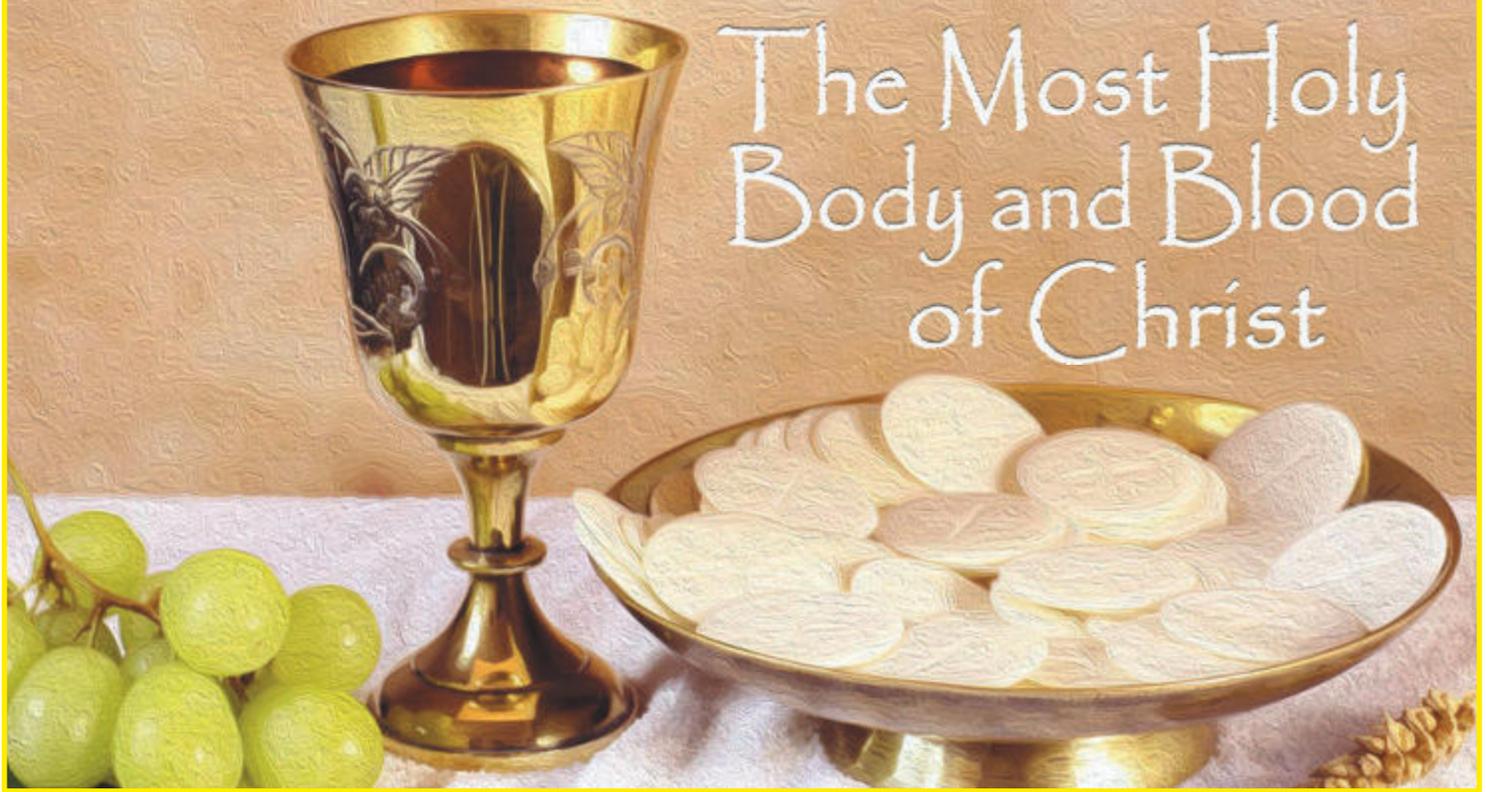


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ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM

SUNDAY: 11:00AM

DAILY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
ST. AUGUSTIN'S: Tuesdays at 7:30AM

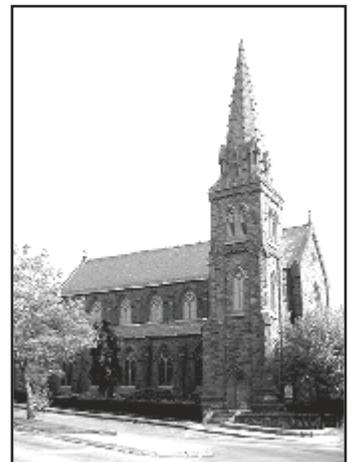
We suggest that you attend 8:00AM daily Masses at Jesus Saviour on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday while Fr. Kris is battling his illness and until Fr. Brendan Rowley arrives.

