

# 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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 25, 2021



**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

St. Mary's/St. James—None

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

St. Mary's/St. James—None

## **MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

4:00 –St. Mary's—Daniel C. & Mary Gallagher

Lucio & Domenica Carano

Daniel J. & Frances Gallagher

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

St. Mary's/St. James—None

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

### **Readings for the week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,  
29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/  
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7  
[117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 – 13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8  
[4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and  
27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab  
[7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
[3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

*St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or  
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/*

*Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/  
Mt 13:54-58*

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

### **Observances for the week of April 25, 2021**

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of  
Prayer for Vocations

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St.  
Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doc-  
tor of the Church

Friday: St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-  
ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**April 25, 2021**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.



**FROM THE PASTOR**

“Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.”

“Repent and believe” Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor... he knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you”

**Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

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2021 Catholic Charities Appeal

On the weekends of April 18 and 25 the Diocese of Providence will be conducting the Annual Envelope Pledge Drive. You may have already responded to this year’s appeal but if not, this drive presents another opportunity for you to support the good works of the Church. Information and pledge envelopes can be found at the entrance to St Mary’s Church and St James Chapel. Please be as generous as you can.

“I know mine and mine know me.” Our Lord shows us the kind of relationship we are to have with him and He to us. He sees and knows our hearts. He knows and sees what we live through each day. As Good Shepard Jesus is here to guide and lead us. He doesn’t place us in this world to be alone. He is here with us to help us become the people we were created to be. It means we have to be open to the guidance He offers us, and follow His commandments and leadership. It’s only then that we can find the peace we are searching for, the hope we need and the love to take us through these times.

I want to thank all of you for prayers and support for me for my birthday and this past year. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your goodness and kindness.

***HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!***  
*Flower offerings were made in memory of the follow people.* \_\_\_\_\_

- The Burke Family*
- Pauline & Mariano Blanda*
- Mary Gebbia*
- George Schwin*
- Julia & Ed Mis*
- Ethel & Cliff McMahon*
- Marian St Pierre*
- Joan & Robin Parker*
- Rachel Pitney*
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- Margaret & Adam Alukonis*
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- Marybelle Frattini*
- Steven Zybas Jr. & Sr.*
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- Michael, Roseanne & Francis Macri*
- The Hartigan & Klinger Familie*
- Daniel McGrath*
- The Harris & Roy Families*
- Deacon Paul Theroux*

***They will be in our prayers during the Easter Season.***



## 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](http://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.

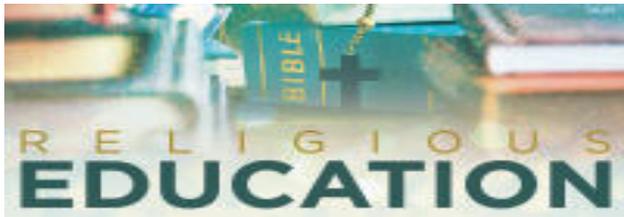


**BUDGET REQUIRED - \$6,597.00**

**Budget collection received:**

**April 18, 2021—\$5,719.50**

**Other— \$949.00**



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 [stmj.dre@aol.com](mailto:stmj.dre@aol.com)

2021 USCCB Pro-Life Theme

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

An Easter Prayer for Life

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the Author of Life,  
Who died and now lives forevermore.  
May we who work and pray  
That children in the womb may be protected  
Always draw strength, confidence, and joy  
From Your victory over death,

For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Happy Easter

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 April 25th is for Louis Perrotta.

Next Respect Life meeting will be on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm at St. James Chapel. All are welcome!

-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](mailto: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.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

The Garden of Weedin at St James Chapel is in the planning stages of honoring our beloved friends, Father William Mulcair, Deacon Jack Shea, Deacon Paul Theroux, and Gil Lavallee. We will be adding plantings to the grounds at St James; a Rose bush for Deacon Paul, a Red Maple for Deacon Jack, a Fall Cypress for Father Mulcair, and a climbing Rose/Trellis for Gil Lavallee.

Anyone who would like to contribute to these Memorial plantings;

1. Write your check made out to St MARY'S PARISH, notation "Memorial Plantings"
2. Place your check in an envelope with the name of the individual you would like to contribute to, or "Memorial Plantings" on the outside of the envelope.
3. Place your check in the Memorial Plantings basket at the entrance to St James Chapel.

**Sunday, May 16th there will be a Prayer service for our 4 friends after the 10:00 Mass.**



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