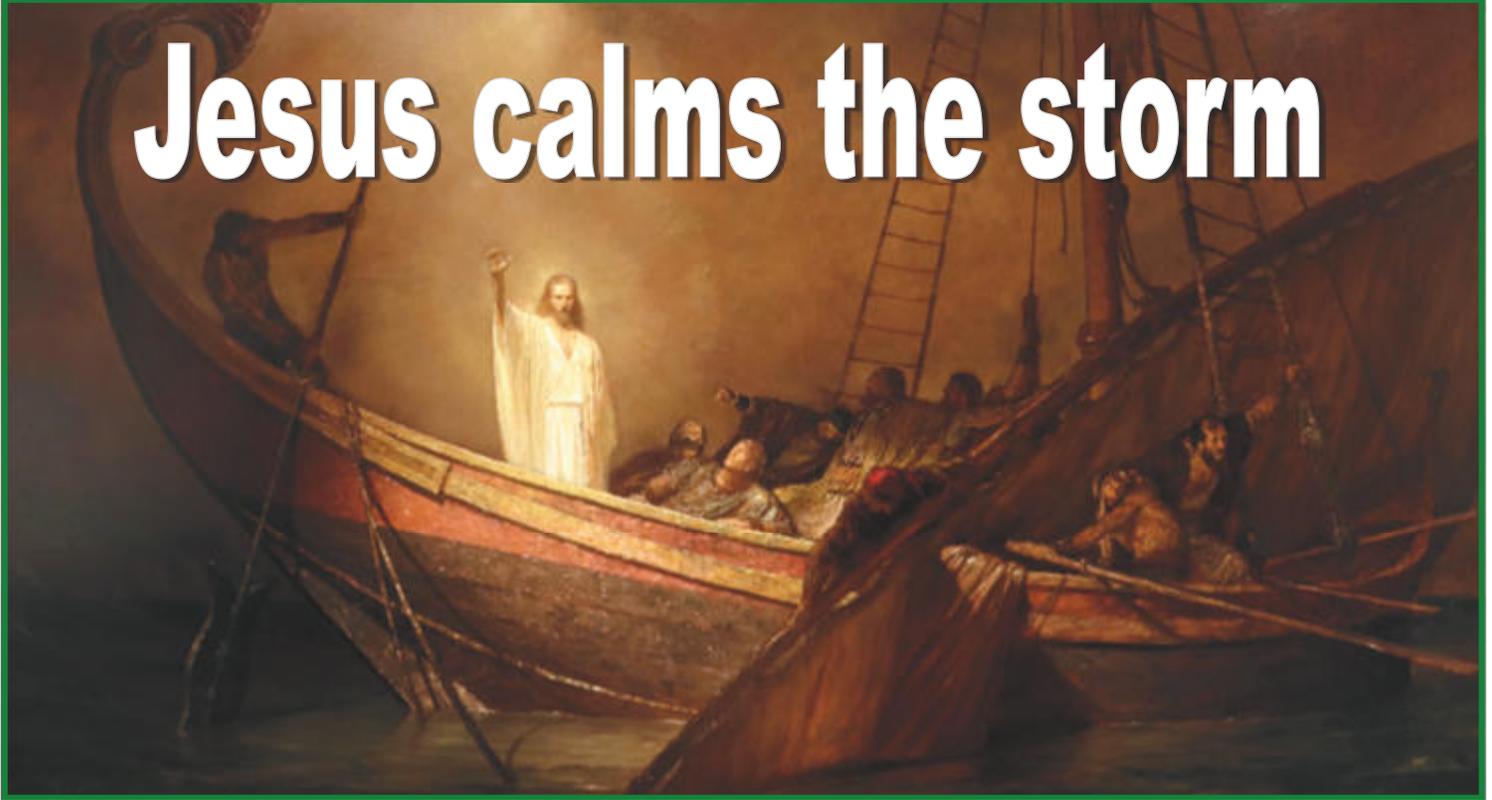


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ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

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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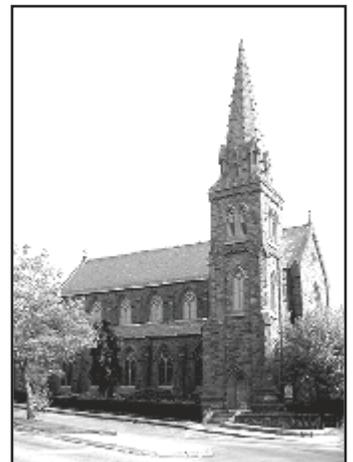
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*Our mission is to continue the work of Jesus Christ
through worship, education,
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Confessions:
by appointment only
until further notice

**Upcoming Baptism
Dates:**
(group baptisms will
resume in August)



FR. KRIS' KORNER



When 'storms' arise in our lives and we feel as though we are being tossed about by an angry sea, to whom or what do you cling? What or who in your life is your anchor? How do you personally deal with life's unpredictable tumultuous moments? In today's Gospel, even the seasoned fishermen were frightened for their lives

when the sea became angry and attempted to sink their tiny vessel. Of course, they looked to Jesus for comfort, but He was in the stern asleep on a cushion. Jesus! How can you possibly sleep through this pending catastrophe? Don't you care about us? Don't you care about me? Why aren't you paying attention to my pleas for help?!