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*We are proud to be a
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Our mission is to continue the work of Jesus Christ
through worship, education,
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Confessions:
by appointment only
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**Upcoming Baptism
Dates:**
(group baptisms will
resume in August)



FR. KRIS' KORNER



The *Feast of Corpus Christi* is now called the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. The Eucharist is incredibly important to Catholics, in fact, the Church speaks of it as the SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE. One can only receive it by going to Mass or by having it brought to you

when ill. You can't order the Eucharist online, you can't get it at a drive through, you can't bake a Consecrated Host at home and you can't buy Christ's Precious Blood from the local liquor store. The Body and Blood are brought to reality by the Holy Spirit through the priest and the prayers of the community within the context of the Sacred Liturgy. Each time we receive Holy Communion, we respond *Amen* which means "so be it" or "truly it is." But have you ever spent time reflecting on Holy Communion and what it has meant in your life? What do you usually pray about when you return to your pew after having received? The Eucharist (which means *thanksgiving*) feeds our bodies and souls, unites us, and empowers us to feed others through our words and actions. If you know of a loved one who hasn't received the Eucharist in a while, please use this opportunity to encourage them to receive on a regular basis. If they are unable to come to Mass, call the office to have someone bring it to them (or perhaps even you could bring it to them!) Through the Eucharist we physically and spiritually touch the Living God! How awesome is that!! Do you know anything about Eucharistic miracles? They have been manifesting in the Catholic church for centuries. According to scholars, the first Eucharistic miracle recognized by the Catholic Church occurred in Lanciano (Italy), in about the year 700. This miracle happened when a monk, who had doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, saw the wine in the chalice turn into blood and the bread turn into flesh. Recently, after examining the relics still in existence, researchers concluded that they were indeed made of human tissue. Since this first miracle, 134 others of the same type have been recognized by the Church.

As in most cases, the scientists succeeded in proving the existence of a sample of heart muscle. The investigation of the Eucharistic miracles also revealed that the human tissue had not undergone necrosis but remained at an intermediate stage between life and decomposition.

Another phenomenon observed in all these cases: The appearance of bread and wine remains, even as the substance of flesh is scientifically identified. This is in keeping with our understanding of transubstantiation: that the consecrated elements become the Body and Blood of Christ!!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 7—JUNE 13

Monday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's
 Tuesday: †Robert & Raymond Cabral
 Wednesday: †Timothy J. Mills
 Friday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's

Saturday 5:15PM: †Michael McCarthy
 Sunday 8AM: †William Campbell
 Sunday 11AM: †Cheryl McCarthy



THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers and the many kindnesses you have shown Fr. Kris as he battles cancer. Your continued prayers are much appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The time has come, 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.

PARKING LOTS DURINGS SPRING/SUMMER

Please tell your spring/summer guests that we lock up our parking lots after Masses are done for the day. Tourists sneak into our lots within seconds.

Cars will be towed.



WELCOME BACK SNOW BIRDS

Now that the spring/ summer season is upon us, many of our parishioners and friends return from the warmer climates and join us at Mass again. We want to welcome them back to our lovely parish at St. Mary's.

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

You can find instructions on our website.

COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART

As life would have it, now that we can return to normal without face masks, this is the time when I need one more than ever. I admit, I'm not ready to return to normal; and there are still many of us wearing our masks in public.

This also includes those who have yet to make a full commitment to returning to Mass. While some have legitimate health reasons, I'd like to challenge those who have simply replaced going to Mass with other habits to return with revitalized gusto.

From our beautiful Catholic Hymn *Hosea* written by John Michael Talbot we hear these haunting words as if they were spoken to us by Jesus himself: "Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Long have I waited for Your coming home to me."

RESIGNATION CLARIFICATION

The request for my resignation as Pastor was for the sole purpose of ensuring the best possible healing of my body over a lengthy six month period as well as for the good of the parishes. I loved the challenge of being Pastor of two communities. I did not ever feel overworked (overwhelmed at times - sure). But when you love what you do and whom you do it with and for, it actually becomes enjoyable. You could see that at every Mass I celebrated with you, at every encounter we had out in town, and each time you invited me into your homes. SO, BLUNTLY: I was not forced to resign, you didn't drive me out, I wasn't looking toward any greener pastures. I was delighted to be your Shepherd!! In six months I will return to active priestly ministry at whatever new assignment the Bishops ask me to fulfill.

~ Fr. Kris

FR. GEORGE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Many Blessings to you, Fr. George, on the 65th Anniversary of your Ordination (June 3rd). Thank you for all you continue to do in the service of God and thank you for your many years of dedicated stewardship as Pastor of St. Mary's. We wish you many more years of health and happiness.

**ONE LAST APPEARANCE AT MASS BY FR. KRIS**

Hello dear parishioners. Not only do I feel awful because of my health, I also feel awful because I simply disappeared without a proper goodbye. When I had announced that I might have had cancer, it was already evident as I was beginning to suffer great pain; thus, I had to step back very quickly. GOD WILLING... on the weekend before my 20th ordination, I would like to say my final goodbyes to parishioners at every Mass. So, I am hoping to receive YOUR GOING AWAY BLESSING at **FATHER'S DAY MASSES (June 19th and 20th)**. You don't know how special it is to be blessed by your own flock!! Expect me to cry like a baby - you are my family after all. ~ Fr. Kris

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****

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