St. Mary's Church, Cranston

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Tuesday-Frisday
8:00am
(Lower Church)

Saturday Evening:
4:00pm

Sunday Morning
8:00am, 9:30am &
11:00am

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Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are scheduled for the First Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory office to schedule an appointment. Families must be registered in the Parish.

Confessions
Fridays 8:30am - 9:15am
Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm

Weddings
Parishioners may contact the Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

We are a parish family journeying together in our faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in his love for us, and growing in kindness and charity toward one another.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquiries about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

October
Month of Holy Rosary

The Rosary is the most beautiful
and the most rich in grace of all prayers."

Pope Saint Pius X

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary…. Pray for us….!

PLEASE JOIN US

October 17, 2021

following the 11:00am Mass

for a special meet and greet
as we formally welcome

Reverend Michael A. Sisco

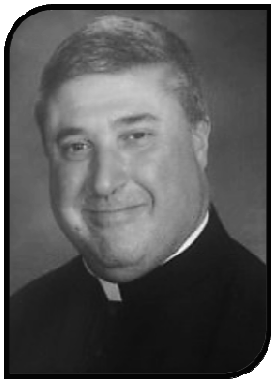
as our 8th Pastor of St. Mary's!

The reception will be held behind the Church following the 11:00am Mass.

Parking for all Masses will not be available in the Church back and side lots from…

Thursday October 14th to Monday October 18th

Please use the parking lot on the Rectory side and the shared lot with St. George's.



Parish Outreach

The Toy Drive is Underway!

*This year the **Regina Coeli** will sponsor our Parish Outreach.*

Please help support this drive by donating a new unwrapped toy to the 4000 children who will benefit from our generosity or help a child with their Christmas wish by taking a tag from the Christmas Tree. All donations may be placed in the boxes located at the entrance of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

We remember in prayer this week….

October 10th	
8:00am	Thomas D'Attilio **- 1st Anniversary**
	Sergio Shiappa **- 1st Anniversary**
9:30am	Robert A. Nardolillo, Jr.
	Vincenzo Masi
11:00am	Giuseppe Ialongo **- 1st Anniversary**
October 12th	Helen & Agustine Algierc
	Deceased Members of
	The Lallo & Sisco Families
6:00pm	Devotions / Benediction
October 13th	Margaret Buco
	John Moretti
October 14th	The Global Unbound Community **– Living**
October 15th	Mass of the People
October 16th	
4:00pm	Norma Faiola
	Giovanni Fusco
	Ellen F. Butti

SANCTUARY CANDLES 10/11 – 10/17

Upper Candle will burn in memory of: **Pasco "Pat" Picano,Jr. – Birthday** By: Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Lower Candles will burn in memory of: **Marino**

ADORATION

Beginning in October there will be Adoration with Benediction every Friday from 8:30am-9:15am. Please note that confessions will also remain at this time.

DEVOTIONS

October Devotions to our Blessed Mother will be held on Tuesday evenings in October at 6:00pm in the upper church. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate with our Blessed Mother.

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

The weekly collection for the weekend of October **2nd** & October **3rd** was $8,977.00. The second collection for next weekend will be for Building & Maintenance. *Thank you for your continued support!*

Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples:

Griffin Fraser & Emily Pierce
John Hampton & Cynthia Kirchner

May God bless you abundantly in love, joy, and happiness. Wishing you all the best as you begin your new lives together!

WEDDING CELEBRATION ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, September 26th the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral with Bishop Tobin. St. Mary's Parish would like to extend congratulations and wish many more years of happiness to the following parishioners who attended:

Robert & Anna Jones 40 years

May God continue to bless your marriage with joy, love, and peace! ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

HOLY NAME

The $100.00 Raffle is underway. If you have not received your ticket, please contact Joe Razzino at (401) 737-6572. There are some available numbers if anyone would like to join or would like an additional ticket. Available numbers: #26, #29, #45, #64, #67, #80, and #89.

Please note: All tickets need to be purchased by November 30th for the drawing in December. For your convenience payments may be dropped off at the rectory office. **The Parish has benefited from the help of the Holy Name throughout the years. This is a great opportunity to help support the many things they do for the Parish.**

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/ Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/ Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/ Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

PLEASE RESPECT the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices before Mass begins. Thank you!

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th for Columbus Day.

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