

Saint Mary's Parish Bulletin

St. Mary's is a Stewardship Parish, comprised of the faith-filled communities of St. Mary's Church and St. James Chapel. Together, we are devoted to the spreading of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through deeds, prayer and the sacrificial giving of our Time, our Talent and our Treasure.



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Sacraments

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| Baptisms | Third Sunday of every month. Please call rectory in advance. |
| Marriage | Please call Fr. Paul at least one year in advance. |
| Priesthood | Please call the Office of Vocations (401) 831-8011 |

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Church

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| Saturdays | 4:00pm |
| Sunday | 8:30 am |
| Holy Day of Obligation | 7:00pm |
| Confessions - Saturdays | 3:15pm to 3:45pm |

St. James Chapel

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| Saturdays | 5:30pm |
| Sundays | 10:00am |
| Monday - Friday | 8:30am |
| Holy Day of Obligation | 8:30am |

Summer Weekend Schedule (Effective Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

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| Sat-St. Mary's | 4:00 pm |
| Sat-St. James | 5:30 pm |
| Sun-St. James | 8:00am, 9:30 am |

Rosary:

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| Monday thru Friday | 8:00am |
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Confessions:

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| Saturdays | 4:45pm to 5:15pm |
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Adoration: Mary, Mother of Mercy Eucharistic Chapel

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| Monday & Tuesday | 9:00 am-6:00pm |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am-6:00 pm |
| First Friday | 9:00—5:00 pm |
| First Saturday | 7:00am—8:00 am |

Healing Mass second Sunday of the month

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| Sept-June | 2:00 pm |
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 14, 2021



Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00 pm—St. Mary's—Gil Lavallee

Sunday, March 14, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:30 am—St. James—John O'Neil

8:30 am—St. James—Steven Zybas, Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 20, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

Sunday, March 21, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m
5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or

9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-
16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn
5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5
-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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We are well into our Lenten season.
Hopefully we have all given serious consideration as
to our Lenten offerings to our lord.



**it is the time of solemn fast:
the mournful days of lent are here,
the priests and people weep aloud,
the temple echoes with their tears . . .**

**in vain our forehead mark'd with ash,
in vain the bow'd and beaten breast,
unless true sorrow for our sins,
our very soul marks with distress . . .**
hymn



**in need of Help ?
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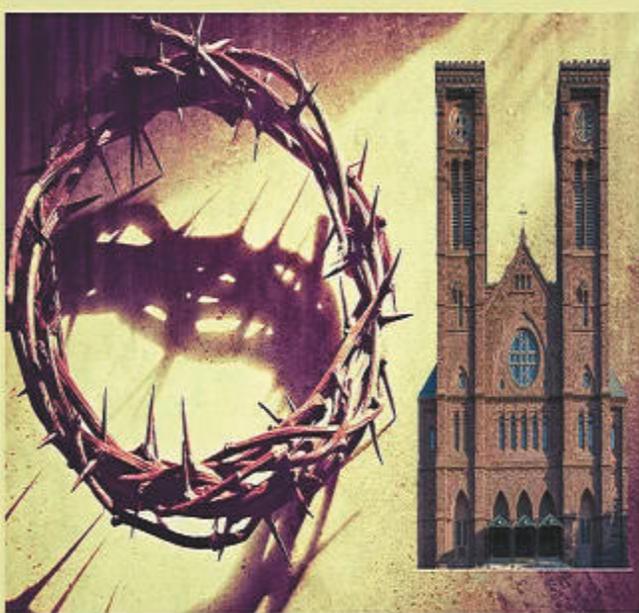
HAPPY ST. PATRICKS

FROM THE PASTOR

St. Paul writes “Now you are light in the Lord live as children of light for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.” Lent is not only a time to overcome our sinfulness, but also a time to produce goodness, righteousness and truth. What kind of goodness can I do? How can I live a righteous life? How can I tell and proclaim the truth? Lent calls us to commit to the good, the truth. How can I be righteous? Small acts of kindness, good words, being generous, loving, patient, merciful or forgiving. Most of all we ask our Lord how he wants to use us. What can I do to be light in the midst of darkness.

Each time we come to Mass we pray “May the love of God, Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.” We call upon the grace of Jesus Christ to guide us on this life’s journey. To be the light of goodness to others Our Lord has to be our light.





Three Evenings of Reflection for the Holy Season of Lent

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings at 7 PM
March 15th, 16th and 17th, 2021

Father Peter Mongeon, Homilist

Holy Mass will be celebrated each evening

Confessions will be heard each evening 6 to 6:45 PM

"For God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our parish, I would like to thank you for the generosity and flexibility you have demonstrated as we continue to provide safe ways in which we can worship the Lord here at our church.

