

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	10:30 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

Healing Mass second Sunday of the month

Sept-June	2:00 pm
At. St. Pius Church, Westerly	

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 21,, 2022



Saturday, August 20, 2022

4:00 pm—St. Mary's—Mary E. King

Sunday, August 21, 2022

St. Mary's/St. James—None

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, August 27, 2022

St. Mary's/St. James—none

Sunday, August 28, 2022

9:15 am—St. James—Dolares Blake

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

Readings for the week of August 21, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Observances for the week of August 21, 2022

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Friday: St. Monica
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 21, 2022

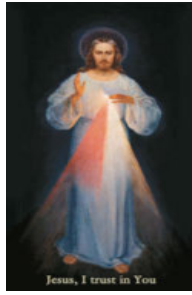
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. “When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).”

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, “all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews).”

“What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

In God We Must Trust !



Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says: "Woe to those who call evil good", but are we listening?

Have we lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values?

Have we ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word?

Are we worshipping other gods?

Have we endorsed perversion?

Are we exploiting the poor?

Have we abused our political powers?

Have we polluted the air with profanity and pornography?

Have we ridiculed the values of our forefathers?

Search us, Oh GOD, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"



Knowledge of the poor and needy is not gained by pouring over books or in discussions with politicians, but by visiting the slums where they live, sitting by the bedside of the dying, feeling the cold they feel and learning from their lips the causes of their woes. — Frédéric Ozanam

FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus gives us one statement on the final judgement: "I was hungry and you gave me food." We are judged on the way we treat each other. Kindness, mercy, forgiveness and compassion are what matters to our Lord. How well do we treat others around us? How kind are we to our family? Our relatives? Our neighbors? We pray asking for patience, understanding, wisdom, strength to help us be good and kind to each other. We ask Jesus to be kind and merciful to us and we are asked to be kind to each other. Jesus warns us that the way we treat each other is the way we will be judged when we stand before our Lord. And old Christian song said; "Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found." When we are people of charity and love; Our Lord is found in our hearts.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE
Cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 years
Wedding Anniversary Celebration on
Sunday, October 16, 2022, 1:00pm
Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul
Providence, RI

Forms for the event are on the table at the Church and Chapel.

In order for attendees to have their names and anniversary published in Mass booklet, we must receive registration forms by SEPTEMBER 16.



HEALING MASS - ST. PIUS X WESTERLY

The Second Sunday of each month beginning **September 11** (except July & August) there will be a *Healing Mass* at St. Pius X Church, 45 Elm Street, Westerly RI 02891 at **2:00pm**. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer and healing - spiritual, emotional, physical please join us. For more information please call the Rectory at 401-596-2535 ext. 2.

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Najim

HEALING MASS FOR ADDICTIONS - ST. JAMES CHAPEL CHARLESTOWN

The First Sunday of each month beginning **October 2** (except July & August) there will be a *Healing Mass for Addictions* at St. James Chapel, 2079 Matunuck Schoolhouse Road, Charlestown, RI 02813 at **1:00pm**. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer and healing - spiritual, emotional, physical please join us. For more information please call the Rectory at 401-364-7214.

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Desmarais



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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.

Social Committee Being Formed!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and engaged parish community.

We'd like to harness some of this and establish a Parish Social Committee to provide more opportunities to gather as a community outside of mass.

There simply isn't enough staff to fully take this on, so like most parishes, we must rely on our volunteers to help us make our community even stronger.

We are hoping to plan at least four events a year (one a quarter, including the Christmas Party). Think pasta dinner, summer BBQ or lobster bake, chili cook-off - lots of fun options to consider!

Members of the Social Committee will help brainstorm annual events, secure event leads and additional volunteers, leverage relationships and encourage others to do so, and help promote the events within their networks. It is not intended to be a heavy lift for a few, but rather a light lift for many if we have committee members who can help organize us all.

Please prayerfully consider if this could be a volunteer role for you as we work to bring more social gatherings to our wonderful parish - your assistance is greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

If interested, please contact Rose Slusarczyk at rslusarczyk@stmjparish.org



St. James Addiction Recovery Ministry (ARM)

ARM offers hope and support to anyone whose life

has been impacted by the disease of addiction.

