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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 January 14th financial information will be posted in
the January 28th bulletin.**



*St. Theresa
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G. Blanchard, Nancy Bessette, Priscilla Barbera,
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Grace Rock, Gabriel Rock, John Rock,
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Marilyn Powers, Dee Sampson, Jackie Sylvia,
Ursula & Walter Radermacher, Michael Wahl
and Bill Wengrowski

Respect Life – *Imago Dei*

Today it is difficult for parents to hand down to their children their Catholic values and beliefs – specifically their Pro-Life beliefs. The media, the entertainment industry and our educational establishments do not promote a culture of life. It is good to speak to our children about these issues but that is not enough. Saying abortion is evil is only the beginning. For the message to take root, our children want to know how important this is for us. What are we willing to sacrifice for this. On January 27th an event will take place that the entire family can participate in. The annual Pro-Life march in Concord begins with 10:00 AM Mass at Christ the King followed by a march to the state house for a rally and then a march back to Christ the King. It is a sacrifice but one with eternal rewards.

No Second Collection This Weekend

The “Seminary” envelope was enclosed in error. The “Seminarian Fund” is one of the six collections eliminated in 2023 that are now included in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. Thank you for supporting the NH Catholic Appeal.

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ST. THERESA



ST. MARY

Sat. Jan. 20 4:00 p.m.

✠ In memory of Claire P. Gagnon
by her husband, Richard

Sun. Jan. 21 8:00 a.m.

✠ In memory of Eleanor Blomberg
by the Lamm Family

11:00 a.m.

✠ In memory of Robert Blomberg
by the Lamm Family

Mon. Jan. 22 8:30 a.m.
NO MASS

Wed. Jan. 24 8:30 a.m.
NO MASS OR ADORATION

Sat. Jan. 27 4:00 p.m.
⚙ For peace in the world
and an end to homelessness

Sun. Jan. 28 8:00 a.m.
⚙ For our Parishioners and all who
live in the towns served by
St. Theresa & St. Mary

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.**

**Father Marcel will be away January 22
through January 26th**

Fr. Stephen Rocker will celebrate the Tuesday
and Thursday 8:30 Masses at St. Mary.
There will be no Masses at St. Theresa
on Monday or Wednesday.

Sun. Jan. 21 9:30 a.m.

⚙ For our Parishioners and all who
live in the towns served by
St. Mary & St. Theresa

Tues. Jan. 23 8:30 a.m.

⚙ For the Parishioners of St. Mary
and St. Theresa

Thurs. Jan. 25 8:30 a.m.

⚙ For the Parishioners of St. Mary
and St. Theresa

Sun. Jan. 28 9:30 a.m.

✠ In memory of Mary Lima
by the Poutre Family

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. Theresa
the lamp is burning in memory
of Lisa Freedman**



Jan. 21 St. Theresa Coffee & Donuts 9:00 a.m.
Jan. 21 Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Mary 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 St. Mary Outreach Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 29 St. Mary Finance Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 31 St. Mary Social Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.



SAVE THE DATE

Join our parish family to celebrate the blessings of the priesthood.
It's Father Marcel's 45th Ordination Anniversary!
Either Sunday, February 11th luncheon—St. Theresa at noon
or Sunday, February 18th brunch— St. Mary at 10:30
Enjoy music, food and fellowship. Father requests no gifts please.

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!

NH March for Life 2024

Saturday January 27, 2024

"Empowering Pregnant Women to Keep Their Babies"

You are invited to join a public gathering in celebration of life. Women deserve support in caring for their pre-born children, families and dreams! She deserves better than having to choose between her child and her life aspirations.

Let's gather in support of NH women and children in celebration of life for all.

SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM Memorial Gathering at the Concord Landfill - 77 Old Turnpike Rd. Concord, NH

10:00 AM Mass at Christ the King Parish 72 South Main St. Concord, NH

11:30 AM Public Rally at Eagle Square Amphitheatre Concord, NH (below the historic clock tower, across the street from the NH State House)

Hear dynamic speakers to highlight strategies in support of women in NH & inspire a culture of non-violence against women and their children.

12:00 PM March up Main St. to Christ the King Hall 72 South Main St. Concord, NH
Enjoy light refreshments.

1:00 PM NHRTL Conference with speakers & video address: Abby Johnson

Sponsored by New Hampshire Right to Life
All in support of NH women and children are welcome!

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

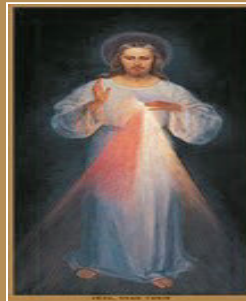
Your reply is needed before **February 5th**

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 **March, April and May.**

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.



Divine Mercy Devotion
this Sunday, January 21st
2:30 pm
at St. Mary



WELCOMING MINISTRY

Volunteers needed! We are looking for outgoing parishioners with warm smiles, a basic knowledge of our parishes, and a willingness to make parishioners and guests feel welcome and ready to celebrate the mass.

If you are interested or have questions about our Welcoming Ministry, please contact the parish office.



St. Theresa
this Sunday
following 8:00 Mass



Online Bereavement Support Group: Catholic Charities NH

"Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again" online support group. The five-session program will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., starting **January 24, 2024**, and running through **February 21**. You will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies, and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations.

To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement or call Louise at 603-752-1325; ext. 4573.
There is no cost to attend.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

January 21, 2024

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!"

The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction.

They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination.

God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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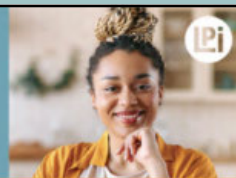
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