Please know that the guidelines enacted to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 have worked. The spread of COVID-19 has not been traced to any Catholic church in the State of Rhode Island. This reflects your willingness to follow safe protocols in order to protect fellow parishioners and our community at large. I am grateful.

- (1) Please come to Mass wearing a mask and continue to sanitize your hands.
- (2) If you are sick—even with the mildest of symptoms—you must stay home. We continue to live-stream the Masses for this purpose.
- (3) This is important: **please do not congregate in the church or outside**, and always maintain distance of at least six feet between others when you are entering or exiting the church. In some churches, parishioners sometimes exit at the same time and congregate in large groups outside. This is understandable. After all, we all need community. But this unfortunately defeats the purpose of keeping our distance to ensure everyone is safe.

Thank you for understanding the importance of these guidelines during this critical time. I am confident that with prayer, and the Lord's unfailing help, we will get through this together. After all, God is in charge.



BUDGET REQUIRED - \$6,597.00

Budget collection received:

March 7, 2021—\$8342.00

Other— \$155.00

Second collection this weekend is the St. Vincent de Paul Collection. Thank you for your continued support.

Second collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief/Rice Bowl. Your support is appreciated.



We are working to restructure our program as large gatherings may not be something we can count on in the future and to avoid disruption this coming year we will be breaking out into smaller groups. We will be holding sacrament classes in person only for the rest of the year...

March 14th and 21st for First Communion and Confirmation

We have come up with 2 possible scenarios that will provide for distancing and safety.

Monthly Example #1: Elementary 2X, Middle School 2X, Sacrament groups 2X. Add youth group activities combining some of the age groups together utilizing our parish center and tent to run a fun activity with lessons. (movie night, baking class, ceramics under the tent) Parents with Father Paul/Deacon Ray.

Monthly Example #2: Break kids into individual grade groups 2X's a month. Add youth group activities combining some of the age groups together utilizing our parish center and tent to run a fun activity with lessons. (movie night, baking class, ceramics under the tent) Parents with Father Paul/Deacon Ray/Speaker.

We welcome your input. Please contact Sally Lambert for your thoughts or ideas. 401-524-9608 stmj.dre@aol.com



2021 USCCB Pro-Life Theme

"Live the Gospel of Life"... "to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps."

Think about praying for an unborn baby and their families. Every day 4000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this. Prayer is the best weapon to help them...the most effective. Say this prayer for nine months to save a baby's life.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much, I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

.BEING PRO-LIFE is:

-believing that a baby's life is a gift that should be cherished.

-believing that a mother is a precious human life with value and dignity.

-believing that all human life belongs only to the Creator who gave us life.

-believing that all life is God's to give and take .

"A woman who had an abortion met Padre Pio. She said, "I never knew abortion was a sin." What do you mean, you didn't know it was a sin? That's killing...it's a sin, it's a great sin." Padre Pio

Respect Life Rose for the week of March 14th is for Anne Hartigan

There will be a Holy Hour for Life for the remaining Fridays during the 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign from 9am- 10am at St James Chapel after morning mass. Please come and pray for the unborn and their families who are threatened with abortion. 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

-40 Days for Life Lenten Vigil, Feb. 17th- Mar. 28th (St. Mary's Parish registered for the Fridays of the vigil at 10am in front of Planned Parenthood, Providence

-Parishioners at St. Mary's Church who wish to place a name on the weekly rose dedication, please e mail me the name a week before.

For Respect Life news and events in the area and diocese, please check out the ministry's Facebook page at St. Mary's Respect Life Ministry, the Respect life table at the back of the churches and ministry email address is Respectlife@stmj.org. [sign up for emails](#)



Change in the Mass Schedule

Due to the changing attendance at Mass during the past several weeks, there will be a change in weekend Mass times beginning the weekend of January 23-24, 2021. We are returning to the more traditional schedule we have had for the winter months.

Mass on Saturday evening will remain the same:

4:00PM at St Mary's Church
And
5:30PM at St James

On Sunday Mass will be:

8:30AM at St Mary's Church
And
10:00AM at St James Chapel

The 10:00 AM Mass will be streamed, live over the internet and the Parish Center will be open to accommodate any overflow from the Chapel. This schedule will hopefully carry us through the spring. However, additional restrictions imposed by the State due to health concerns caused by Covid-19 may necessitate further changes. Thank you for your patience and support during these difficult times.

Holy Week Schedule 2021

Holy Thursday – April 1, 2021
7:00 PM – St James

Stations of the Cross Good Friday April
2, 2021

3:00 PM – St James Chapel
7:00 PM - St Mary's Church

Holy Saturday – April 3, 2021
4:00 PM Vigil
St Mary's Church

6:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass
St James Chapel

Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021
8:30 AM - Mass
St Mary's Church

10:00 AM – Mass
St James Chapel



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