



JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND JULY 25, 2021

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(In Parish Hall)

Monday, 9-11am

Friday, 9-11am

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30&10:00 AM

Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM

Rosary: Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Grant to
make arrangements.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM

MARRIAGE

Parishioners are asked to
make arrangements for
marriage eight months to a
year prior to proposed date.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

These take place during the
months of May and October.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:00 pm – Mary Garrett, 3rd Anniversary
(Requested by Family)

Sunday, July 25, 2021

8:30 am - Tara Clark, Birthday Remembrance
(Requested by Her Mother and Father)

10:00 am- Jim Barron

(Requested by the Barron Family)

Monday, July 26, 2021

8:00 am – The Holy Souls
(Requested by The Casey Family)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

8:00 am– Domenic Sordellini
(Requested by Frances Sordellini)

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8:00 am– Giovanni Sordellini
(Requested by Frances Sordellini)

Thursday, July 29, 2021

8:00 am – Diana Gallagher
(Requested by Alexandra de Koranyi)

Friday, July 30, 2021

8:00 am – Gerard Kaiser
(Requested by Dorrie Linn)

Saturday, July 31, 2021

4:00 pm – Jeanette Laflamme
(Requested by Emile Laflamme)

Sunday, August 1, 2021

8:30 am –

10:00 am – Theresa Galipeau

(Requested by Christine and Hugh)



Jacob Brown, Sienna Barron, Eileen Tiexiera, Nancy Simons, Jesse Rezendes, Madonna Shannon, Delores Reposo, Kate Calabretta, Amy Reid, Margaret Sheehan, Elizabeth Ciorun, Nathan Johnson, Nathan Sularz, Susan, James Forster, Tierney Haas, William Zeitler, Aurelia Matera Granieri, Harry Hoopis, Susan Gaucher, Russell Amaral, Dick Vaccaro, John Gracik, Jill Eastman, Ellen Vietri, Catherine Mignone, Debra Kraner, John Dorr, Erin Brennan, James O’Neil III, Lisa Hull, Malcolm Brown, Virginia Nicholas, Sr. Mary Caffrey, Peter Flood, Patricia Gagne, Joe O’Neill, Stephen Weaver, Shane Lang, David O’Donnell, Sarah Love, Jacob Nerses, Greg Borge, Marc Crisafulli, William J. Baron

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Diocese of Providence is once again hosting the annual *Wedding Anniversary Celebration* to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Some important points regarding participation in the celebration.

- The celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021.
- One or both of the spouses need to be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- The celebration is for couples. If it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be mailed to the couple.
- Reservations are made by use of a registration form. *They can be obtained by speaking with Fr. Grant or the parish secretary.*
- The registration is submitted through the parish office and signed by Fr. Grant.
- *The form must be received in the Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment by August 27, 2021.*



Saint Mark Youth Group News!!!

Thank you for your support last weekend of our Parish Youth Group Coffee Hour! Your free-will donations totaled \$787 and will be used to produce the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracle Display here in October. Thank you for your amazing support!



Parish Financial Blessings July 11, 2021

Sunday Collection:	\$4,591.00
Average Donation/Envelope	\$ 37.73
Parish Outreach:	\$ 475.00

The Bread of Life



This week's scripture begins a series of Eucharistic controversies that will haunt the Gospels over the next four weeks. I wonder if it is a strategic gift of providence.

A few years ago the *New York Times* reported that almost two-thirds of American Catholics believed the consecrated bread and wine to be "symbolic reminders" rather than the body and blood of Christ. This seems a little startling, even if it was unclear what the respondents actually meant by "symbolic reminder" or "body and blood."

What we will find in the subsequent passages of John's Gospel is Christ's promise *to become our very bread*.

For some people, the word "symbol" can indicate the most sacred of realities. For others, "body and blood" has to mean actual physical properties. Even this year, for example, I encountered a young Catholic who thought the sacred host, if cut, should bleed. Regardless of the exact interpretation of the questionnaire I think the Times-CBS poll does reveal a challenge to contemporary faith.

There certainly seems to be a lack of reverence, now and then, for the reality taking place at the liturgy. A university student, intelligent and gifted in leadership, observes that he wished fellow students would give as much attention to their dress and appearance for Mass as they do for a date or job interview. An old priest, after a Mass in the infirmary, thanks me for genuflecting before the Eucharist. After a high school Eucharist, one of the theology teachers advises me to put consecrated hosts into a bin to be consecrated again the next time.

The problem of reverence, however, is nothing new. In the pre-Vatican II church, there were at least some priests who gave Communion as if it were a fast-food option. It is also not merely an American phenomenon. Perhaps the most "un-reverential" distribution of the Eucharist I have been a part of was in Rome, where the hosts were delivered rapid-fire like bullets from a rifle.

We naturalists and materialists are ill fitted for miracles and transcendence. We seem unable to handle much more than appearances and style. Deeper realities are suspect. But if this is so, not only will real presence and transubstantiation seem improbable

to us. Creation, redemption, resurrection, sin, and grace will seem so as well.

It is wonderful that our Eucharists have become more immediate, understandable, and participatory since Vatican II. But perhaps the cost of making it understandable has been the embarrassing realization that the Mass, if we actually believe what it proclaims, is uncomfortably miraculous.

If Christ really has given us the Eucharist, he is doing something far greater in our midst than Elisha's feeding of two hundred with twenty barley loaves or even Jesus' own stupendous feeding of five thousand (Gospel). What we will find in the subsequent passages of John's Gospel is Christ's promise to become our very bread. In faith we hold that this promise is not some mere human symbolic projection. No, we are witnessing the holy of holies in our very midst.

Many may still be skeptical. For those who believe it, awe is only appropriate.

--John Kavanaugh, SJ



After a year of virtual singing, the *North Kingstown Community Chorus* is pleased to announce that both our Adult and Youth Choruses will be meeting again in person!

Both groups will meet at the Suzanne M. Hensler Quiddnessett Elementary School, 166 Mark Drive, North Kingstown, RI 02852, in preparation for our Winter Concert, which will take place December 4th, and 5th, 2021. There is no audition or residency requirement. Registration and first rehearsal schedules are as follows:

Adults- September 7, 2021 at 6:30 - 9:00 PM, fee is \$60 with a small family discount. Subsequent rehearsals will be Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM

Youth (grades 2-8)- September 21, 2021 at 5:30-6:30 PM, fee is \$35. Subsequent rehearsals will be Tuesdays at this time.

Safe singing precautions will be followed.

On-line registration will be available for both choruses on our website August 1st at www.nkchorus.org. For more information about both choruses contact Heather Skidds, director, at (401)-573-7564 or hskidds@gmail.com.



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