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St. Mary's Church

Our Lady of the Isle

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ST. MARY'S MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:15PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM

SUNDAY: 11:00AM

DAILY MASSES AT 7:30 AM

ST. AUGUSTIN'S: MONDAY, TUESDAY

ST. MARY'S : THURSDAY, FRIDAY

*We are proud to be a
Stewardship Parish:*

*Sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure
with our community.*

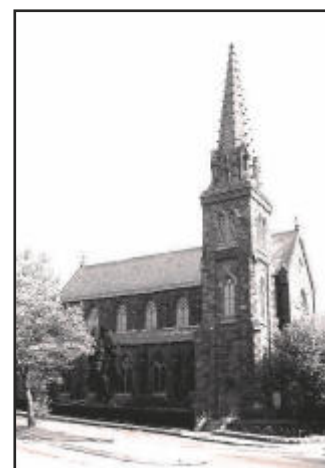
*Our mission is to continue the work of Jesus Christ
through worship, education,
stewardship and service.*

Confessions:

St. Augustin's —
Tuesday's 8-8:30am
St. Mary's —
Thursday's 8-8:30am

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

(group baptisms will
resume on Sept 12)
every other month on
the second Sunday of
the month at 12:30pm



FROM FR. MARK:

*Thank you
I would like to thank everyone who helped make my Installation Mass such a success. Special thanks to the Choir for organizing my reception during such a busy Holiday season.
Thank you to all our musicians, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar servers, Sacristans and all volunteer helpers for their services and for enhancing our Christmas ceremonies.
Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents to decorate the inside and outside of the church for Christmas season and all who generously donated to the Giving tree.
A special thanks to my wonderful staff for all their support.
Please keep in our prayers those loved ones who are separated from us either by distance or death.*

Have a Blessed New Year.

Fr. Mark



INTENTIONS FOR JAN 2- JAN 9

This week's Intentions:

Sat. 1/1 5:15pm: People of St. Mary's
Sat. 1/2 8am : William & Charlotte Stafford
Sun. 1/2 11am: Bogdan Ciorun

Thur. 1/6 7:30am: Paul Houston
Fri. 1/7 7:30am: Bill Mercer

Next week's Intentions:

Sat. 1/8 5:15PM: Peter J. Faerber
Sun. 1/9 8AM: Carolanne Travell
Sun. 1/9 11AM: Patricia Donoughue

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOBIN



**Statement of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
on the New Mask Mandates in Rhode
Island**

December 15, 2021

As it has from the beginning of the pandemic, the Diocese of Providence will continue to cooperate fully with state directives regarding the response to the pandemic.

Accordingly, I encourage Catholics of the Diocese of Providence to follow state guidelines and to wear a mask whenever they are attending Holy Mass, and other church services or public programs.

At the same time, no individual should be turned away from Mass or singled out if they choose not to wear a mask. Such individuals may have good and substantive reasons for not doing so. In addition, in keeping with our approved policies, liturgical ministers (e.g. priests, deacons, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, cantors, choir members) are not expected to wear masks while actively participating in the liturgy.

As I have done on multiple previous occasions, I strongly urge all Catholics of the Diocese of Providence (clergy, religious and laity) to receive approved vaccines as soon as they are eligible to do so. Being vaccinated is a commitment to the common good, an act of charity for our brothers and sisters, and an expression of our respect for the dignity of human life.

As we prepare to celebrate the special hope and joy of the Christmas Season, let us renew our fervent prayers that Almighty God will lift this terrible pandemic from our midst and will give healing, comfort and peace to all.

**Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

There is already some talk about forming a Parish Council. The council would take a look at offering more family Ministry's, activities and opportunities for parishioners of all ages, including a youth group.

The council would consist of active parishioners to discuss the needs of our parishioners. While its still a little early the council would be responsible for planning the 175 anniversary events of our Parish as well as a possible Parish trip to Ireland and our sister city, Kinsale.

Interested parishioners are asked to call the office and have your name added to the list.

Lisa Morrison will be facilitating a meeting after the first of the year.

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE

We are looking to bring back the Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's that paused due to Covid. We are looking for in few Active Parishioners from either Parish, interested in being "Food Safety Certified" for this project as well as some committed Adults to head this up.

Please call Catherine Roberts in the office to be placed on the list and I will be calling you.

We will be holding a meeting after the first of the year. More information to follow.

*We are also looking for a volunteer Licensed Plumber to install a three bay sink in the kitchen to meet requirements for this project. Please come forward if you know someone or can help.

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a great way to simplify your life when it comes to your financial offerings at St. Mary's. You can setup recurring payments for your weekly contribution, your monthly Church Improvement contribution, as well as to many of our other programs. You can make one time contributions as well .

Visit our website for more information and to signup for Online Giving.

SNOW DAYS**Snow Days:**

We will NOT have 7:30am weekday Masses if the Newport Schools are closed or delayed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**THE "GIVING TREE"**

Our "Giving Tree" was taken down after the last Sunday of Advent. However, I am sure that the "spirit of giving" will remain with you always!

Sharing your time, talents and treasures, resulted in an unbelievable amount of gift items under our tree! We delivered over 400 presents and over 50 gift cards to children residing at Lucy's Hearth, and residents of St. Clare's and Heatherwood Nursing Homes.

On this day, as we celebrate the Epiphany, we remember the gifts brought to the Christ Child by the Magi. I want to assure you that your presents, given to those who would otherwise have none, are as precious as the first Christmas gifts to the Infant Jesus!

Blessings to you and yours!
Michele

Religious Education

Classes will resume for Grades 1-8, next Sunday morning, January 9th.

Confirmation Class for Grade 9, 10 and 11, will meet on Monday evening, January 31st, from 6:30 until 7:30pm. Please bring all your information on your chosen Confirmation name.

RETURN TO CAMELOT

There is an interest in the very successful "The Return to Camelot" that Fr. Kris developed over the years. Fr. Mark is looking to learn more about what that involves and Parishioners in the know are asked to speak to him and call the Office with any information. Fr. Kris has offered to instruct Father Mark on this process.

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