

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

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

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

St. James Chapel

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)

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

Rosary:

Monday thru Friday	8:00am
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Confessions:

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

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

Sept-June	2:00 pm
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—MARCH 28, 2021



Saturday, March 27, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

Sunday, March 28, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, April 3, 2021

6:30 pm—St. Mary's—Rachel Armstrong

Sunday, April 4, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

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

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/

Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,
17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
[Lk 23:46]/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or

Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/

Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
[24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Holy Thursday; April Fools' Day

Friday: Good Friday; Day of fasting and abstinence

Saturday: Holy Saturday

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

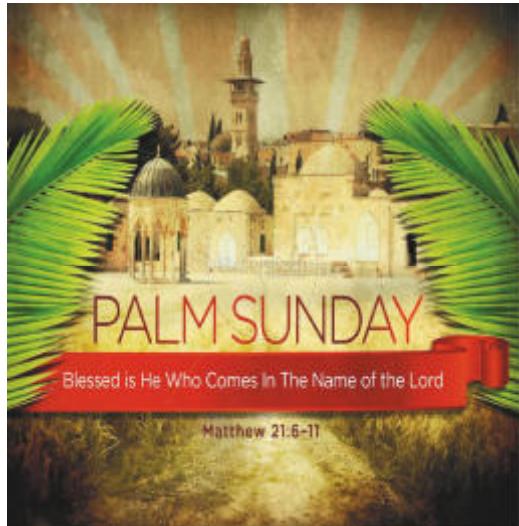
March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?



HE was prepared to fulfill the
Will of The Father . . .
ARE WE ?



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FROM THE PASTOR

This is the most important week of our faith life. We learn these most important virtues of our faith. The values we are and our whole society need to learn. The first virtue is **Humility**. Both Jesus and Mary in humility follow the will of God the Father. Jesus asks in the garden that God might take away the cross, but he says not my will but your will be done. Mary will say to the angel at the annunciation, "I am the handmaid of the Lord let it be done to me as you say." We now learn about the virtue of **Mercy**. The cross and resurrection open up the way of mercy and forgiveness for our sins. God's mercy when we repent and ask for forgiveness of our sins is always greater than our sins. We need God's Devine Mercy at work in our world. The next virtue is **Obedience**; This is Satan's defeat on the cross, both Jesus and Mary are in their pain and suffering obedient to God's will. They defeat Satan's pride and arrogance. In the midst of the world's and our country's rage and anger and hatred that people have towards one another, especially the violence that we hear about, the lack of respect that people show one another, these virtues are so important.

We hear today about HMO health care. These virtues are the spiritual HMO of our catholic faith!



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We meet 1x per month in a very informal meeting and work session.
Our volunteers work a garden section at their convenience.
No set rules, except the more hands, the easier the job.
Please consider this as a ministry to your church!
Call Mary @ 914-204-2134 or Cheryl @ 914-525-4156
FIRST MEETING; FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, 3PM





Changes to St Mary's Video Streaming

Those of you who have been watching Mass from St James Chapel over the internet, may have seen the notice that Periscope will be ending on March 31, 2021. As a result, we have had to find a new platform to use for live-streaming Mass. Beginning on April 1, 2021 the Mass from St James Chapel will be streamed over Twitch. It is very similar to Periscope in that you can see the Mass, live and the video will remain on the Twitch website for viewing later. To access Mass on the Twitch website search for "stmjparish". The link will be highlighted on the St Mary's Parish website stmjparish.org and is highlighted below:

<https://www.twitch.tv/search?term=stmjparish>

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.



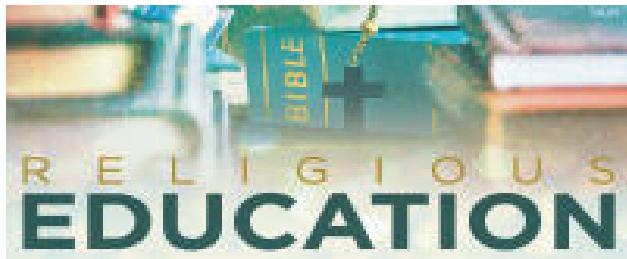
BUDGET REQUIRED - \$6,597.00

Budget collection received:

March 21, 2021—\$4599.00

Other— \$427.00

Second collection this 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...

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
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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

-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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

There will not be a 4:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Mary's. It will be at 6:30 pm at St. James Chapel.



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
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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