

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

National Historic Place
Established April 8, 1828

I am the good shepherd,
I know my sheep
and mine know me.



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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

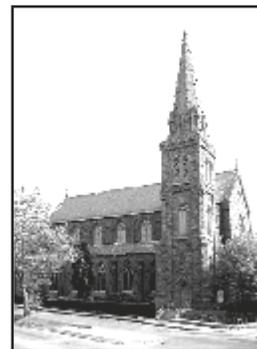
(between the garage and the rectory
during the pandemic)

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



I've witnessed this scene many times... a toddler has decided to make a run from its parent; perhaps the baby sees something interesting in the distance and he/she's off! The parent calls the child's name and immediately the child halts, turns around for an instance, and then continues even more resolutely on the way to whatever is tempting them. Even though the child has recognized its parent's voice, the child still RUNS AWAY! Sometimes this may be cute and humorous, other times there may be a very real and dangerous threat to your child's safety. Why does the child halt in the first place?... because his/her name has been called by someone trustworthy – it's a natural response. Why does the child then flee? Perhaps because temptation's lure is too hard to resist or a sense of defiance provides some kind of thrill and adventure.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, the Good Shepherd knows us, his sheep, and we recognize his voice and He protects us with his life. Sometimes, when temptation lures us, we too make a break for it pretending not to hear Jesus calling us. Even though we often flee from The Good Shepherd, He continues to rescue us from the dangers of Satan's snares and carries us home safely where there is abundant life. Today, we too are called to be good shepherds, vigilant caretakers of our family, our children, our "neighbors," the poor and vulnerable among us, and even of those who lead "sinful" lives. Everyone deserves to hear the voice of someone they can trust. Everyone deserves someone who watches over them and protects them. In 1926, George Gershwin wrote these beautiful lovelorn lyrics:

*There's a somebody I'm longin' to see
I hope that he, turns out to be
Someone who'll watch over me*

*I'm a little lamb who's lost in the wood
I know I could, always be good
To one who'll watch over me*

On whom have you depended for love and protection? Who depends on your protection and loving care? For whom have you sacrificed and what have you sacrificed for them? For whom would you willingly lay down your life? Would you lay down your life for strangers or even sinners? Jesus did just that for us!

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 26 – MAY 2

Monday: †Al & Le Francesconi

Tuesday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's

Wednesday: †Michael Sullivan

Friday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's

Saturday 5:15PM: †James Geer

Sunday 8AM: People of St. Mary's

Sunday 11AM: †Nick Barbato



SAINT JOSEPH - THE WORKER — MAY 1



St. Joseph, was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, enlighten and protect families. ~ Pope John Paul II

For a beautiful essay on St. Joseph,
Please search online for:

Vatican Guardian Redeemer

for the Apostolic Exhortation REDEMPTORIS CUSTOS of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II on the Person and Mission of Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ and of the Church

UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR THE CHURCH PROPERTY

Everything decays except for some of our beloved Saints. Here are some of the projects we hope to tackle in 2021.

- Repair the Kennedy Door entrance (underway now)
- Repair the north slate roof of the Church and seal some windows that are leaking.
- Repair the parking lot cracks.
- Repair a leaking water main to the School Building.

We are able to make repairs as needed because of your faithfulness to our Monthly Maintenance and Repair Budget Envelopes; plus, due to the faithful and wise stewardship of St. Mary's Pastors. Thank you to Fr. George and Fr. Kris.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

You can find instructions on our website.

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

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 close the church doors and 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; again we say a heartfelt "Thank you."

COVID-19 REGULATIONS STILL IN PLACE

Our parishioners continue to thank us for all the precautions we have taken since the pandemic began. As statewide regulations are being lifted, Catholic Churches will have to make tough decisions as to how quickly we will comply. We get the sense from parishioners that they appreciate our safety measures and that they actually feel very safe coming to Mass. 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.

Our next step will be to block off every other pew, thus we will gain greater capacity at each Mass but with approximately 4 feet social distancing.

We will give you plenty of notice before this happens; we value your thoughts on the subject.

MISSALETTES ARE RETURNING ON MAY 30

We understand that many people have hearing difficulties and long for the missalettes to return to the pews. We have preordered the next edition which begins on May 30th. Participation in the Liturgy is very important - we long for the day when we can respond with enthusiasm and sing our hearts out. It's near, but we aren't quite there yet!

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**

Once we return to normal, we will be needing SIX Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at each Mass. And 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!!

SAYING GOODBYE TO MARY O'NEILL

Our beloved Office Manager, Mary O'Neill will be leaving us for different pastures. Mary has been my rock in the office and used everyone of her gifts and talents to help our parish in so many ways. Please pray for the success of her new adventures. If you would truly like to honor and show your gratitude to Mary, please commit to praying for Pro-Life Issues. I can't think of a better gift to give her.

~ Fr. Kris

CATHOLIC CHARITY - IN PEW - APRIL 24 & 25

If you are considering giving to the 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal please do so this week.

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**

****If you have received something in the mail you can return it directly to the diocese****

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

Please consider giving online at **dioceseofprovidence.org/cc** it is the safest and easiest option.

As of today, our parishioners have pledged \$51,165

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