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

Confessions:

Saturdays	4:45pm to 5:15pm

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NOVEMBER 28, 2022

Saturday, November 26, 2022
4:00 pm—St. Mary's—Roger Laskow

Sunday, November 27, 2022
St. Mary& St. James Chapel —None

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND
Saturday, December 3, 2022
St. Mary's & St. James—None

Sunday, December 4, 2022
St. Mary& St. James Chapel —None

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

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022
Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Observances for the week of November 27, 2022
Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

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St Vincent de Paul Conference of St Mary's and St James
November 27, 2022

There are so many local families that are surviving on limited resources and one such has become one of our conference circle of friends. She is a disabled widow with a challenged adult son. Their combined social security disability incomes cover their bills… most of the time. Mortgage, taxes, insurances, electricity, food, and medical needs absorb most of the income. RICAN delivers food to them. LIHEAP, a government heating program provides most of their heating needs. Our town has helped this family.

Our widow has many health issues and her son had to leave his part-time job to care for her and rely on the RIDE buses to get to appointments. Over several years, our conference has helped with gift cards for groceries, we have paid a phone bill, an electric bill, yard clean-up, a donated air conditioner and beds. But, mostly we LISTEN and CARE. We listen to the frustration and confusion with the red-tape in applying for heating assistance, food stamps and other bureaucracies. Hopefully our concern and our service has let her know that she and her son are cared for and heard. We are their friends.
If you need help, a visit or would like to join, please call **401-364-9413.**

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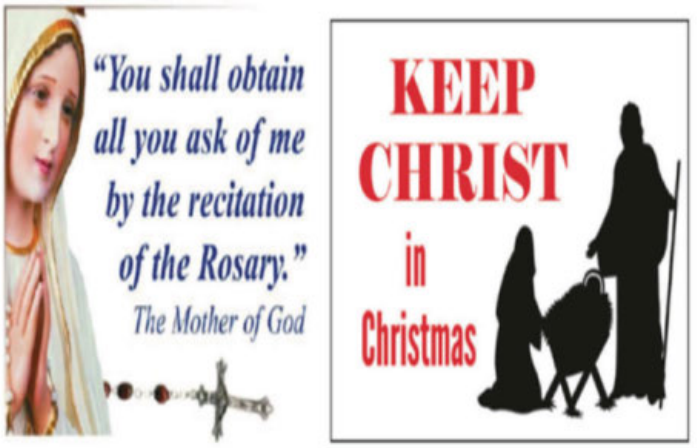
FROM THE PASTOR

"Come let us walk in the light of the Lord."
During Advent and winter time everything becomes darker earlier. Winter is a somber time. We need to hear and see that we are people of the light. We are reminded during Advent that we are destined to be people of the light. We certainly are living in dark times with war, violence and hatred in the news each day. We are not going to solve all these problems but our light; goodness, mercy, forgiveness, compassion etc. are the light we can bring into someone else's life. The Lord is the source of the light, we are the reflection of that light. Our Lord Jesus depends on us to be that light. Advent is the time to think about and reflect on what light can do. It is also a time when we reflect on what it means for all of us to be the light in the darkness around us.



America Needs Fatima
Rosary Prayer Rally
Restoring CHRISTMAS to America
will help lead our nation back to God.
The rally will be held in front of St. Mary's Church
by our statue of Mary or inside the Church
due to inclement weather at 12 o'clock (noon)
on Saturday, December 10th.
Please join us in PRAYING the Rosary to
keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

Altar Servers Needed

St. Mary's and St. James are in need of altar servers for Saturday and Sunday masses. To be an altar server means that you are invited to enter into God's Sanctuary, the holiest place in the church. This is the area around the altar and tabernacle where Jesus Himself resides. It is only those who are called to serve and invited by Father or the Deacon that are allowed in this area of the church. If you have made your first communion, than you are being asked to consider accepting this opportunity to serve God in this special way.

Deacon John will be available to help prepare and train anyone who is interested. Please either email him at jwdowd@cox.net or see him after mass for further information.

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

We are looking for assistance with funerals during week (and an occasional Saturday). Duties include setting up, serving the Mass, reading when needed, and clean-up afterward. No experience necessary; we will train! Please contact the Deacon John if you feel called to assist in this important ministry at jwdowd@cox.net or see him after mass for further information.

Charlestown Holiday Ramble

The Charlestown Holiday Ramble will take place on December 2nd and 3rd!
Stop by St. Mary's/ St. James parish center On December 3rd from 10-3 pm to do some shopping. For more information find us on Facebook Charlestown RI Holiday Ramble.

St. Mary's & St. James Annual Christmas Party

Christmas Party tickets are available for purchase.
Your payment will serve as your entrance into the party.

There will be three ways to purchase tickets.

There will be a basket in the back of the church labeled Christmas Party Tickets. Tickets will be $40.00 each. Place your payment in the basket labeled Christmas Party in an envelope with your name. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Parish.

You may scan the QR code below with your smart phone and order your tickets online.

Go to our website and click on the link to purchase tickets.

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**
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Individual Healing, Prayer,
Fellowship, & Refreshments

St. James--St Mary's Cenacle

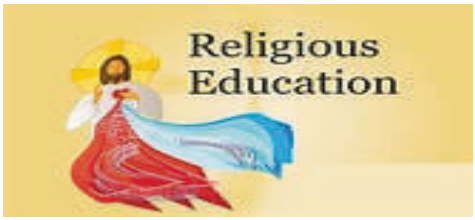
"We continue To hold our cenacle once a week in the parish hall On Mondays at 9:15 AM. The format is similar to LECTIO DIVINA whereas we would discuss the bible reading, meditate, pray the rosary, etc. The people that have attended have found it spiritually rewarding.
Anyone interested is invited to 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:
November 14, 2022—$7,837.00

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



PEP Information

We will be making gift cards envelopes this month and are so excited to partner with STVdP on this annual project!

TOY/GIFT DRIVE: *Our **Grade 7*** kids will be running a toy/gift drive and looking for gifts starting November 20th—December 11th. These gifts will be given out in conjunction with gift cards. Ages 5-12 gifts needed. There will be a basket at PEP and in the back of the church on Sundays after mass during this time period.

TOILETRY DRIVE: Our ***Grade 8*** kids will be putting toiletries together for the holidays. Please consider donating personal hygiene products starting November 20th-December 11th. There will be a basket at PEP and in the back of the church on Sundays after mass during this time period. We need products for women please.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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 November 27th is for Ron Dubois

Upcoming Diocesan Events
-Rachel's Vineyard 12/9 weekend

-The Empty Manger Christmas Caroling for Life-12/17, 11am -Noon at Planned Parenthood

Details posted at the churches

"If we save one life in years and years of pro-life activity or prayer we have saved the most precious gift that any human being has, the gift of his own life, of her own life."
- John Cardinal O'Connor, March 23, 1991

This day I set before you life and death…Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live. (Deut.30:19)

During this Advent season, to help us prepare for Christmas, there will be a manger set up in the Adoration Chapel. We are asking you to bring a SMALL gift to celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus, which will then be donated to a local pregnancy center. Possible items are diapers, wipes, onesies, pacifiers, toys or books.

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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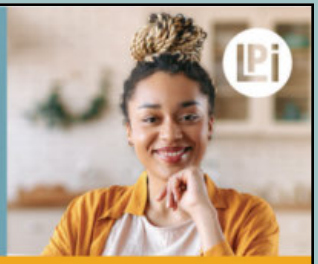

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