St. Helena Parish
36 Shaker Hill Road - Enfield, NH
603-632-4263

St. Mary’s Mission
US Route 4 - Canaan, NH

Office Hours at St. Helena Rectory
Monday & Wednesday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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Holy Mass
St. Helena Sunday: 5:30pm  
Wednesday: 11:30am
St. Mary Sunday: 11:30am

Confession
St. Helena Sunday: 5:00pm
St. Mary’s - Second Sunday after Mass

St. Mary’s Church is open from 3:00-5:30pm on Thursdays until October 27th

Mission Statement
The Mission of St. Helena’s and St. Mary’s parish is to use the closeness of our community to promote the proclamation of the Good News, the beauty and richness of celebration, and the sharing of ourselves in service to God’s people. Believing in the equality of all within Christ’s family, we strive to have all people find their ministry in the church. We realize the importance of religious education to all members of the parish in helping them answer the call of Christ, to grow as ministers to our own Parish and to the world community.
THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
October 23-29, 2016

SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday: October 23 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

11:30 am: Amanda Foden by the family

5:30 pm: Amanda Foden by The Barton & Roberts Family

Wednesday: October 26 - Weekday (Green)

11:30 am: Melvin & Mildred McPherson by Stella McPherson

Sunday: October 30 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

11:30 am: Elizabeth Girouard by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Girouard

5:30 pm: John Wood by Marge Wilson

Please contact the office to schedule a Mass for a loved one. The suggested donation is $10.00.

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit the week of October 23-29, 2016 for The sick of the parish at St. Helena

Fr. John Wright at St. Mary’s

The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is $10.00. In memory of a loved one.

At St. Helena Church the vigil candle at the Sacred Heart of Jesus burns:

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion

Offertory for October 16, 2016

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Thank you to all who help support the parish!

We have established an online giving program for the parish. Info is located on the parish website.
From the La Salette Shrine Director's Desk

When I think about how to improve my own prayer or teach others simply how to pray, one of my favorite sources in the bible is the eighteenth chapter from St. Luke's Gospel. It gives us so much to reflect on, we can go back to it over and over again and still learn something new.

It starts off with the parable of the persistent widow which was the gospel of this past Sunday. Her example has so much to teach us about the importance of persistence in our prayer: "the necessity..........to pray always without becoming weary."

Towards the end of the chapter we have the healing of the blind beggar. His courage to keep shouting out to Jesus to get his attention is something to be admired, even after the crowd around him kept telling him to be quiet. He was rewarded for his ability to overcome all obstacles when Jesus told him: "Have sight; your faith has saved you."

And right in the middle of the chapter, we have today's gospel which is a beautiful parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Both men went up to the temple area to pray. However it is clear from the very beginning that the Pharisee was more focused on himself rather than God in his desire to pray."The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity - greedy, dishonest, adulterous - or even like this tax collector.' He is more interested in judging his neighbor and thinking himself superior to him instead of looking humbly into his own heart.........

Meanwhile the tax collector is so focused on God and not comparing himself with others he can only pray: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

In all honesty I would guess there is a little bit of both the Pharisee and the tax collector in most of us. Like the Pharisee, we love our rules for being a good Catholic and so we are sure to insist on the Rules. Or else we are like the tax collector, knowing we sinners because of our awareness of our own faults.

It seems what is most important is neither knowing the rules, nor being conscience of our sinfulness. Rather let us keep that focus humbly on God's extraordinary love for us, even while we are still sinners. His healing mercy will move us to profound gratitude for his forgiveness so that we have no need, time, or desire to judge or compare ourselves with anyone else.

Father John Sullivan M.S.

Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy concludes on November 20th. On that day the closing of the Holy Doors around the diocese will be taking place.

The Holy Door is located in our deanery at St. Mary’s in Claremont. It will be closed at 3:00pm Sunday, November 20th.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Family Dinner & Dance!
Saturday, October 29 at 5:30pm
Sacred Heart Church
Lebanon

There will be German-inspired food and beverages along with a 20 piece Oompah Band.
Cost: $8.00 per person or $25.00 per family

The La Salette Shrine is looking for many young children to play the different parts in the traditional Nativity scene.

