

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

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"They were startled and terrified
and thought
that they were
seeing a ghost."

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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

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Confessions: by appointment and ...

Saturday 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM

in St. Mary's breezeway

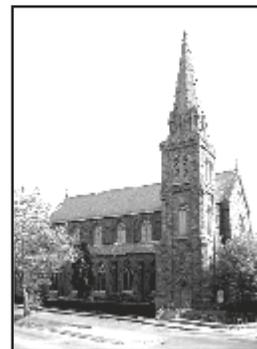
(between the garage and the rectory
during the pandemic)

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



Have you ever had difficulty gaining another person's trust... not because of anything you may have done, but because the other person may have had trust issues due to past bad experiences and hurt? Over the course of my priesthood and in my life in general, I have met many people who have been hurt by family, friends, acquaintances, and even total strangers. Someone attempted to con money from my elderly parents but luckily it did not happen, however, from that point on they never trusted anyone when it came to their savings or their house. No matter what advice my brothers and sisters gave them, they simply would not listen. Then in the last years of their life, I became their legal Power of Attorney, I thought that they would finally listen to me, their "Priest Son." Not a chance! I would do great amounts of research, connect with professionals, and give them sound advice about their finances and they rejected every bit of it. I would get so frustrated, even enraged at times, but in the end all I could do is laugh and accept them just the way they were, distrustful Depression Babies and all.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, but they did not trust that it was really him; they convinced themselves He was a ghost even though He showed them his hands and his feet and ate some baked fish (everyone knows that ghosts don't eat fish)! They eventually came to trust that it was really Jesus. Only once their trust was won was He able to teach them about all the scriptures that predicted He would have to suffer, die and rise again. And only then was He able to challenge them to be witnesses of this "good news" to all ends of the earth. Can you think of times in your life when you had to gain (or regain) another person's trust? How far were you willing to go to gain this person's trust? Have you ever risked trusting someone else and it turned out for the better? When have you had to trust in God? What obstacles did God have to overcome to gain your complete trust? How might your own life experience - your own struggles, defeats and victories help someone else to trust in God? Like Jesus, you too may have to reveal your own woundedness, for it is through our own vulnerability and authenticity that God works best.

*The Lord is Risen
Hallelujah!*

The mission of St. Mary's Church is to continue the work of Jesus Christ through worship, education, stewardship and service.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 19 – APRIL 25

Monday: †David Murphy
Tuesday: †John & Ann McNulty
Wednesday: †Brian Feeney
†Paula Delaney Stout
Friday: †Stephen D. Kraus

Saturday 5:15PM: †Kathleen Buse
Sunday 8AM: People of St. Mary's
Sunday 11AM: †Domingos Medeiros



THE WOUNDS OF JESUS - POPE FRANCIS

"When we pray, let's try to enter through Jesus' wounds and arrive deeper and deeper, to his heart," as Pope Francis said. "Enter into his wounds and contemplate the love in his heart for you, and you, and you, and me, for everyone," the Pope told thousands of people in St. Peter's Square. At a morning Mass, Pope Francis was talking about the tenderness of God and mentioned how when a child gets hurt, his or her dad or mom asks to see the scratch or the bruise, kisses it and says, "all better." Pope Francis said he imagines God doing the same; God wants to see the wounds of his children, to touch them, bandage them and heal them.

"There, in the encounter of our wounds with the wounds of the Lord, which was the price of our salvation, there is the tenderness of God," he said.

And, he told us, wounds are not something we should hide from God or from others. In fact, recognizing one's own wounds, and the woundedness of the church, is the first step to being able to see and treat the wounds of others.

After the resurrection, "Jesus Christ does not appear to his disciples without his wounds; those very wounds enabled Thomas to profess his faith" after he expressed doubts that the Risen Lord was really Jesus" "We are not asked to ignore or hide our wounds," he said. "A church with wounds can understand the wounds of today's world and make them her own, suffering with them, accompanying them and seeking to heal them. A wounded church does not make herself the center of things, does not believe that she is perfect, but puts at the center the one who can heal those wounds, whose name is Jesus Christ."

"In Jesus, our wounds are risen," Pope Francis continued. "They inspire solidarity; they help us to tear down the walls that enclose us in elitism and they impel us to build bridges and to encounter all those yearning for that merciful love which Christ alone can give."

8:00AM & 11:00AM MASSES REACH CAPACITY

In our guts, we know this is going to be a very busy summer in Newport. People are aching to do something, go anywhere and many want to stay local. This also means that guests will want to come to Mass. As more people are getting vaccinated we have come to the decision that tourists will be welcomed to attend Mass and that they will no longer be pushed aside in a waiting queue. So, **parishioners, please get here early**; when we say to those waiting outside that we are at capacity, believe us - every seat is filled. Seating people at Sunday Masses is very stressful and our good parishioners have been so patient. But, nearly every week there is someone who is more than willing to complain using expletives and, frankly, they make fools of themselves in front of others. Please keep calm if you are not allowed in church and do not take it out on our ushers and greeters. **Saturday at 5:15PM in never full, so you might want to try that as an alternative.**

COVID-19 REGULATIONS STILL IN PLACE

We continue to enforce Mask Wearing. We will go right up to you and ask you to wear your mask properly. We are not trying to embarrass anyone, we are simply keeping everyone safe. You will be forcibly asked to leave if you show aggression to any of our ushers. And as long as 6 feet social distancing is in effect, our max capacity remains at approximately 120 simply because that's how many seats are available .

MISSALETTES RETURNING?

I understand that many people have hearing difficulties and long for the missalettes to return to the pews. I have petitioned the Diocese for permission to purchase new missalettes. Please pray for a positive answer!

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. KRIS

Fr. Kris will be celebrating a mile stone birthday on **April 26**. Let's all wish him a very happy and healthy birthday. May God bless him with a life full of joy and happiness. At this time let's thank him for the many blessings he brings to our lives each week. To many of us, 60 yrs old is still a baby!

**LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS**

We truly need to be ready for that day when the 6 feet social distancing regulations will be lifted. On that day, we will no longer exit when receiving communion. We will return to the normal way (pre-pandemic) when we needed SIX Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We have adapted to needing only one or two but this too shall come to an end. We will also need more ushers who will return to their prior duties of passing the collection baskets.

Many people volunteer verbally or in written form and then, when we call upon them for training, they are no-shows or we never hear back from them. We hope this is due to the pandemic. If you feel that you have fallen through the cracks, please let us know of your continued interest. Managing our volunteers during the pandemic has posed its own unique challenges.

And again, thank you to those who stuck with us and for those who are coming back after getting vaccinated!!

CATHOLIC CHARITY

Our parish goal is \$97,850 If you are able, please be as generous as possible. This goal can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. Please make checks payable to **CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

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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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