

# 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



### Saturday, September 24, 2022

4:00 pm—St. Mary's—Mary E. King

### Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:00 am—St. James—Agnes & Vincent Cestone

### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

#### October 1, 2022

5:30 am—St. James—Phillip Monte

### Sunday, September 25, 2022

St. Mary's/St. James—None

### Monday, October 3, 2022

8:30 am—St. James—Ann McCall

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

#### **Readings for the week of September 25, 2022**

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

#### **Observances for the week of September 25, 2022**

Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week

Monday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Wednesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Friday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Sunday: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; The Holy Guardian Angels

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### **September 25, 2022**

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

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**St Vincent de Paul Conference of St Mary's  
and St James**  
September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

God created us to be social beings who live in communities which take many forms -family, friends, workplace, as well as many others. As we grow older we often lose those connections to those communities and as a result we may become isolated and lonely. To address that need, we are launching a new program called Vincentian Visitors which is open to the elderly or homebound who may not need monetary assistance but would like a friendly visit or phone call. As Vincentians, we are good listeners and we know that help takes many forms. Sometimes just a kind word or a smile will brighten someone's day. All Vincentians have had background checks and taken safe environment training. "There is nothing greater that we can give than our hearts, our friendship, a simple smile, and a greeting."(National Council of the Society of SVdP)

If you would like to be contacted by our team, please call our help line 401-364-9413, give your contact information and request a Vincentian Visitor.

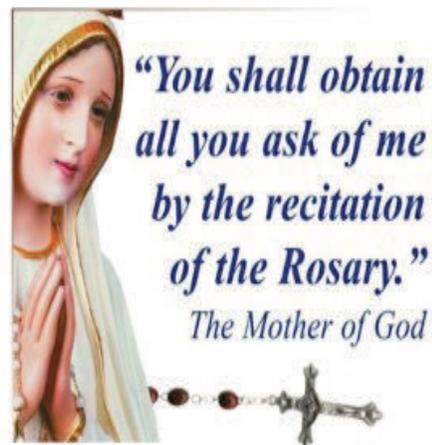
Serving in hope,



**FROM THE PASTOR**

The weekend of October 1st and 2nd will be a special. On October 1st, Mary Fontaine the head of our Respect Life Program will be receiving the Bishop Thomas Tobin "Human Life Guild Award." Mary is the coordinator of this committee and we thank her publicly for her service. She has been on the front lines fighting for the lives of unborn children.

On October 2, we begin our healing Mass for "Addiction Recovery Ministry". Each 1st Sunday of the month we will celebrate a healing Mass starting at 1 pm. Our Lord came into the world to heal and cure people and to respect all life from conception to natural death. In a world still in shock over the pandemic, it is crucial to love and respect all life. He comes to forgive, heal and fill our hearts with his love and compassion. This is one of the most important ministries we have: to bring healing, love and forgiveness to people who are in need. God's love and mercy is greater than the darkness we see around us. We need to know more than ever that we worship a God who loves us no matter what we have done!



**America Needs Fatima**

Rosary Prayer Rally along with thousands of parishes throughout the United States. The rally will be held in front of St. Mary's Church in front of our statue of Mary at 12 o'clock (noon) rain or shine on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in PRAYING for AMERICA as we turn to God, through HIS Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.



### 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**

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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.

1.

St. James parking lot.

Paving is scheduled for a portion of St. James parking lot on September 19th and 20th. This process may be delayed due to weather, that being said we are allotting September 19th - 30th for this process to be completed.

The pavement will need time to cure before we begin driving on it, therefore, the week of September 19th Daily mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's. Adoration will be suspended the week of September 19th. If all goes well daily mass and adoration will resume on September 26th. Please contact Rose Slusarczyk with further questions.

2.

Save the Date

St. Marys / St. James annual Christmas party will be December 9th. Anyone interested in helping to solicit for raffle items please contact Jackie Nowell [jnynowell@gmail.com](mailto:jnynowell@gmail.com) or Jeanne Sawyer [jnine2011@gmail.com](mailto:jnine2011@gmail.com) or Rose slusarczyk [rose.slusarczyk@stmjparish.org](mailto:rose.slusarczyk@stmjparish.org)

3.

Yard Sale-

Want to clean out your garage or basement ? We would like to host a yard sale at St. James! If you are interested in purchasing a spot for a yard sale please contact Rose Slusarczyk. Tables are \$30 each and we need a minimum of 20 people to participate to make this happen. You may contact Rose at [rose.Slusarczyk@stmjparish.org](mailto:rose.Slusarczyk@stmjparish.org). This would take place on October 15th if we get enough participation!



## **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

## **St. James--St Mary's Cenacle**

“We continue To hold our cenacle once a week in the parish hall On Mondays at 9:15 AM. The format is similar to LECTIO DIVINA whereas we would discuss the bible reading, meditate, pray the rosary, etc. The people that have attended have found it spiritually rewarding.

