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**November 12, 2023**

# OPEN



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’  
But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to  
you, I do not know you.’”

MATTHEW 25:11-12

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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

November 5, 2023

Offertory	\$	6,977.62
Offertory Online 10/30-11/03/23	\$	2,751.73
Debt/Capital Projects	\$	1,848.00
Debt/Capital Online 10/30-11/03/23	\$	299.13
All Saints (total)	\$	607.28

Thank You for your Support!!



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John Rock, Jennifer Schallert & children,  
Mary Ellen Schule, 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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November 5, 2023

Offertory	\$	2,647.10
Offertory Online 10/30-11/03/23	\$	896.38
All Saints (total)	\$	378.00

Thank You for your Support!!



St. Mary  
Prayer Chain

Peggy Abeln, David Ancil, Peter Beard,  
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Tom Fraser, Charlotte Furo, Katie Walter Jeffery,  
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Lily Plater, Paul Plater, Marilyn Powers,  
Dee Sampson, Jackie Sylvia, Dan Tafe, Ursula &  
Walter Radermacher and Michael Wahl

# November

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 Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
Collection

Nov. 19 Divine Mercy at St. Mary 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 19 Ecumenical Prayer Service 3:00 p.m. hosted  
by United Methodist Church, Hillsborough

Nov. 19-26 Family Promise at St. Theresa

Nov. 20 St. Mary Finance Council 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day Mass St. Mary 9:00 a.m.

**Parish Staff**

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**ST. THERESA**



**ST. MARY**

**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 and
- ✪ 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. 13 8:30 a.m.**

- ✪ Prayers for Leo & Alyssa Schuster family by Mom and Dad

**Wed. Nov. 15 8:30 a.m.**  
**Adoration 9:00 a.m.-Noon**

- ✚ In memory of Ashley Tidy by Richard Arms

**Sat. Nov. 18 4:00 p.m.**

- ✚ In memory of Helen Subataitia by Pat & Fred Moreland and
- ✚ In memory of Michael Couhie by his loving Family

**Sun. Nov. 19 8:00 a.m.**

- ✪ Prayers for the Israel hostages by the Schuster Family and
- ✚ In memory of Herve Aucoin by Denise Damour
- 11:00 a.m.**
- ✚ In memory of Alice Martel and
- ✚ In memory Paul & Shirley Vander Heyden by Ron & Linda Patterson

**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. 12 9:30 a.m.**

- ✚ In memory of Joan Donoghue by the Bartoldus Family and
- ✚ In memory of John & Madeline Evans by their Granddaughter

**Tues. Nov. 14 8:30 a.m.**

- ✚ In memory of Pop-Pop by Jon Rheault

**Thurs. Nov. 16 8:30 a.m.**

- ✚ In memory of Daymon Murdough by Family

**Sun. Nov. 19 9:30 a.m.**

- ✚ In memory of Robert Poutre by the Poutre Family and
- ✚ In memory of deceased members of the Murphy Family by Betty Murphy

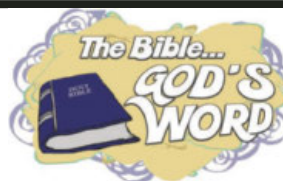
**Sanctuary Lamp Memorial**

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 Arlene & Richard Wiseman**



**This week at St. Theresa the lamp is burning in memory of Alice Martel**



**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!**





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*

It has long been known that anti-life legislation is a slippery slope. There is no clearer demonstration of this than the laws in Canada legalizing euthanasia. On March 17, 2021 parliament passed Bill C-7 which expanded Canada's euthanasia law by:

- removing the “terminal illness” requirement,
- removing the 10-day reflection period when someone is deemed to be “terminally ill”,
- adding a 90-day waiting period for someone who is approved for euthanasia but not “terminally ill”
- permitting euthanasia for someone who is incompetent but previously approved for euthanasia,
- permitted euthanasia for someone with mental illness alone (with a temporary moratorium). Euthanasia for mental illness alone will become officially legal on March 17, 2024

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

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

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

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](mailto: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.

This year's annual Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 p.m. United Methodist Church Hillsborough



### 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



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

#### Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

#### Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

## 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](mailto:parish.office@tds.net)) or Joe Girard at 603-496-7891.



## COFFEE AND DONUTS

### St. Theresa

This Sunday, November 12th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

## Catholic Cemeteries located throughout New Hampshire

Where are your human remains going to be laid to rest? Whether we are dealing with a full casket burial or cremated remains in an urn, St. Mary Cemetery in Hillsborough provides sacred grounds for burial.

There will be efforts in the future to do "greener" funerals.

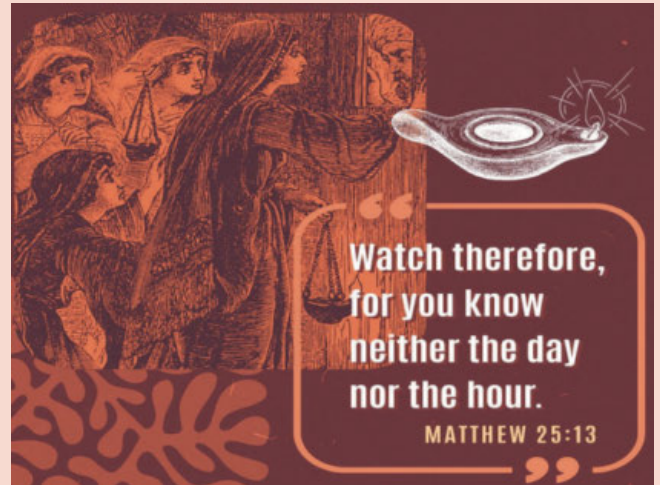
According to a local funeral home the main elements of a "green" burial are:

- 1) There is a concrete vault but it has no bottom so the body decays into the earth. This insures no sinking of the ground over the body.
- 2) No embalming
- 3) A wood coffin containing no metal.



Contact Bob Finch at [robfin1509@gmail.com](mailto:robfin1509@gmail.com) or 214-850-3243 for plot availability and cost.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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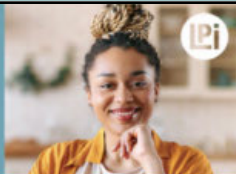
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