They would like to make a video to bring more visitors to the Shrine during the Festival of Lights. If interested in helping, parents are asked to bring their children to the main chapel at the Shrine which is located on 410 N.H. Route 4A in Enfield. The filming will be done on Sunday, November 6th at 2 PM. The goal is to have 15 to 20 children from kindergarten age to about 3rd grade. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help out!
It’s not too late to REGISTER your child(ren) for faith formation classes...see the website for registration forms and schedule or pick one up at the entrances of the church.

Faith Formation classes have started and are held at St. Mary’s in Canaan.

**K-8 Classes**
Classes meet in the Canaan Elementary School Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 11:00am

**Confirmation Classes**
Grade 9 meets at St. Mary’s from 12:30-2pm
Grade 10 meets at St. Mary’s from 10am-11:30am

Volunteer catechists and substitutes needed!!
PARENTS, if you are interested please contact me.

Thanks, Jesse Dow
dresthstm@gmail.com or 603-448-1262

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**Social Committee News**

*Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events:*

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**Christmas Bazaar**

St. Helena & St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 12th
from 9:00am - 2:00pm in the St. Helena Hall.

*Raffle Tickets are available for purchase after all weekend Masses from now to Nov 12th.*

The cost per ticket is $1.00 or 6 for $5.00

The next Social Committee Meeting will be in
St. Helena Rectory
on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm

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Here is an opportunity for 8th-12th graders to be a part of service projects for a struggling community. There is a handful of youth and their parents interested in signing up, specifically for the one in **Boston, June 25th-July 1st**.

If we can get enough interest from Sacred Heart and St. Helena’s we will hold an informational night for parents and students to learn more. Here is the link to their website. [http://heartworkcamp.com](http://heartworkcamp.com)

Contact the parish office for more details.

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**Great Italian music and food was had by all who attended the first parish community dinner last Sunday.**

We received considerable positive feedback! A word of thanks goes out to all our cooks and volunteers for a job well done!

Make sure to mark your calendars and bring your friends to the next community dinner which will again be held in St. Helena’s Hall on Sunday, Nov. 13th at 3:45 pm.

Below is the revised schedule for the upcoming Community Dinners:

November 13 - St. Helena (3:45 pm)
December 11 - St. Mary(3:45 pm)
January 15 - St. Mary(3:45 pm)
February 19 - St. Helena (3:45 pm)
March 19 - St. Helena (3:45 pm)
April 23 - St. Mary(3:45 pm)
May 21 - St. Mary (3:45 pm)

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The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held on **November 6th at 8:00am** in the lower level of the Sacred Heart office building. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office or email sthstm@gmail.com

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Parish office hours this week will only be on:

**Welcome**

Wednesday, October 26th from 8:30am-2:30pm

Regular office hours will resume on October 31st

**Year of Mercy Talks this week!**

Join us for two different Year of Mercy talks from Fr. Matthew Jones.

**Monday, October 24 at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart**

The topic for the evening is: *Encounter God’s Mercy in the Eucharist*

Fr. Matthew will offer an evening of reflection, prayer and meditation on the texts that comprise the ‘source and summit’ of the Christian life: the Eucharist.

**Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00am at St. Helena**

(coffee & donuts will be served)

followed by Mass at 11:30am

The topic for the morning is: *Encounter God’s Mercy in the Psalms*

Praying the psalms is an ancient tradition that predates the Prayer of the Church. Fr. Matthew will explore the psalms that serve as a rich source of God’s mercy and present the unique Christian act of praying the psalms throughout the day.

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**Blood Drive**

Don’t forget the Blood Drive at St. Mary’s Hall

**Monday, October 24th**

1 - 6 pm

**Future Blood Drive Dates**

*Monday, Dec. 19th & Monday, Feb 27th*

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We, at St. Helena & St. Mary’s Mission extend a warm welcome to you, whether a long term resident or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us.

If you have not registered, or would like to update registration information, please fill out this form and kindly place in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

St. Helena Parish
PO Box 1363
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Name: _______________________________

Address: ___________________________

City: __________ State: _____ Zip:_____

Phone#: ___________________________

E-mail: ___________________________

Please check the following:

___ Request Registration Form

___ Request Envelopes

___ New Address

___ New Phone Number

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**The Solemnity of All Saints November 1st**

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

**Mass at Sacred Heart - 12:10 pm & 7:00 pm**

**Mass at St. Helena - 5:30 pm**

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**The Feast of All Souls November 2nd**

**Mass at St. Helena - 11:30am**

**Mass at Sacred Heart - 7:00 pm**