

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
Sun-St. Mary's	10:15 am
Sat-St. James	5:30 pm
Sun-St. James	8:00am, 9:15 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
At. St. Pius Church, Westerly	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 6, 2022



Saturday, March 5, 2022

St. Mary's/St. James—None

Sunday, March 6, 2022

10:00 St. James—Marge Costello

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, March 12, 2022

5:30 pm—St. James—Roger Laskow, Sr.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:30 am—St. Mary's—Gil Lavallee

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

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-
19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt
5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9,
13-14/Phil 3:17 – 4:1 or 3:20 – 4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36

Observances for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. John of God, Religious

Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving
Time begins

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP- ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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Oh, Dear Father, help us to seek out the lost, to comfort those in need, to bind the wounds caused by poverty; offering care with respect.

Give us the strength of non-judgmental charity!

May we continue with loving works in Your name, guided by Your strength and Your grace, with the intercession of Our Holy Mother.

Let us live out our Lenten Promises to do MORE.



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**SVdP LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
followed by
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT
In The
PARISH CENTER
5:30 PM**

**STATIONS AT 6:30
ST JAMES CHAPEL**



NEXT SOUP SUPPER IS MARCH 11TH

FROM THE PASTOR

The first Sunday of Lent lays out for us the foundation we are to follow. St. Paul says; "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Lent shows us where our strength and hope comes from to live out our call to be Jesus followers. We are reminders "our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth." Scripture, prayer, sacraments are the "Google maps" to help us on this life's journey. In his temptations Jesus has the help of His Father and the Holy Spirit as his strength and power. He often went off alone by himself to pray to His Father. We too have that same opportunity to do the same thing. Jesus not only showed us the path to God the Father, he followed it himself. What gets in the way? What obstacle prevent us from reading the Bible, from prayer time, from the sacraments, especially confession. We can find so much grace and mercy in that sacrament. Jesus came to show us the way to the Father, all we have to do is follow him.



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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. 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)



SEPARATED AND DIVORCED Roman Catholic Support Group

Divorced? Separated? The Diocese of Providence is sponsoring an ongoing support group for divorced and separated Catholics at St. James Chapel (Parish Center), 2079 Matunuck School House Rd, Charlestown, RI. It is held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing, healing, and for topics related to separation/divorce. Preregistration is required. Contact: Peter Magnotta: 278-2517 or Fr. Paul Desmarais: 364-7214.

Would you like to be on our email notification list?

We are collecting emails so you can be notified of any important announcements or parish news. We will not flood your inbox with unnecessary mail. This will help you be better informed of any cancellations or very important information about our parish.

Please go to our website - under the calendar tab you will see a link for registering your email address.



**St. James Addiction Recovery Ministries (ARM)
Events**

**ARM offers hope and support to anyone whose life
has been impacted by the disease of substance use
disorder**

PLEASE JOIN US!

*****HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS*****

**Every First Sunday of the Month
At Saint James Chapel at 2pm
Celebrant Father Paul Desmarais**

**Individual Healing Prayer
Fellowship & Refreshments
Will be offered following Mass**

*****EVENING OF HOPE*****

**Please join Father Paul Desmarais and the ARM
team at Saint James Chapel from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for
sharing and prayer. Fellowship & Refreshments
before the meeting at 5:30 pm**

ARM: Accompaniment...Compassion...Confidential

**All are welcome, join us
no matter what your addiction !**



**Our Lady of the Inexhaustible Cup
of Mercy greets you when ever you
enter our St James Chapel.
Pray and petition Our Lady of the
Inexhaustible Cup of Mercy.
She will listen, and she does an-
swer.**



BUDGET REQUIRED—\$6,597.00

**BUDGET RECEIVED ON:
February 27, \$6,035.00**

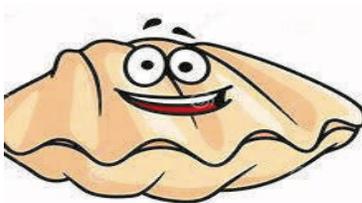
Second Collection next weekend is the Fuel and energy for the month of March. Thank you for your continued support.



We are now offering a new program for Pre K and K kids with some of our former students in the adoration chapel, so that parents can have a little time for themselves during our parent program. Drop off is after 10 am mass.

Thank you to all who contributed to our first Adopt A School Event!

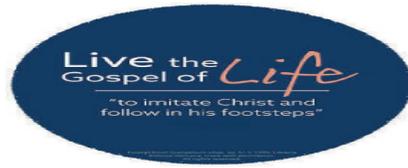
March 13,2022
PEP Grades 1-5 Including First Communion and Confirmation
March 20,2022
PEP-grades 6-8 including First Communion and Confirmation



Clambake

We would like to bring back the Clambake. In order to get this done we will need two chair people and a full committee. This is the only way to bring it back.

If you would like to lead this wonderful event please email Rose Slusarczyk.



2022 March for Life Theme

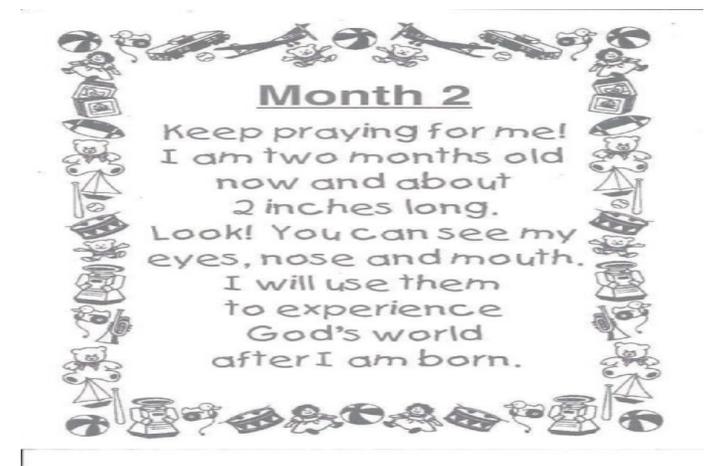
“Equality Begins in the Womb”

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

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 .



The Lenten campaign for 40 Days for Life will start on 3/2–4/10. St Mary's Parish is registered for an hour prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood the Fridays of the campaign at 10am. If unable to attend, consider a weekly hour of prayer or adoration for families threatened by abortion.

“Abortion is the Greatest Threat to Peace” Mother Teresa Respect Life rose for the week of March 6th is for Dorian Noakes

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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