

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.



St. James Chapel - 2079 Matunuck School House Rd
Charlestown, RI 02813

St. Mary's Church - 437 Carolina Back Road Carolina, RI 02812
mailing address for St. Mary's Church & St. James Chapel is P.O. Box 475, Carolina RI 02812

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Paul Desmarais
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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
Sundays	11:00am
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)

Saturdays	5:30 pm
Sundays	8:00am, 9:30am

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 through	9:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 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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PENTECOST AND ITS VIGIL MAY 31, 2020



SUNDAY, May 31, 2020
St. James—None

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020
ST. MARY'S—NONE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020
St. James—None

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

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

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, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/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/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.



FROM THE PASTOR

Pentecost was the new beginning for the Church, the Holy Spirit entered into the lives of the apostles to bring the power of God and Jesus into an infant church. That power, mercy, forgiveness and healing and deliverance from evil showed us the path to finding the power of faith in our lives and how we would bring it to others.

This weekend is a new Pentecost for us as we re-open both St. Mary's Church and St. James Chapel for us to come together again to pray and worship as a family. The power, love and mercy of the Eucharist, the life blood of our faith and relationship with Our Lord and each other. We still have to keep in mind that masks will have to be worn, taken off to receive communion and put back on but we will get through with your help and cooperation and good cheer. God bless you. For people who are un-easy about coming out to St. Mary's Church or St. James Chapel, we will continue to live stream the Mass. Please check our web-site stmjparish.org for more details.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING . . .
ANNOYING, BUT CRUCIAL. AS OUR
POLITICAL LEADERS DEEM IT SAFER TO
NOW GATHER, PLEASE REMEMBER THE
GUIDE LINES.
IF MASKS ARE REQUIRED, WEAR THEM!
IF ONLY SMALL GROUPS ARE ALLOWED,
OBEY IT!
STAY SAFE PEOPLE AND REMEMBER, OUR
GOD HAS A PLAN !**

**Need assistance?
SVdP's phones are operational
CALL 914-364-9413**



**Are you able to help finance a car for one of
our needy families?
Right now we have 1 very needy client. Call
401-364-9413
Leave your name & contact information.
Thank You**



RE-OPENING MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass
4:00 pm—St. Mary's
5:30 pm—St. James Chapel

Sunday Mass
8:00 am—St. James Chapel
55 yrs. and older
9:30 am—St. James Chapel
For families
11:00 am—St. Mary's



Ushers Needed for St Mary's Church and St James Chapel

As we plan for the reopening of our church and chapel, we anticipate the need for substantially more ushers, at least during the first few months. Please consider helping. We want to be sure everyone who attends Mass is safe. The job is more important than ever. Please consider helping. If you want more information before making a commitment, please call Dolly at the parish office 364-7214 or Greg Plunkett at 218-2193.



Question of the week

Do I rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance? When I search my heart, what stubbornness do I find that could use honest examination?



2020 Respect Life Theme

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

“You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust”.
Our Lady of Guadalupe

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.

BUDGET REQUIRED - \$6,597.00

Budget collection received:

May 31, 2020-

Other—\$

Second collection next weekend is the Fuel and Energy for the month of June. Thank you for your continued support.

As you are able...

Your support is important and appreciated

Although St Mary’s Church, St James Chapel and our Parish Center may be limited for Mass and meetings, the good work of St. Mary’s Parish continues. As you are able, please prayerfully continue supporting our parish during this critical time. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue our ministries and operations. Checks may be mailed to the church office at:

St Mary’s Parish
PO Box 475,
Carolina, RI 02812

We are deeply grateful for your prayers and support.

Keep Us Updated!

Has your address or contact information changed since you registered? If so, please send our Parish Manager, your new information. Thank you!

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.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 .

*“That’s why I think that abortion has become the greatest destroyer of peace today because it destroys the life of the child, but also destroys the conscience of the mother also, and for years and years, she knows that she has murdered her own child,”
Mother Teresa*



Respect Life Rose for the week of May 31st is for Deacon Jack Shea.

Pregnant? Need Help? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is declaring a year of service called “Walking with Moms in Need.” This is the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence’s special ministry called “St. Gabriel’s Call.” The Diocese has seven locations that reach out to help moms, families and babies during and beyond pregnancy. Our help is free and confidential.

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](#)



Hello, we are re-opening the churches on the 30th weekend. See schedule below. Seating will be available at St. James -64 seats, the parish center-50 seats and also outside at picnic tables-Approximately 12 tables (you will need a device such as phone or ipad to stream outside.) St. Mary's will allow 38 people. Communion will be available after mass in each location. Seating is limited so please understand if an usher tells you we are "full up". We will continue to stream masses and that is a practice we will continue from now on.

This is a massive undertaking and we need help. We need ushers, people to volunteer to livestream each mass. We would also welcome any suggestions or input you have after our first few masses.

Sending good thoughts to all of you, Sally

Saturday:

St M. 4:00 pm

St J. 5:30 pm and overflow in parish center (audio streamed only in the center)

Sunday:

St. J. 8:00 am 55+ mass and overflow in parish center (audio streamed only in the center)

St J. 9:30 am Family mass and overflow in parish center and picnic tables (live streamed with video on Periscope...stmjparish)

St M. 11:00 am mass * time change due for cleaning.

1. **Catholics will continue to be dispensed from Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses.** Vulnerable populations, older parishioners and those with underlying health conditions are encouraged to stay home.

2. **Access to Mass will be limited.** The number of people who'll be allowed in will be reduced to a percentage of the church's capacity, and reservations or tickets may be necessary.

3. **Hand hygiene and masks are key.** Parishioners will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the church and must wear a mask at all times — except when receiving Holy Communion.

4. **Pews will be sectioned off to maintain 6 feet between parishioners.**

5. Singing will be limited.

Raising your voice in song, unfortunately, creates more aerosolized particles, and an increased risk of possible COVID-19 infection. Hymnals will be removed from churches for the time being.

6. Holy Communion will be given in a safe manner.

While priests or ministers will continue to wear masks while distributing communion, parishioners can remove them. Parishioners are also encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the hand rather than by mouth — or to refrain from Holy Communion altogether and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

7. **The church will be sanitized before every Mass.**

8. **“Passing the basket” will be suspended; budget envelopes will be submitted to a secure receptacle before or after Mass.**

9. **Parishioners are asked to avoid personal contact with anyone.** The sign of peace will be suspended for the time being.

Those who are sick, even with mild symptoms, must stay home.

The diocese said the guidelines were created based upon suggestions from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. They were also written after several weeks of consultation with the Rhode Island Department of Health and the office of Governor Gina Raimondo.

Sally Geary Lambert, St Mary's Parish