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MARCH 2, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
945 Main Road

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WESTPORT OFFICE

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Pastor: Rev. Fr. Dariusz Kalinowski

Retired In-Residence: Rev. Fr. Paul Bernier
Rev. Fr. Mick McCullough

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Timothy Flaherty

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment only. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at least six months prior to wedding date.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM ST. GEORGE

5:30 PM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: OUR LADY OF GRACE 9:30 AM—10:00 AM

ST. GEORGE 3:15 —3:45 PM & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 4:45—5:15 PM.

SUNDAY

8:00 AM OUR LADY OF GRACE

10:00 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

11:30 AM ST. GEORGE

5:00 PM OUR LADY OF GRACE

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ST. GEORGE CHURCH

9:00 AM Monday & Friday

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday

OUR LADY OF GRACE

9:00 AM Wednesday & Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is held every Friday at

St. George Church 9:30 to 10:30 (after daily Mass)

Our Lady of Grace Church is open weekdays until 4 pm.



COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, contact the office to arrange Eucharistic Minister visits.

Parish Support

February 23, 2025

Our Lady of Grace\$ 3,267.00

St. George\$ 3,350.00

St. John the Baptist\$ 3,709.00

Thank you for your support. Your generosity makes a difference!
The Ash Wednesday Collection will help evangelization efforts.

**The Altar Breads Consecrated during the Mass
at Our Lady of Grace**

*for the month of March are in Memory of
The Olivier & Bernier Families*



**The Sanctuary Lamp that burns at the Tabernacle
at Our Lady of Grace**

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The Olivier & Bernier Families*



The Sanctuary Candle at St. George
*is burning this week in memory of
Jordan P. Lopes*

The Sanctuary Candle at St. John the Baptist
*is burning this week in memory of
Raymond Robinson*

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Candle at St. John the Baptist
*is burning in memory of
Sarah Valentine and Betty Velozo*



**The Candle at the Foot of Mary
at St. John the Baptist**
*is burning this week in memory of
Salome Fonseca*



Sponsorship Forms for Baptism and Confirmation

**If you have been asked to be a Godparent or a
Confirmation Sponsor, please bring the Sponsor Certificate
to Father Dariusz after any Mass. Thank you!**

TAX FORMS for 2024 DONATIONS

Charitable contribution tax forms now available
St. John's & St. George, please call or email Cindy at
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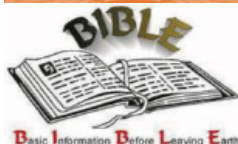
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**The 2025-26 FACE Scholarship application
is now open for students who will be in**

Kindergarten-8th grade at a Diocese of Fall River school.

**The deadline is March 31, 2025. More details can be
found at: www.face-dfr.org/how-to-apply/**



Bible Study WEDNESDAYS @7:00pm
in the Our Lady of Grace Parish Center
All are Welcome! Contact Dennis Sa at
508-491-8492 for more information.



Saturday March 1, 2025

9:00AM Alfred & Medora Robillard

4:00PM Domingos & Dolores Medeiros
Berube & Belanger Families,
Living & Deceased

5:30PM Anne Motta, Sixth Anniversary
Arthur McDonald

Sunday March 2, 2025

8:00AM Poor Souls in Purgatory
Paul Charles St. Pierre
David P. Blais, Birthday Remembrance
10:00AM Heitor Moreira, Second Anniversary
Pauline Cote
John Dowd

11:30AM Deceased Parishioners
5:00PM Caroline Bates
Paul George Leite
Sean Tierney

Monday March 3, 2025

9:00AM Normand Ouellette
Tracey, Georgette & Lance Tavares
Edgar, Alice & Roger Parent

Tuesday March 4, 2025

9:00AM Cesario Family, Living & Deceased

Wednesday March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

9:00AM **OLOG:** José & Maria Andrade & Family
11:30AM **SG:** Pope Francis
6:00PM **STJB:** Fr. Dariusz, Fr. Mick & Fr. Bernier

Thursday March 6, 2025

9:00AM John E. Cabral, First Anniversary

Friday March 7, 2025

9:00AM George Berube
5:30PM **SG: Stations of the Cross & Meal**

Saturday March 8, 2025

9:00AM Shirley Berube
4:00PM Eric & Kevin Medeiros
Augustine & Ligia Silvia
Manuel, Maria & Michael Sousa
5:30PM Marie Santos
Ron Medeiros, Birthday Remembrance

Sunday March 9, 2025

8:00AM For a Happy Birthday to Allison Correia
Michael Orlando, Fifteenth Anniversary
10:00AM Maria Fatima Fernandes
Salome Fonseca, Birthday Remembrance
11:30AM Dr. Carmela A. Sofia
5:00PM Guilheme & Maria José Lima
Randall Rapoza

**“Every Tree is Known by
its Own Fruit.” Luke 6: 44**

Jesus' famous splinter vs. beam comparison is a wonderful example of Christ bluntly calling out the hypocrisy in all of us. It has three major components: first, He tells people to be aware of their judgments of others and that such judgments will turn against judges. Second, he asks how people can see others' small flaws but not their own major ones. And, lastly, he asks how his listeners can judge others without examining themselves first.

The Gospel continues with Jesus saying, “For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles” (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives.

No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and

Father John Muir ©LPi



St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs Donations & Volunteers

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Fall River District, operates the **SVDP Thrift & Furniture Store** at 1799 Pleasant St. in Fall River.

The store is in need of donations!

Donations of new or gently used clothing and houseware items are needed and welcomed. Furniture in good condition can also be donated. The store does not pick up items and asks that all donations be delivered. Please call the store before a furniture delivery to arrange.

