

St. Mary's Church ~ Our Lady of the Isle
Rhode Island's First Roman Catholic Parish

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"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,
of the covenant between me and you
and every living creature with you:
I set my rainbow in the clouds."

First Week of LENT



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ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM

SUNDAY: 11:00AM

DAILY MASSES at 7:30AM

ST. MARY'S: Monday and Wednesday

ST. AUGUSTIN'S: Tuesday and Friday

VIEW MASS AT ST. MARY'S ONLINE

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/stmarynewport/>

Confessions: by appointment and ...

Saturday 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM

in St. Mary's breezeway

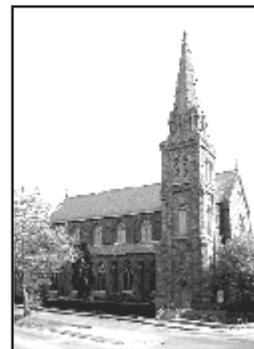
(between the garage and the rectory
during the pandemic)

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

**Baptisms will be conducted individually
during the pandemic.**

(contact Fr. Kris to make an inquiry)

*We are proud to be a
Stewardship Parish:
Sharing our Time, Talent and
Treasure
with our community.
Our mission is to continue the
work of Jesus Christ through
worship, education,
stewardship and service.*



FR. KRIS' KORNER



Every parent has been faced with the daunting task of trying to teach their child a lesson to correct bad behavior and to find a fitting punishment if necessary. There are volumes and volumes of books and articles on this subject and the course of action has changed with every new generation. We've all heard "Back in the day, my daddy use to bend me over his knee and give me a whoopin'." Or perhaps we've heard, "I never raise my hand or my voice to my child. I sit down and reason at length with my two year old who calls me by my first name." In today's first reading we read the end of the story of Noah's Ark where God promised to never punish humankind with calamity again and placed the rainbow in the sky as an eternal sign of hope. I smile when I think of the Catholic World Youth Day of 2020 when there was also a huge Gay Pride event at the same time in Rome. Some criticized the LGBTQ community's use of the rainbow as their symbol; but Pope John Paul II gave a humorous and brilliant answer - he simply said "We had it first."

Hard is the heart that can see a rainbow and not be moved to ponder the beauty and wonder of God's creation. If we reflect on the Noah story, God rightfully punished us for the depravity of our sins, but He also washed the world clean and gave us a second chance. The waters of the flood were the precursor to the waters of our Baptism in Christ where we are all born anew, forgiven our past sins, and given the promise of eternal life with God. So, in light of this time honored story, we must reflect on the occasions in our own lives when we have been reprov'd of our sins. Now, I am not asking anyone to go down a path that leads to past scars from punishments that wounded deeply; I'm asking for those times that changed your heart and mindset for the better. My earliest memory of being punished was when I threw a plastic toy at my mother out of anger. It hit her and she sat down and cried. No words were exchanged, no punishment was ever given; my punishment came from within myself when I realized that I had hurt my mother - and never did I ever willfully hurt her again. This life lesson also carried over to my relationship with God the Father; neither do I want to ever hurt Him because of sin and this early memory has given me strength to resist temptation.

In today's Gospel we read the story of "The Temptation of Jesus" in which Satan tried for forty days to tempt Jesus in every way possible to sin. Jesus resisted by quoting scripture. What life lessons (corrections and punishments) have helped you resist temptation and what sins have you successfully avoided through the grace of God? Reflection of this kind is a wonderful way to enter fully into the season of Lent. ~ Have a blessed and spiritually prosperous Lent!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEB 22 – FEB 28

Monday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's
 Tuesday: †Fr. Julian Stead
 Wednesday: †Raymond H. Carr Jr. (10th Anniversary)
 Friday: †George Reuther

Saturday 5:15PM: †Robert O'Neill
 Sunday 8AM: People of St. Mary's
 Sunday 11AM: †Arlene Custy



**IN THE EVENT OF A SNOW STORM
 EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS,
 WE WILL CANCEL THE 8:00AM MASS;
 IT TAKES ABOUT TWO HOURS TO CLEAR THE
 SNOW AND WE WANT YOU TO BE SAFE.**

DAILY MASS SNOW POLICY:

**We will not have 7:30AM weekday Masses
 when Newport Schools are CLOSED or DELAYED
 or during an active storm
 or when the sidewalks and streets
 are icy from a very recent storm.
 Watch the local news for closings!**



WE WELCOME A NEW STAFF MEMBER

When you call the office, you may hear a new voice in addition to Mary O'Neill. We are proud to welcome:

EILEEN HUGHES: BUSINESS MANAGER

Eileen has lived in Newport for 50 years and has two sons ages 29 and 27 and they have received all their sacraments from St. Mary's Church. She has worked in business and finance on the island. She says to all, "I am very grateful and proud to be working at St. Mary's and I think I have found where I am supposed to be. I look forward to this opportunity and am so thankful!"

FIRST SUNDAY IN
 LENT

FR. KRIS' QUARANTINE

First, I would like to thank my brother priests, Fr. George McCarthy, Fr. Frank O'Loughlin and Fr. Farrell McLaughlin for coming to my rescue at the last minute and celebrating last weekend's Masses. I had come in close contact with someone who, later, tested positive. So, I quarantined for the full two weeks (not taking any shortcuts with the health of my parishioners). All my test results came back negative. Praise the Lord, for He is Good. Thank you for all your prayers and well-wishes.

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY MORNINGS

Lent is the season for looking inward and striving for self-improvement in preparation for Easter. Confessions will be heard Saturday mornings 8:00AM—8:30AM in the breezeway at St. Mary's where it is very safe and private. Note: There will be no Communal Penance Services this Lenten Season.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Your generosity during these times has been tremendous.
Thank you for keeping us afloat.

If you are still unsure about attending Mass, you may send in your budget envelopes to **St. Mary's Church P.O. Box 547 Newport, RI**. You only need to send one envelope to represent all the regular weekly collections. And it is easier for the counters if you write separate checks for any special collections and for our Improvement and Repair Fund.

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You can find instructions on our website.

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL 2021

Just a reminder that Catholic Charity is about to begin for the **2021 season**. Our parish goal is to obtain 100% participation. This goal can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

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****to ensure that credit is given to St. Mary's, Please write "St. Mary's Newport # 98" on the check****

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

THE SEASON OF LENT runs from Ash Wednesday up to, but excluding, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Abstinence: Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law.

Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: Lent is above all a time of prayer. To enhance the practice of prayer, the Church invites her members to follow the custom of fasting and to accompany that fasting with an increase of almsgiving for the needs of the poor.

RICE BOWLS AND LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKS



OPERATION RICE BOWL continues to be part of the Catholic Experience during Lent. Please set aside some pocket change each day and fill your Rice Bowl for those who go hungry on a daily basis.

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKS have been sent to all registered parishioners. We urge all households to make the most of this season of Lent so as to truly appreciate Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.

Our collection last year was considerably below our goal - but that was during the height and the fear of the pandemic. If you are able this year, please be as generous as possible.



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