

# 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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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 2, 2021



## 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

## MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday, May 8, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

### Sunday, May 9, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

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

### Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab,  
21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
[cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10  
[3]/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12  
[10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn  
15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1,  
2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

### Observances for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter  
Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### **May 2, 2021** **5th Sunday of Easter**

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

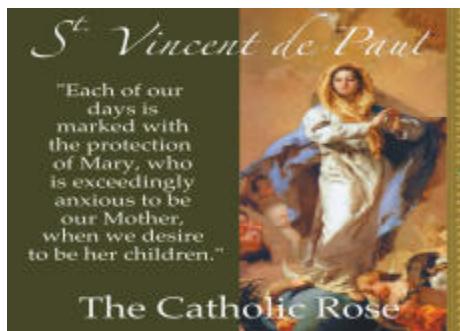
Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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### May, a 'Marian' month

The month of May, when the earth blooms in springtime beauty, is an ideal time for our thoughts and sentiments to be directed towards our supreme Queen of Heaven and Earth, who busily labors from her heavenly throne to conquer hearts, minds, and souls for the greater glory of her Son. Wherever there is faith, there is the example of Our Mother Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us.... So may we Sing ever louder and Pray ever harder to Honor You ever more Joyously, Oh Holy Mother !



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## FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate "First Communion" with children who have been prepared to receive in the fullest and deepest way possible the Holy presence of God in their lives. Today Our Lord gives himself completely to them. They today receive his very heart, not an image of his heart or a remembrance of a past event, they receive his very self. What greater gift can we give to them but the presence of God in their hearts. What greater gift can we receive but Our Lord himself. Many people remarked that they missed receiving communion during the pandemic even though they watched Mass on their computer or TV. People said; "It just wasn't the same or something was missing." Without his Body and Blood something is missing that is his living in our hearts and living in the world.

Look at all the dark situations around us to see what happens when his presence is missing in us or the world. Let us pray that the heart of the Lord beats and lives in their hearts so they may see themselves as our loving Lord sees them!

### **HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

*Flower offerings were made in memory of the following 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  
Alexander & Frances Wolski  
Moos, Bieberle, White & Novack Fam.  
Margaret & Adam Alukonis  
Mr. Mike  
Marybelle Frattini  
Steven Zybas Jr. & Sr.  
Robert  
Michael, Roseanne & Francis Macri  
The Hartigan & Klinger Families  
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.



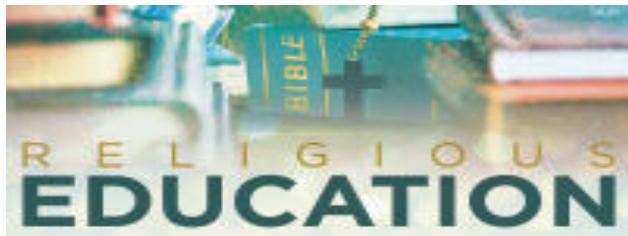
## BUDGET REQUIRED - \$6,597.00

**Budget collection received:**

**April 26, 2021—\$5,928.00**

**Other—\$740.00**

**Second Collection this weekend is the Fuel and Energy for the month of May. Thank you for your continued support.**



We will be finishing out our year for all of our students (Confirmation excluded as they will be running through the summer. First Communion is May 2, 2021 at St. James Chapel. Please keep these beautiful children and their families in your prayers.

We are excited to re-style our program for next year. We will be running 2 classes a month per grade September through May. We need volunteers to co teach to make this happen. Please consider giving of your time and energy.

There will be 2 movie nights under the tent planned this summer for our students and they can bring a friend if they would like. We are offering an evening with Get Fired Up as well. There is no charge for movie nights and a small fee for the ceramics (there will be two pieces to choose from). Dates TBA.

Parents can enjoy a few hours to themselves and we will have our Confirmation candidates helping out. Thank you for your kindness, patience and special thanks to Sarah Dugas and Carol Asci for their dedication to our sacrament classes. See you soon! Miss Sally



### 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 Pardre 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 May 2<sup>nd</sup> is for Margaret Sheehan

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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