

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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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 16, 2021



Saturday, May 15, 2021

5:30—St. James—Dorothy Peterson
5:30—St. James—Charles White
530—St. James—Alison Fracassa

Sunday, May 16, 2021

St. Mary's/St. James—None

Monday, May 17, 2021

8:30 am—St. James—Lon Lauterio

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:30 pm—St. James—Alison Fracassa

Sunday, May 23, 2021 St. Mary's/St. James—None

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

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or

4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of*

Easter: Acts 1:15-17,

20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn

4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/

Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,

8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Observances for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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“there are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”
 Mohandas Ghandi

For those who are rich in this world’s goods;
 May they find blessing in generosity to the poor.

For those who are rich in gifts of the mind:
 May they find blessing in putting their abilities to work for common good.

For those who are rich in the gifts of the heart:
 May they find blessing by loving those who are unlovable and unloved.



Our Help Line
 401-364-9413



FROM THE PASTOR

“Consecrate them in the truth”: This is our Lord’s prayer for his disciples, but it can also be his prayer for us. We have been consecrated in the truth. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation has given us God’s truth through the power of the Holy Spirit. In St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, Paul lays out for us the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We become through the Holy Spirit bearers of the Divine Mercy that Jesus will share with the world through Saint Sister Faustina. We carry on a rich tradition handed on to us. All of us carry these gifts now we are called to share and use them.

In our violent times more than ever we need to be people of peace and forgiveness and mercy. These gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to be the peacemakers and healers that God calls all of us to be. All of us are chosen, this work is not left to an elite group of people, we all have the Spirit of truth within us. All of us are called to share it by touching the lives of people around us with the Holy Spirit of our goodness.

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*
- 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 Familie*
- Daniel McGrath*
- The Harris & Roy Families*
- Deacon Paul Theroux*



MASS SCHEDULE

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.

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](https://www.twitch.tv/search?term=stmjparish)

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.



Adoration Chapel News

Beginning Tuesday, June 1st, Adoration will once again be held in our

Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel.

(Monday May 31st Adoration Chapel will be closed)

There will be 6 available seats with kneelers.

All well spaced apart for those with concerns.

This should more than accommodate our scheduled Adorers and possible guests.

(Scheduled Adorers must sit in the Adoration Chapel with Jesus in the monstrance)

If there is any one else wishing to spend time in prayer and the Adoration Chapel is full, please feel free to sit with Jesus in the main chapel.

HE is always in the tabernacle!

Adoration Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 9am to 6pm

Wednesday's 9am to 7pm

Any questions or concerns call Cheryl 914-525-4156

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.

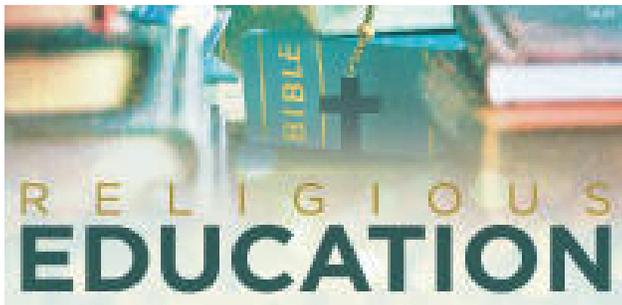


BUDGET REQUIRED - \$6,597.00

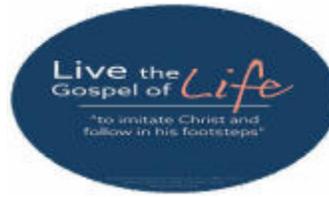
Budget collection received:

May 9—\$6560.00

Other— \$672.00



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 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 May 16th is for Cathy Sapeta

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](#)



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