



When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see."

John 9:6-7

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St. Mary Church - Parish Office

71 Lowell Street, Rochester, NH 03867

Masses:

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 7:15am & 11:30am
2:00pm (Spanish)

Monday, Tuesday
& Thursday 8:00am
Wednesday 5:00pm

No Mass on Fridays

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3 pm, or by appointment

St. Peter Church

88 Central Street, Farmington, NH 03835

Masses:

Sunday 9:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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Sacramental Prep/Faith Formation

St. Mary Family Faith Formation Coordinator
Michele Halligan-Foley

St. Peter Faith Formation Office 603-755-3921

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.

Communion for the Homebound

Anita Couture, Coordinator 603-978-7344

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Rochester

For information, please contact the parish office.

This Sunday's Readings:

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others.

How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?



Tuesday, March 31 - 11:00am

St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester

We are looking for volunteers to attend the Chrism Mass and receive the Holy Oils on behalf of our parishes! Please leave your name with the office if you are interested.

Mass Intentions

St. Mary Church

- Saturday March 14**
4:00pm Lucille Nolin, by Peter & Kim Tessier
- Sunday March 15 - 4th Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Lucille Buckley, by her niece
Rob Crichton, by Deb & Dave
11:30am ☼All parishioners of St. Mary & St. Peter
- Monday March 16**
8:00am Marie Mathis, by Deb
- Tuesday March 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop**
8:00am William Smith, by Deb
- Wednesday March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
5:00pm ☼All parishioners of St. Mary & St. Peter
- Thursday March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00am ☼All parishioners of St. Mary & St. Peter
- Friday March 20**
No Mass
- Saturday March 21**
4:00pm Scott Breden, by Rita Breden
Diane Johnson, by Rita Breden
- Sunday March 22 - 5th Sunday of Lent**
7:15am Bill Neaton, by Mary & Norm
Adam Valley, by Mom & Dad
11:30am Donna & Kirby Flanagan, Sr., by Kathy & family
Edgar & Mary Gagnon, by Lisa Littlefield

St. Peter Church

- Sunday March 15 - 4th Sunday of Lent**
9:15am Sidney Bean, by wife Maggie
Richard Talon, by Maggie Bean
- Sunday March 22 - 5th Sunday of Lent**
9:15am ☼Parishioners of St. Peter & St. Mary

This week in our parishes...

Saturday, March 14	1:00pm - Family Faith Formation (StM) 3:00pm - Confession (StM) 5:00pm - Healing Prayer (StM)
Sunday, March 15	St. Peter Food Pantry Weekend 8:15am - Knightly Breakfast (StM) 10:15am - Ladies Guild Meeting (StM) 3:30pm - Pot Luck (StM) 5:00pm - Bilingual Adoration w/Nico Cabrera (StM)
Tuesday, March 17	Adoration at St. Mary from 8:30am to 6pm 6:30pm - Confession (StP)
Wednesday, March 18	12:00nn - St. Peter Prayer Warriors
Friday, March 20	12:00nn - Stations of the Cross (StP) 6:00pm - Stations of the Cross (StM)
Saturday, March 21	3:00pm - Confession (StM)
Sunday, March 22	St. Mary Food Pantry Weekend 8:15am - Morning Glory Café (StM)

A Look Ahead...

- **March 31** - K of C Planning Meeting (StM)
- **April 5** - Easter Egg Hunt (StM)
- **April 7** - Marian Society Meeting (StM)
- **April 8** - Prayer Shawl Ministry (StM)
- **April 11** - Family Faith Formation (StM)
- **April 11** - Healing Prayer (StM)
- **April 12** - Knightly Breakfast (StM)
- **April 12** - Moms, Dads, & Munchkins (StM)
- **April 18** - St. Mary 25th Anniversary
- **April 18** - Tri-City Ultreya (PotA)
- **April 19** - St. Peter Food Pantry Weekend
- **April 19** - Ladies Guild Meeting (StP)
- **April 19** - Secular Franciscan Meeting (StM)
- **April 26** - St. Mary Food Pantry Weekend

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

Daily Readings for This Week

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

“My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament.”

- Sta. Katharine Drexel -



Adoration takes place at St. Mary on Tuesdays after morning Mass until 6 pm.

Adoration at St. Peter takes place on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to 5pm.

We are in need of more volunteers to commit to an hour of Adoration - particularly at St. Mary! To maintain security and reverence, we need two adorers scheduled each hour. No one should be all alone and Our Lord should never be left unattended.

We also wish to kindly remind everyone that all visitors to the Blessed Sacrament should sign in - whether you are the committed adorer for that hour or you simply stop in.

Have you ever felt the call to proclaim His word?

We are seeking more individuals to read at Mass on Wednesday evenings. Training is available! This is the perfect opportunity for someone new OR if you are an experienced lector who wants to read at an additional Mass or two per month.



If interested, please see Deb Smith or leave your name with the office staff.

- SAVE THE DATE -

25th Anniversary Celebration of St. Mary's Church Building

Saturday, April 18

Begins at 4 pm with Mass, followed by dinner.

RSVPs will be required for the meal as space will be limited. Sign ups will be open soon.

This weekend's second collection:

Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This collection 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.

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

Next weekend's second collection:

Easter Flowers

Register as a parishioner online!



Sign up for online giving!



Would you like to increase your prayer life two times?

St. Augustine said, "He who sings prays twice."