We've all been there. Life blindsides us, flips our world up-side-down, and we are flailing over our heads alone out in the angry sea. Jesus proved to the disciples that He has the authority to calm the waters of any storm that we encounter. We need only to believe that He can. But so often, we let our fears cause us to doubt his power. With my recent cancer diagnosis (which I thought was just an earache), my whole world changed in an instant. First, I was in severe pain, I couldn't speak or even swallow and this happened in only a span of a few days. Second, I learned the cancer was Stage 4! Third, I learned that I would have to resign from being Pastor of both parishes as is Diocesan Policy for the health of the priest. Fourth, I had a severe reaction to the medications and ended up in the hospital for four days. Talk about being blindsided in an instant. But unlike the disciples in the boat, I never felt afraid or even alone. I knew that Jesus has that power to keep me safe in the storms of uncertainty. And then to have the outpouring of support from parishioners made my battle all the more bearable.

Whatever your circumstances are or were; do you cling to Jesus who has the authority to calm the storms of our lives? How have you handled things in the past and how can you improve so as to be prepared for the next chaos that life will throw at you? Let Jesus be your anchor and your healer and your protector. It takes confident prayer. It takes belief in the Beloved Son of God who made all things and cares for every one of his beloved children.

*"Jesus woke up, rebuked the wind,
and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm.
Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?
Do you not yet have faith?"*

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 21—JUNE 27

Monday: †Peter McIntyre
Tuesday: †Elizabeth LaPierre
Wednesday: †Celia & John Moore
Friday: People of St. Mary's & St. Augustin's

Saturday 5:15PM: †Arlene Custy
Sunday 8AM: †Elizabeth Marr
Sunday 11AM: †Thomas Perrotta



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers and ushers for the Saturday 5:15pm Mass and for the Sunday 8:00am Mass. If you are interested please send an email to Stmaryarmand@aol.com

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING JULY 5

New daily Mass schedule beginning the week of July 5th:

Monday and Tuesday at St. Augustin's at 7:30AM
Thursday and Friday at St. Mary's at 7:30AM

INTERESTED IN THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Information Sessions for men interested in the Permanent Diaconate scheduled throughout the diocese during June. These dates and locations have been posted on the Diocesan website's Deacon Formation Program webpage: dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program.

BLESSINGS TO ALL FATHERS

**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

VACCINATION INFORMATION

If you have not been vaccinated against COVID already, please consider registering to be vaccinated in order to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit vaccinateri.org to schedule a COVID vaccine at a state-run site or visit c19vaccinateri.org to learn how to get vaccinated through a pharmacy. You may also call 844-930-1779 or your local pharmacy for registration assistance.

TIME TO RETURN TO SUNDAY MASS

Bishop Tobin is now calling all Catholics in the State of Rhode Island back to attendance at weekend Masses. You no longer have the 'excuse' of the pandemic, unless of course, you have serious health issues.

While some have legitimate health reasons, we'd like to challenge those who have simply replaced going to Mass with other habits to return with revitalized gusto. Some people who used to come so faithfully are still letting fear keep them away. Families with children have been nearly non-existent for reasons known only to them.

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."*

CHILDREN'S MASS ON HOLD INDEFINITELY

As mentioned above, we have seen very few children in attendance at Mass. Plus with the cancellation of the 9:30AM Mass (which will not be returning), we will have to rethink the Children's Mass. What we know so far... we will no longer be using the basement of the church; too many issues of fire safety and a safety issue of having only one adult with all those children. Fr. Rowley will ultimately make his own decision.

CALLING HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS BACK TO SERVICE

It's finally time to restart our HOT LUNCH PROGRAM. If you are interested in returning or a first timer, please contact the office ASAP. It is long overdue.



APPRECIATION FOR FR. KRIS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY

APPRECIATION CARDS AND NOTES FOR FR. KRIS

So many people have already expressed their encouragement to Fr. Kris in Get-Well cards. But now we are asking our beloved parishioners for something a bit different. Fr. Kris' recovery will be 5 months long and parts of that in isolation. Believe us when we say he is saddened by his departure; no celebration, no hugs, no laughs.

Would you be kind enough to write

a card or a note expressing your gratitude for his leadership as he celebrates his **20th Anniversary**? A personal story of how he has touched your life or inspired you would give him such great comfort as he convalesces. Perhaps a particular homily touched your heart, a funeral Mass, a wedding or baptism, a visit to your home, a kind gesture on his part, or maybe you had some laughs with him about town. He will read these repeatedly to lift his spirits.

Maybe even include a photo.

Fr. Kris knows so many people only by face, so to include a photo of you will make your words come to life.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR APPRECIATION CARDS
IN A BOX AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
ON THE WEEKENDS OF JUNE 20 & 27.



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 \$84,256

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