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

St. James Chapel

Saturdays	5:30pm
Sundays	10:00 am
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

Confessions:

Saturdays	4:45pm to 5:15pm

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 2020

Saturday, September 13, 2020
St. Mary's/St. James—None

Sunday, September 13, 2020
St. James—None

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, September 19, 2020
St. Mary's/St. James—None

Sunday, September 20, 2020
St. James—None

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

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020
Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13 -14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 13, 2020
Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:
Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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" . . . the great mystery of the Incarnation . . . God has descended to us . . . to become a human being with us . . . (He) descended to the total dereliction of one condemned to death." "Every fiber of our being rebels against it. We don't mind paying attention to poor people from time to time; but descending to a state of poverty and becoming poor with the poor, that we don't want to do. And yet that is the way Jesus chose as the way to know God."

Henri Nouwen; Jesus; A Gospel

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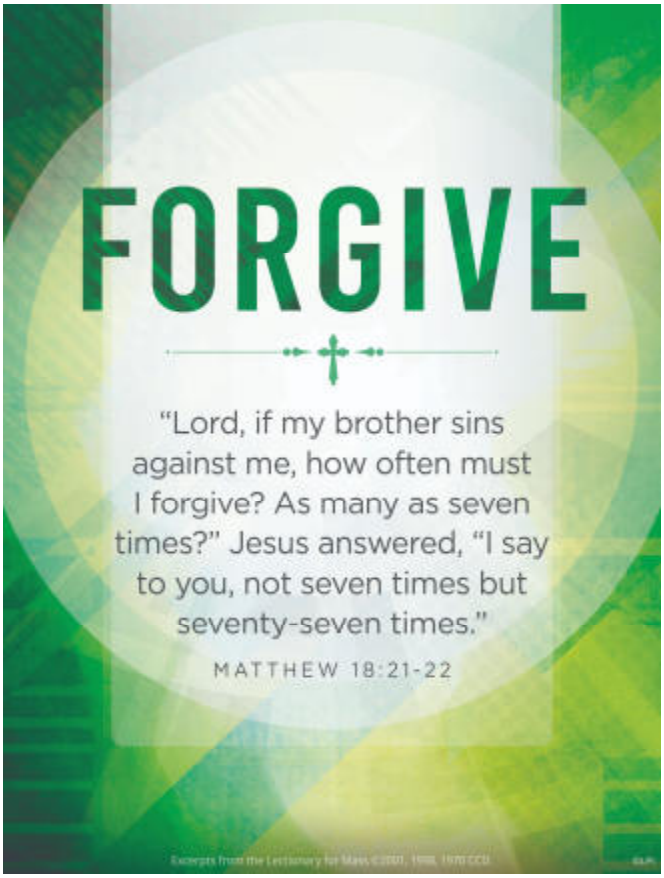
FROM THE PASTOR

"Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Love does no evil to the neighbor. Jesus gives us the blueprint to follow the law. He teaches us how to love, how to forgive, how to be a person who brings the power of love to all people we meet. It is the power of love our world needs right now, we need to be a people who can overcome hatred for prejudice, or injustice and fear. In our self, in our hearts, our families, communities, schools, workplaces, we need to bring this power where ever we go with whoever we meet.

If we could live the ideal that; "Love does no evil to the neighbor," we would be living in a much better world. We can however make our own world around us a better place to live in.



Using the Parish Center

The Parish Center and the tent located at St James Chapel are both available for gatherings. If you'd like to use either space, please contact Sally Lambert. She can be reached at 401-213-6276, her office, 401-524-9608, her cell or email her at stmj.dre@aol.com.

PRE-SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS NOW OPPEN!

Pray & Play Pre-K at Immaculate Conception Parish in Westerly is welcoming 3-5 year old children for the 20-21 academic year. Half day and full day 3 day/week programs are available. Orientation and classes commence in September. Pray & Play is a licensed pre-school following all RIDE recommendation for Covid-19 precautions. Our Catholic based pre school accepts children of all denominations, and registration rates are within reach of everyone seeking the best child care and instruction. To enroll your child contact Jena McGuire at 401-218-9301.

BUDGET REQUIRED - $6,597.00
Budget collection received:
August 31, 2020—$5,186.00
Other: - $209.00

Second collection next weekend is the Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades.

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,
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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.

.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

Vote Pro Life

Check your voter status and disaffiliate if necessary

We ask all pro-life voters to make sure your voter registration information is current and that you are registered as "unaffiliated" so you may vote in whichever primary election is most important in your General Assembly district on Tuesday, Sept. 8. You may check and update your registration at the Rhode Island Voter Information Center.

Respect Life Rose for the week of September 6th is for Mary Fountaine .

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)

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.**

Singing will be limited.

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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.

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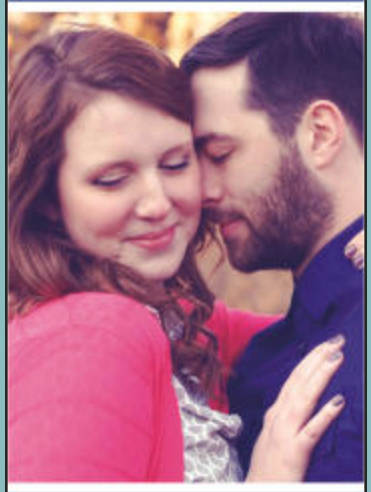

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