREETERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, & ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. THERESA & ST. MARY

Your reply is needed before **November 13!**

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your service to the Lord through your ministries. Ministry is an important aspect of service to the Church and one aspect of any good ministry is scheduling.

At this time, we are working on the ministry assignments for the months of December, January and February.

Since it is extremely important that Fr. Marcel, Fr. Maurice and the Deacons know who will be serving, we respectfully request that you contact the office with the Mass time you prefer to serve at and any weekends you are unavailable to serve.

PLEASE contact the office by email at parish.office@tds.net. If you are unable to email, call us at 428-3325.



It's that time of year again!

Kristof and Tonko Cauley and Bill Tierney are going to be selling wreaths for a Troop 77 fundraiser.

These Christmas wreaths are still going to be sold for \$20 each. We will be standing outside the church after each Mass on November 25 and 26.



November is the month to remember all our faithful departed.

We invite you to bring in framed photographs of your loved ones to be displayed at St. Theresa and St. Mary during the month of November.

Please remember to label your photos

Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones into The Book of the Names of the Dead. Please note that your loved ones do not need to be listed yearly. Once entered, they remain in the parish's permanent books.

At St. Theresa's, we invite you to light a candle for your departed loved ones on the Tree of Life.

The Little Way Ministry

We are Parishioners helping Parishioners. We emulate Saint Theresa by volunteering in many **Little Ways**. Surgeries, injuries, illness, births are times when we may need some extra help. Meals, rides, small household or yard jobs are ways we can help each other.

Requests may be made by calling at 428-3325



Have you read *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly??

Copies are available St. Mary & St. Theresa Enjoy!

"Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching Heaven, and that should change the way we live here on earth!" Matthew Kelly

Coffee and Donuts Ministry

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the Coffee and Donuts Ministry, which will provide fellowship over coffee, donuts, and other edibles at St. Theresa Church once a month after 8:00 mass. If you are interested in assisting in this ministry, please contact the parish office (428-3325 or parish.office@tds.net) or Joe Girard at 603-496-7891.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction.
(Mal 2:8)

Second Reading:

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice."
(Mt 23:3)



Knights of Columbus Respect Life Contest

The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay contest.

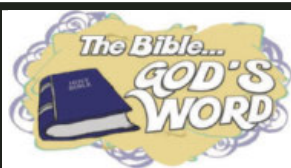
The contest is open to any Junior High (grades 6 - 8) and Senior High (grades 9 - 12) student in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus will provide up to six cash awards of \$100 each.

This year's contest theme is:

"What do you think is the root cause (i.e., basic reason for, or core issue) for abortion and how do we eliminate the root cause?"

Deadline: Midnight, December 15, 2023

RULES: Essays may not be longer than 500 words; typed, and submitted as a PDF or Word Document and emailed to matu19@comcast.net. Include student name, age, grade, school, parent name and address, phone, parish and email. Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet but the essay itself must be their own work.



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 5, 2023



Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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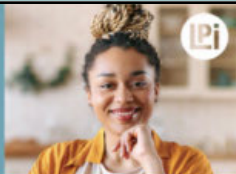
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