The store is also in need of volunteers!!

Choose your own schedule within the hours of operation:

Thursdays: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The SVDO Store phone number is (508) 415 - 3298

The furniture store is located at 392 County Street in Fall River and only open on Saturday's from 9am-2pm.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CLUB

will meet **Monday, March 3rd at 12:30pm** at Our Lady of Grace Parish Ctr. All Seniors welcome



Celebrate St. Patrick!!

Flick & Irish Soda Bread—Saturday, March 15th 11am

St. John's Women Guild invites the Westport Catholic Community to a movie matinee celebrating St. Patrick.

Come join us and watch the movie “I AM PATRICK,” while enjoying Irish Soda Bread with tea /coffee. “I AM PATRICK” peels back centuries of legend and myth to tell the true story of Saint Patrick. Through historical re-enactments, expert interviews and Patrick's own writings, experience the journey from man to saint.

St. John's Women's Guild now accepting applications for the **Annual Scholarship Awards**. The guild awards **three \$1,000 Scholarships to graduating Seniors enrolled in an accredited college/university or trade school**.

Applicant must be an active, participating member of any of the three parishes in the Catholic Community of Westport who has been Confirmed and a graduating Senior from any public or private high school with **at least a 3.0 GPA**.

Applications are available in the vestibule of all 3 churches and the offices. Applications are to be mailed to:

**St. John the Baptist Women's Guild Attn: Scholarship
PO Box 3328, Westport, MA 02790**

DEADLINE: Dropped off or postmarked by April 1st

St. George Women's Guild Annual Calendar Raffle!

\$10 per calendar gives you a month of daily chances to win \$\$ or gift certificates! Grab a Calendar at any one of the 3 church entrances, fill out the bottom and return with \$10 donation to St George's Guild.

Contact Claudette 508-674-2714 or Lynette 508-674-7036

**Our Lady of Grace Council of Catholic Women
will meet March 4th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.**

A brief meeting at 6:30 pm followed by the presentation:

**“Aging in Place Successfully:
Embrace Fitness and Mobility at any Age!”**

Join Kathy Clark from Moxie Mobility Training and explore how to age with grace, strength, and confidence at home. It's never too late to strengthen your body, improve your balance and build resilience. Learn how to continue living fully and independently

Refreshments will follow. All are Welcome!



BROWN BAG PROJECT

Next week we start our Lenten journey and the St. George conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be providing you an opportunity for sacrifice by making offerings of food items for the needy.



Watch for the shopping basket in the St. George sanctuary with brown bags for donations. “Jesus' own witness of sacrificial love and forgiveness, and his work to heal the sick and care for those in need, represent God's ways and vision for us.”

-Adam Hamilton

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING DURING LENT:

- Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday for those aged 14 and older.
- Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those aged 18 through 59. Fasting is defined as eating only one full meatless meal. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs.

Those who are not obliged to fast or abstain from meat are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.



LET US GROW TOGETHER AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST! DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY BEGINS MARCH 5, 2025

Catholic Community of Westport is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our community can thrive and be a place for all to grow together in faith.

The first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities using a survey called the **Disciple Maker Index**. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey was developed by the Catholic Leadership Institute to help parishes and dioceses seek input from parishioners about their current status and needs for spiritual growth & discipleship. This survey provides an opportunity to reflect on our own spiritual growth and provide feedback on the efforts of our parish and Diocese to help us grow.

The DMI is a survey tool that invites parishioners here in the Catholic Community of Westport to:

***reflect on their journey of discipleship**

***enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions** ***help parishioners grow in their faith**

The 10-15 minute survey will launch on March 5.

We will share the link a bit closer to the launch of the survey and you will be able to access it through an online link posted in our bulletin, on our Facebook page and website. The survey will be available for six weeks, through the season of Lent, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our efforts to help you grown in your relationship with Christ. **All responses are confidential.** We will only receive feedback and data about the community as a whole.

If you don't have or use a smartphone, tablet or computer, paper copies of the survey will be available and there will be events at each church to assist in completing the survey both for the paper version and the online survey.

Together we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship. Help us know your hunger for Christ so we can minister to your needs. Please continue to pray for our parish growth and protection. Thank you!

Lent 2025



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

We need you! We are in need of volunteers to help with the Soup & Sandwich Meal. All Ages Welcome! Consider volunteering as a family! To sign up contact the office at (508) 674-6271.

PRAYER

Burning of Psalm Prayer Service
followed by Symbolic Meal
This Tues, March 4th at 6pm St George Church!

Ash Wednesday Masses - March 5, 2025

9:00am - Our Lady of Grace

11:30am - St. George

6pm - St. John the Baptist

Stations of the Cross followed by
Soup & Sandwich Meal
Every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm

March 7 - St. George

March 14 - St. John the Baptist

March 21 - Our Lady of Grace

March 28 - St. George

April 4 - St. John the Baptist

April 11 - Our Lady of Grace

Passover Meal on Palm Sunday
6:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall
RSVP by April 6th - Call the office to sign-up

Tenebrae Service:
Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ
Wednesday, April 16th at 8:00pm
St. John the Baptist

PENANCE

*Experience God's Love through the Forgiveness
of Sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Every Saturday throughout the year, opportunities for
Confession are offered weekly at each church

9:30am—10:00am Our Lady of Grace

3:15pm— 3:45pm St. George

4:45pm— 5:15pm St. John the Baptist

Additional opportunity for Confession offered
every Friday during Lent

9:45am-10:15am @ St. George Church

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