Anyone interested is invited to join in on any Monday-you don't need to make a weekly commitment-come whenever you have free time.. For more info call or text Martha Bruno-401-529-8668 or Cheryl Nickles at 203-233-8477

## **First Friday Devotions**

The **First Friday** of each month we set aside time to Pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

At St James Chapel, starting at 9am and ending at 5pm, Jesus is with us on the altar! Come and spend time in Reparation & Love to HIS Sacred Heart ☐

If you would like to be added onto the permanent Adoration schedule for First Fridays, please contact Cheryl at this email address or cell # 914.525.4156.



**BUDGET REQUIRED—\$6,597.00**  
**BUDGET RECEIVED ON:**  
**September 19, 2022—\$9,890.00**



All are welcome to our Parish Enrichment Program Potluck on Sunday September 18, after 10:00 mass on the St. James Campus! We will have children's games run by our newest Confirmation Candidates, meet our teachers and give and gather at our textbook swap. Please go to our Sign-up Genius code to let us know what you'd like to contribute.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49ADAF2AA6FD0-pepfamily> or email Sally Lambert.

Never too late to Register! 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. 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](mailto:stmj.dre@aol.com) or cell 401-524-9608

#### 2022 March for Life Theme

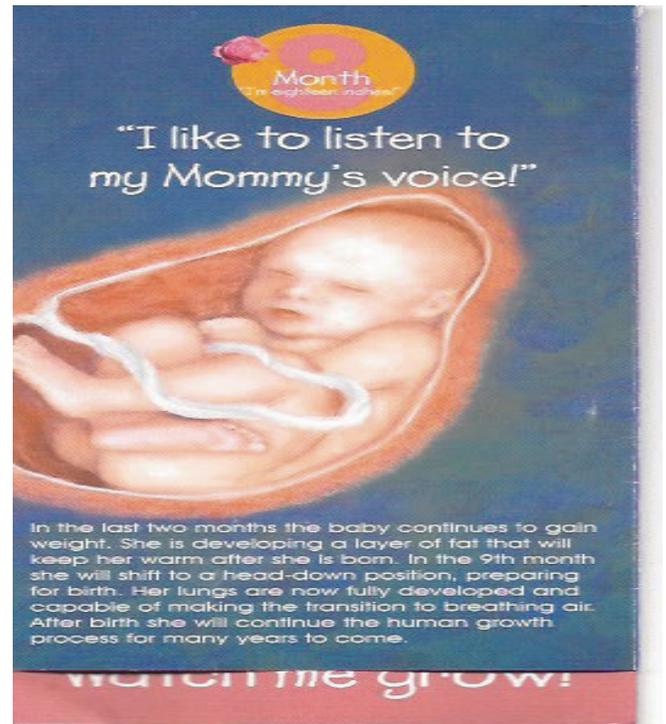
"Equality Begins in the Womb"

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 September 25<sup>th</sup> is for Carmela Rogusa



#### Upcoming Diocesan Events

- Jericho Walk-Sat. 9/24 10am St.Patrick's in Providence
- 40 Days for Life- 9/28-11/6
- Human Life Guild Day 10/1 9am mass at Cathedral and speakers till 1pm
- Life Chain Sunday (Respect Life Sunday)- 10/2 2-3pm
- Rachel's Vineyard 12/9 weekend

[Details posted at the churches](#)

Our end of term baby shower will take place on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 10am mass at St. James Chapel, coffee to follow at the parish Center. Please consider participating. Donations will be given to local prolife agencies. Shower information is posted at the churches.

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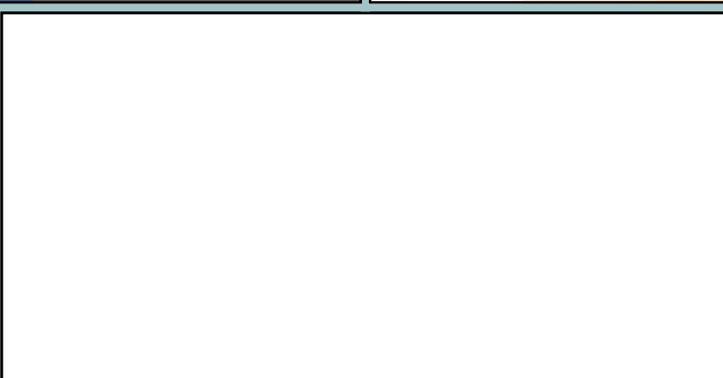
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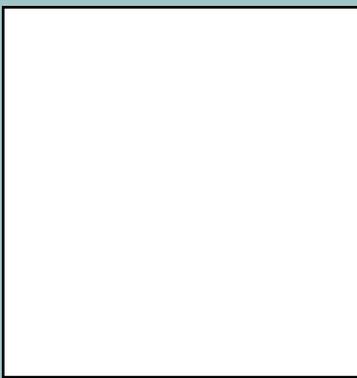
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