The 4:00 choir would LOVE for you to join us! Please see Choir Director Carol Petruszewicz at the piano after any 4:00 Mass for more information or to join.



Gerry's Food Pantry Most Wanted:

- Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Mac and Cheese Mix
- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Jam/Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)
- Baby Wipes
- Shelf Stable Milk

Monetary donations can be made online at www.sharefund.org or can be mailed directly to:

SHARE Fund
150 Wakefield St., Ste. 5
Rochester, NH 03867

Reminder: We will be collecting non-perishable items for Gerry's Food Pantry next weekend!

Your recent donations to Gerry's Food Pantry included **14** bags of food!

Thank you for your generosity!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday - April 5

Come celebrate Mass at 11:30 with us and enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt afterward.

Fun for all ages!



**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me.**

- St. Patrick's Breastplate -

PARISH SUPPORT

**Total Offertory
3/7-8/2026**



St. Mary

\$ 7,062.00

St. Peter

\$ 1,808.00



Thank you for your continued support!

Parishioners may sign up for online giving at:
<https://stmaryschurchroch.flocknote.com/give>



St. Peter Church Notes

The Myrrh Marys Bereavement Support Group

Fortunately, there is not a need for weekly meetings at this time, so we have decided to suspend our group for the time being. We will be more than happy to reinstate them should the need arise.

Please contact Diane Ficco with any concerns. (603-767-2022)



March Blood Drives

Co-Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Frisbie Memorial Hospital Conference Center

Monday, March 23
9am to 2pm



American Red Cross

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter ROCHESTERNH.

2025 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL
Future of our Faith II

Jesus,
I trust in You!

Make a gift today!

2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal Update

The 2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will be ending on March 31, 2026. We thank all who have contributed to this year's appeal. To date, over \$4.3 million has been raised for the vital ministries to our faith in New Hampshire. For those who have a pledge gift or a recurring gift to this appeal, please note the following:

- **Pledges:** All pledges must be fulfilled by March 31, 2026. If you are paying your pledge by credit cards, no payments will be taken after March 31, 2026. If you are paying by check, any payments received after March 31, 2026 will be credited to the 2026 appeal. If you are uncertain if your pledge will be completed by March 31, 2026, please contact Anne Marie Ashford at 603-663-0152 or aashford@rcbm.org.
- **Recurring Gifts:** Recurring credit card gifts are monthly gifts that do not have a determined end date. If you have a monthly recurring credit card gift to the 2025 NHCA, it will be automatically renewed for the 2026 appeal on April 1, 2026. If you would like to change your recurring gift for the 2026 appeal, please again contact Anne Marie Ashford at 603-663-0152 or aashford@rcbm.org.

As of March 2:

St. Mary has exceeded its goal by \$ 1,274.25
St. Peter has exceeded its goal by \$ 804.94

Again, thank you for your support of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal!

St. Peter Prayer Warriors



We gather every Wednesday at noon (aside from First Wednesday) at St. Peter. Please come join us in praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy!

If you'd like to join our group, but cannot attend, you can pray from home! We will need your contact info so that we can send you the prayer intentions. For more information, please call Diane Ficco (603-767-2022).

If you are feeling the world is lacking something or that it is in chaos,

perhaps it is because too many of us have forgotten the simple direction of God:

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

**The Father is calling you,
Jesus is Thirsting for you,
and the Holy Spirit is prompting you.
What will be your response?**

If you haven't been to Cursillo, *now may be the time!*
Men and women 18 years of age and older are invited.

The NH Spring 2026 weekends will be held at the St. Mary Magdalen Center in Warner, NH.

Men: March 12-15

Women: April 16-19

Curious? For more information or registration details, please go to www.nhcursillo.org.

"Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

NICO CABRERA

BILINGUAL ADORATION

3.15.2026
5-6:30PM
ST. MARY'S
71 Lowell St
Rochester, NH
03867

Join us for a one evening parish mission!

Sunday, March 15 • 5pm

Nico Cabrera will be with us for Bilingual Adoration.

It's an opportunity for two communities to come together to worship and encounter God as one people.

We'll gather for a pot luck meal beforehand beginning at 3:30. Bring your favorite dish to share!

St. John Paul II Memorial Healing Mass

"DO YOU WANT TO BE WELL?"

Join us at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday, March 17 at 6pm for our monthly Mass in honor of St. John Paul II. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 followed by the Litany to St. John Paul, Holy Mass at 6:00, followed by a blessing with the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina.

Trained prayer teams are available at the end of Mass.

In the gospel for today, Jesus asks,
"Do you want to be well?" (John 5:5)

He is asking each of us!

Let us turn to Him with a confident faith-filled YES!

For more information, call Jackie Morganti at 603-332-3576



Lent Devotionals now in stock!

Sacramental Gifts, Bibles, Jewelry, Books, Crucifixes, Icons, Children's Items, Veils, Catholic Gifts

Gift Shop Hours:
Mon: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Tues: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Wed: 9:00AM-5:30PM
Thur: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Fri: 9:00AM-2:00PM
Sat: 9:00AM-3:30PM

Saint Joseph Cathedral
145 Lowell Street
Manchester NH 03104
603-622-6404
stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop



FRIDAYS DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:00nn - St. Peter
Light luncheon to follow.

6:00pm - St. Mary
Simple Supper to follow.
No Simple Supper March 27.

Guidelines for Fasting & Abstinence

Fast - observed by all who are 18 to 59 years of age and in good health; 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.