



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Saturday, April 28th 5:00 PM	John Morgan
Sunday, April 29th 8:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:00 AM	Mary McKeown
Monday, April 30th 7:30AM	Claire A. Marnell
Tuesday, May 1st 7:30AM	No intentions
Wednesday, May 2nd 7:30AM	Mary E. Glowacki
Thursday, May 3rd 7:30AM	Nadege Sylvia
Friday, May 4th 7:30 AM	The Raith Family
Saturday, May 5th 5:00PM	First Communion
Sunday, May 6th 8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00 AM	First Communion

BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be **this Sunday, April 29 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center**. Please contact the office for information. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from October to June, and at 1 pm July to September.

Religious Education News

This week's class will be the last for the season.

Knights of Columbus News

- The annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" is a nationwide effort made by the Knights of Columbus Organization. The goal is to raise money to assist those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities as well as the Special Olympics - a Tootsie Roll is offered to donors as a token of appreciation. Knights wearing the familiar yellow and red aprons will greet you after Mass on April 28th & 29th. Thank you for your help.
- Tickets to the May 12th Spaghetti Dinner for Scholarships will also be on sale April 28th & 29th, as well as May 5th & May 6th.

Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle Parish is a loving Catholic Faith community. Inspired by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, we strive to live out our faith through action and service to all. United, we bring together year-round and seasonal parishioners of many different heritages from our diverse island community to foster hope and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer.

Prayer Request

Book provided in the Lobby for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer. Let us continue to hold each other up in prayer. **Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way. SICK:** Pray for: Michael Ferreira, Kimberly Feinsod, Irene Garnett, Gladys Soverino, Kathleen A. Meehan, Julie Grimaldi, Bernard Walsh, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almodobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Lee Rand Burne, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Kathy Sherman, Patricia & Charlie Andrade, Barbara Mintz, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe, Ron Bocage, Santiagueta Hernandez, Paul Gonnella, Nancy Pittman, Kevin Dugan, Linda LaConti, Jane Podurciel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahon, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partridge, Fernando Gutierrez, Gisela MacDonald, Felix Soares, & Jerry & Brad Giles. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears more fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Apr. 22 & 23: Stewardship \$2,972.00

Upcoming second collections:

May 10 Ascension of The Lord- St. Vincent de Paul

May 12 & 13 Diocesan Assessment

Noting the Easter Season in Church and Liturgy

Until Pentecost (May 20) the Easter Candle will be lit whenever we celebrate the Eucharist. At Sunday Mass the Sprinkling Rite will replace the Penitential Act; we will use the Apostles' Creed; and our response to the Universal Prayer, or the General Intercessions, will be: **"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."**



HAPPY DAFFODIL WEEKEND!

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, April 30: St. Pius V, pope (+ 1572). A Dominican who implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent and promulgated the *Roman Catechism*, the *Roman Missal*, and the *Roman Breviary* used until Vatican II.

Tuesday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker. We honor the earthly father of Jesus, a carpenter, under this title in order to recall the importance and holiness of work.

Wednesday, May 2: St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church (+373). For 45 years he was the bishop of Alexandria. He was the champion of the Council of Nicea in 325. He is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church. He strongly opposed the Arians, who denied the divinity of Christ, and was exiled five times.

Thursday, May 3: Saints Philip and James, apostles. Philip, from Bethsaida, was among the first disciples called by Jesus. Tradition holds that he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis. With James, they are venerated as the patron saints of Uruguay. James was the son of Alphaeus and possibly related to Jesus. He is often surnamed “the Less” or “the Just” for his piety. He became the leader of the Jerusalem Church. He is the patron of the dying. For more information on saints of the day click on www.americancatholic.org, the daily features, saint of the day. There is a link on our website.

Listening Sessions with Bishop Da Cunha

At its last meeting (April 9) our pastoral council discussed the Bishop’s recent letter on Strategic Planning and prepared remarks to be submitted to him. The following sessions remain – for anyone who might like to be involved in person: May 4, in Spanish, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, New Bedford; May 9, St. Ann Parish, Raynham; May 11, in Portuguese, St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00PM.

Scholarships for High School Seniors

Our parish is happy to be able to award three scholarships this year. Two or three will be presented through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus (T.J. McGee Council #2612). The other will be the St. Mary’s John Pardi Scholarship. The deadline for applying is fast approaching. For details on applying see the Nantucket High School website; look under Community Scholarships. They are arranged alphabetically.

ROSARY

During May, the month of Mary, the rosary will be recited every morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:10am before morning Mass.

HOMILY SERIES ON PRIESTLY MINISTRY

Father Marcel Bouchard enters into retirement on June 27th. Plans are underway for a farewell celebration on June 24th. Meanwhile, Father Kevin Cody, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination on June 10th at the 11:00am Mass. In preparation, Father Marcel is preaching a series of homilies on priestly ministry and his experiences as a priest for 46 years. The series is continuing through the Easter season, to Pentecost on May 20th.

April 28-29: The Catholic Charities Appeal video will be shown at all Masses. Father Marcel will introduce this with brief comments on “the Church at Large”. He is scheduled to celebrate the 5:00pm and 11:00am Masses.

May 5-6: Father Marcel will celebrate the 5:00pm and 11:00am Masses, which include First Communion. His topic will be “Ministry of the Eucharist”.

May 12-13: The topic will be “Looking to the Future”.

May 19-20: Pentecost: details to be announced soon.

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS WITH OUR YOUTH

Let’s pray for our students preparing for these sacraments, and their families.

First Communion: Will be celebrated at parish Masses (English and Spanish) on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 2018: 5 pm Saturday and 11 am Sunday in English and 5 pm on Sunday in Spanish.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday ~ May 10th. Holy Day of Obligation

Masses on: Wednesday, May 9th.: Vigil at 5:15PM

Thursday, May 10th. Mass at 7:30AM

and



at 4 pm

All are welcome



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

The Catholic Charities Appeal begins May 1st. This Sunday we will deliver the Bishop’s own appeal; soon you should receive a packet from the pastor. We encourage you to mail in your pledge and to support the Appeal as generously as you can. If at all possible, we’d like you to consider pledging throughout the year. If you don’t receive a pledge card in the mail, you can pick one up at the back of the church. You may contribute online at the Appeal website: frdioc-catholiccharities.org

Programs supported by the Appeal help people in all phases of life – from children, to youth, to parents, to elderly. Numerous agencies, programs, and ministries provide food and shelter, educate children and adults, and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. Your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to meet these responsibilities.