Definition of Addiction

1: a compulsive, chronic, physiological or psychological need for a habit forming substance, behavior, or activity having harmful physical, psychological, or social effects.
i.e.: Alcohol, gambling, smoking, drugs, internet, etc.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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

Every First Sunday of the Month, **Oct thru June,**

At Saint James Chapel at **1 pm**
Celebrant Father Paul Desmarais
Individual Healing, Prayer,
Fellowship, & Refreshments

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

Please join Father Paul Desmarais and the ARM team at Saint James Chapel from **5:30 to 7:30**

pm

TUESDAY following the 1st SUNDAY MASS
for

sharing, prayer, fellowship & refreshments .

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00 PM—ST. MARY'S

8:30 AM—ST. JAMES

St. Mary's & St. James 50/50 Raffle

Drawing will be September 6th after Mass!
Winner does not need to be present to win!
Tickets will be at the entrance of the church.
Take one or many, each ticket will be \$20 each.

**Place ticket stub and payment
in a plain envelope**

**labeled Raffle in the collection basket
or mail to**

**St. Mary's Parish attention Raffle
437 Carolina Back Rd, Charlestown, RI 02813**

All checks made payable to St. Mary's Parish
Good Luck!

Questions – rose.slusarczyk@stmjparish.org



BUDGET REQUIRED—\$6,597.00

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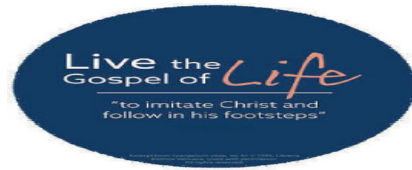
August 15, 2022—\$8,138.00

Second Collection next weekend is the Annual Collection for St. Mary's/St. James. Your support is appreciated.

Our program needs you! We need the following help in order to run the grades listed below. Grade 1:2 co teachers Grade 2:1 co teacher-Grade 4:1 co teacher-Grade 6: 2 co teachers-Grade 8: 1 co teacher.

We need time to pull this together and have teachers in place by August 14th. Our PARISH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (PEP) meets once a month for each grade and sacrament (Confirmation and First Communion) classes meet both scheduled Sundays. The program runs September through May and starts off this year with a special mass for all of our families and teachers with a pot luck gathering/picnic directly after September 18th 10:00 am mass at St. James campus. This will give our students and teachers the opportunity to meet, and our existing and new Confirmation candidates will be running set up, serving and clean up. Our program is based on 3 things: mass attendance, children attending grade level classes and parents meeting with Father Paul. Sacrament classes (First Communion and Confirmation have added meetings and responsibilities.) Please register on our website and our family fee which pays for the cost of running our program is \$50.00. If you need to break that fee up into installments that is acceptable too. We now have QR code if that is helpful. <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/78e87020-22ca-4f09-9d7c-b3a5c2649fd3>

For additional details, check with Director of Religious Education, Sally Lambert at: stmj.dre@aol.com or cell 401-524-9608



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.

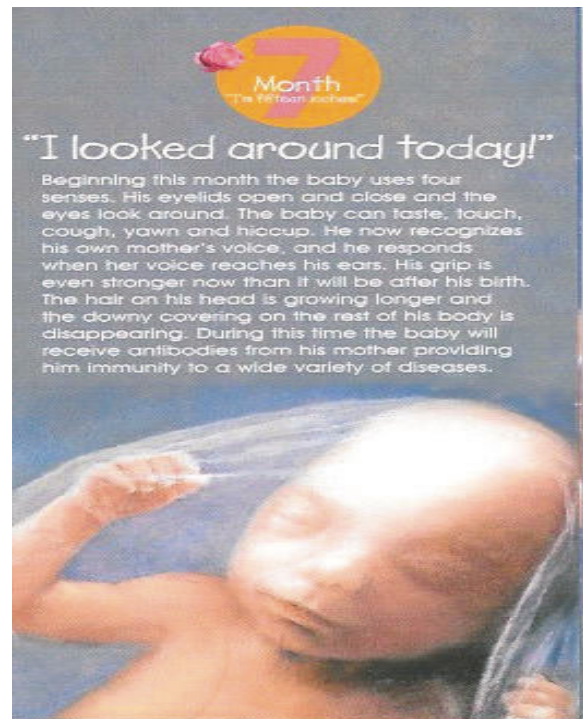
BEING PRO-LIFE is:

- 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 .

Respect Life rose for the week of August 21st is for Stasia Guzik

Respect Life Breakfast will be on Sunday, August 21st at 10am after mass, in the parish center. Baked goods welcomed.

Seventh month of our Spiritual Adoption



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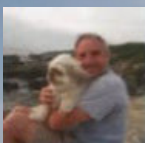
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