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ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM

SUNDAY: 11:00AM

DAILY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ST. AUGUSTIN'S: Tuesdays at 7:30AM

We suggest that you attend 8:00AM daily Masses at Jesus Saviour on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday while Fr. Kris is battling his illness.

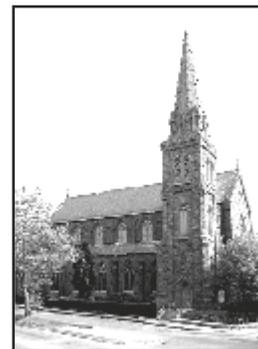
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<https://www.facebook.com/watch/stmarynewport/>

Confessions: by appointment only until further notice

Upcoming Baptism Dates:
Baptisms will be conducted individually during the pandemic.
(group baptisms will resume in August)

*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



Saying the last good-bye is never easy. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus praying to the Father for his disciples just before his crucifixion. He was entrusting his disciples into the Father's loving care and protection. I have witnessed many adults telling a loved one who is near death that "It's OK to go." They assure them that their mission on earth is complete; that they have loved well, and that they are grateful for all the love they have received from them while on earth. And they assure them, in the hope of the resurrection, that they will be united with them once again in heaven. Those goodbyes are from the depth of a person's soul, so genuine, so full of sorrow and hope. On March 14, 2016, I said my final goodbye to my sister Lynn; a goodbye for which I was completely unprepared. Lynn died unexpectedly one week after a routine heart operation. There were no last dramatic "I love you's," no hugging, no telling her that everything was going to be alright. In an instant she was gone and things were so hectic that I wasn't able to be with my family in the hospital to just 'be' with her body. This might sound like it's full of regrets, but it isn't... my family members never depart from each other without saying or texting "I love you" and without a hug and kiss. You see, we don't have to wait for life's big goodbyes to tell our loved ones how much we love and appreciate them, to pray for them and to entrust them to God's loving care; do it every day, every night, constantly tell them you love them and keep them constantly in your prayers!

And wouldn't it be an incredible gift to leave each of your loved ones a personal letter from you to be handed to them after you pass away? The letters and cards that I have saved from my deceased loved ones now have value beyond diamonds. When I heard the words from my doctor three weeks ago "It could be cancer and it doesn't look good," one of my immediate thoughts was that I better write letters to my loved ones sooner than later. In those letters, I will share what each person meant to me and how they added to my life. I will also leave each person with a parting prayer for them specifically. My loved ones include my dear parishioners as well. Your letters and cards and outpouring of love mean so much to me. I'm not ready to say Good Bye quite yet (I haven't even been diagnosed yet), but if I do journey down that road of suffering, your love and prayers will comfort me like a warm embrace from the angels themselves.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 17 – MAY 23

Monday: †Peter McIntyre
 Tuesday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's
 Wednesday: †Christopher Brown
 Friday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's

Saturday 5:15PM: †Lisa Petty
 Sunday 8AM: People of St. Mary's
 Sunday 11AM: People of St. Mary's



FR. KRIS' HEALTH UPDATES

Thank you for all your notes and texts and calls. If you have dealt with a serious illness you know that so many things are out of one's control... like waiting for a diagnosis. As of the publishing of this bulletin, I still do not know what awaits me. My pain is concentrated in my throat and ear which makes it very difficult to speak. Also, my pain is not yet being managed (all in due time). Therefore, for my own health, you won't see me or hear my voice until I am certain that I would not cause irreparable damage.

When I am ill, it is natural for me to isolate myself (I've been like that my whole life), but I will try my best to keep people updated. My spirits are fine, consistent with the Hope in Christ that I live with every day of my life. My family is still healing from the deaths of our parents and brother and sister, and sister-in-law; we are fragile and trying to be brave and positive. So, please keep my caregivers in your prayers as well.

And, thank you to my brother priests who have reached out to me and offered their help. At times like this, I am so incredibly appreciative of God's MANY BLESSINGS.

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.

RETURNING TO NORMAL LITURGICAL PRACTICES

We have received directives from the Diocese to return to normal liturgical practices.

This is what to expect:

- The plexiglass has been taken down.
- Our greeter will no longer spray your hands but we wholeheartedly recommend that you still disinfect on the way in.
- Social distancing tape will be removed.
- The pews will be roped off differently.
- 3 feet social distancing will be the new norm.
- We will slowly phase out being seated by Ushers
- Our lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will no longer need masks when they are at the altar.
- We will resume with formal processions and recessions.
- Hymnals and missalettes will be back in the pews starting on May 30th when the new shipment arrives.
- Collection Baskets will be passed once again.
- Second collections will resume.
- The Choir will be returning.
- Singing by the congregation will be encouraged.
- Receiving communion in the usual way will resume.

◆ **FACE MASKS INDOORS ARE STILL REQUIRED**

◆ **THE "SIGN OF PEACE" IS STILL WITHOUT CONTACT**

◆ **CROWDING WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING WILL BE MONITORED BY OUR GREETERS AND USHERS**

Getting back to "Normal"

HOLY GHOST FEAST—JESUS SAVIOUR CHURCH

Holy Ghost Feast
Sunday, May 23rd
Jesus Saviour Church
Broadway, Newport

Mass at 9am with crowning
Free soup available in the Church Parking Lot
Chourico Sandwiches and Favas available to purchase at
10:30am until we run out
This will be a Grab n Go event

RIGHT TO LIFE**The Right to Life**

The right to life is a universally recognized right for all human beings. It is a fundamental right which governs all other existing rights. In its absence, all other fundamental rights have no reason to exist.

**MAY - MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

The Rosary will be recited at 7:05AM before daily Mass during the month of May. All are invited to participate.

**CATHOLIC CHARITY - 2021**

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 \$69,485

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