



St. Mark Catholic Church

Jamestown, Rhode Island
August 29, 2021

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Parish Leadership Council

Sean Bogus
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PARISH FOOD PANTRY

(In Parish Hall)

Monday, 9-11am
Friday, 9-11am

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30&10:00 AM

*(The Sunday schedule will
change on September 12; see
inside bulletin for details.)*

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.



Saturday, August 28, 2021

4:00 pm – For the deceased members of our Parish

Sunday, August 29, 2021

8:30 am – For Bishop Russell McVinney

10:00 am – Jennifer O'Rourke

(Requested by Friends)

Monday, August 30, 2021

8:00 am – George Picard

(Requested by The Casey Family)

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

8:00 am – William Hawkins - Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by Family)

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

8:00 am – In Memory of Marilyn Bell

(Requested by St Mark Parish Family)

Thursday, September 2, 2021

8:00 am – Father Ronald Brassard

(Requested by The Casey Family)

Friday, September 3, 2021

8:00 am – Gerard Kaiser

Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:00 pm – Dan Crowley -2nd Anniversary

(Requested by His Wife, Peg)

Sunday, September 5, 2021

8:30 am – Fr. Ronald Brassard

(Requested by The Kennedy Family)

10:00 am – The Haggis, Mack, and Mahoney Families

(Requested by The Barron & Cashman families)



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, 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



Registration for Religious Education is now open!

We ask all families to register with the Google form link below:

<https://forms.gle/A9D5VLux3MExYiG28>

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9am-10:15am beginning on September 19th with a Meet & Greet and material pick up on the church lawn. Depending on the grade level, class time will be divided up to include traditional lessons and group activities that highlight our Catholic faith (prayer services, parts of the Mass, Saints, music, traditions, etc.).

Your support and commitment to the Religious Education Program last year was amazing and we continue to be grateful for that. We have been working hard looking at new curriculums and opportunities for the classes and are so excited to begin another year! If you have any questions or difficulty with registration, please feel free to contact Christina Smith at stmarkjtnre@cox.net



The Parish Mass schedule will be changing on September 12, 2021. The new schedule will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass

4 PM

(Remains the same)

Sunday Morning Masses

8 AM and 10:30 AM

(new)

This change was made necessary by the fact that our **entire Religious Education Program takes place on Sunday mornings**. There has been an overlap between Masses upstairs and Religious Education classes downstairs for a long time. This has resulted in confusion, interruptions during Mass upstairs and rushed classes downstairs. It also causes problems with traffic in the parking lot and surrounding streets.

I understand that I am asking parishioners to change their Sunday morning routines a bit. However, this small sacrifice will greatly benefit our parish youth. It will also assist our volunteer teachers who make a truly great sacrifice of their time to share our Catholic faith with our young people.

Fr. Doug Grant



Parish Financial Blessings
August 22, 2021

Sunday Collection:	\$3,548.00
Average Donation/Envelope	\$51.42
Parish Outreach:	\$105.00
Fuel Collection:	\$2,213.00 (8/22)



A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is...

...a supportive post-abortion weekend retreat that provides participants an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow, to form spiritual connection with their child(ren), to experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus and to begin a journey toward healing.

Our next retreat opportunity is

Friday October 29 through Sunday, October 31, 2021.

For more information or to register to participate in one of these offerings, call Lisa Cooley at the Office for Family Life @ 401-278-2518. Our services are provided by a team of trained individuals, a Catholic therapist and trained clergy. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

You can read more about these weekends sponsored by the Diocese of Providence by going to www.rachelsvineyard.org

Annual Fuel Collection



Every year our Parish takes up an **Annual Fuel Collection** to help defray the costs of oil and electricity in the coming year. Last year our parishioners donated over \$10,000. In the midst of the pandemic, it helped the Parish maintain its financial stability!

Hurricane Henri interrupted our parishioners' generosity to this important collection last weekend. I ask all parishioners to make a generous donation to this collection within the next few weeks. If you receive budget envelopes please use the one designated for the Fuel Collection. If you don't receive them, simply place your donation in an ordinary envelope and clearly mark on the front that is for the Fuel Collection. Checks should be made out to *Saint Mark Church* and *Fuel Collection* should be noted on the check. *Thank you for your continuing generosity!*

Bridging the Gap



Bridging the Gap for Safety & Healing is a coalition dedicated to raising awareness about suicide by bridge in our community and advocating for the installation of safety/suicide prevention barriers on the Mt. Hope, Newport Pell, Jamestown Verrazano, and Sakonnet Bridges. We offer support & hope to the survivors of suicide loss. Please consider signing the petition and encouraging your friends and family to do the same. To sign yourself or email to your friends and family go to: tinyurl.com/ribridgingthegap

A Message from Fr. Grant

*My own family has been touched by the tragedy of suicide. While our Parish takes no formal position on this issue, I do. These barriers work in diminishing the occurrence of suicide from bridges. Sometimes a few extra minutes can be the difference between life and death. The "Skyway Bridge" in Tampa for example has installed such barriers and they have greatly reduced the incidence of suicide. Please consider signing the petition. You can read more about the coalition by going to: **Bridging the Gap for safety & healing** on Facebook.*

Outside the Circle?!



Many years ago I took part in a group dynamics exercise. We were told to stand in a circle, join hands, and prevent Joe--outside the group--from breaking into the circle. We did that task well. So well that when Mary, also outside the circle tried to break in, we kept her out too.

The group leader processed the experience for us, reminding us that he'd told us only to keep Joe out. The leader explained that human beings sometimes get so caught up in the details of a system of behavior that they forget its original purpose.

The same thing often can be said for religion. The laws and structures of our religious life as noted in today's First Reading, are an important way we relate to God. But as Jesus points out in the Gospel, when human beings go beyond the original purpose and burden others with practices the law never intended, then the connection with God is severed. Lip service to external structures and laws can replace a commitment of the heart.

There is a place for law and for structure within our lives as Christians. But we must always keep the purpose in mind. If we center on the person of Jesus Christ and his law of love, we should have no trouble doing just that.

Fr. Greg Friedman, ofm



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