PARISH OF ST. MARY

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MASS SCHEDULE †

WEEKDAYS
Monday - Friday ..... 7:30 am

WEEKENDS

Winter
Saturday ..... 5:00 pm
Sunday ..... 8:00 & 11:00 am
Spanish Mass Sunday ..... 6:00 pm

Summer
Saturday ..... 5:00 pm
Sunday .....7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am
Siasconet Union Chapel ..... 8:45 am
Spanish Mass ..... 6:00 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: 6 Orange St.

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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday ..... 9:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for information on Baptisms, and to register for Parents' Preparation Class before the birth of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples are asked to consult with the priest or deacon ***at least 7 months in advance***. There must be a connection to the Parish, and the couple must be practicing Catholics. Bee Gonnella, wedding coordinator (Cell: 508-221-1883)

Ministry to the Sick: Please inform us of any sick relatives that they might be placed on our schedule for receiving Eucharist.

Christian Initiation (RCIA): The process by which we welcome new adult members into our faith community. Please call the Parish Office.

St. Vincent De Paul: Outreach to the needy, call the Parish Office for info.

Knights of Columbus: Meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 6PM (not July & August), at Fr. Griffin Hall, 15 Cherry Street. Contact Erik at 508-221-8705.

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

Saturday, December 10
5:00 PM — Adriana Davidson
Sunday, December 11
8:00 AM — Our Parish Family
11:00 AM — David Feindel
6:00 PM — Spanish Mass
Monday, December 12
7:30 AM — Jean Duarte
Tuesday, December 13
7:30 AM — John G. Topham, Sr. & John G. Topham, Jr.
Wednesday, December 14
7:30 AM — CMC John "Jack" E. Downey
Thursday, December 15
7:30 AM — Adriana Davidson
Friday, December 16
7:30 AM — Peter E. Sylvia
Saturday, December 17
5:00 PM — Jim Lentowski
Sunday, December 18
8:00 AM — Our Parish Family
11:00 AM — Mary Stanley
6:00 PM — Spanish Mass

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

November 20: $4,985.00
Second Collection: $2,209.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thanksgiving Collection for Nantucket Food, Food, Rental Assistance: $1,461.00

November 27: $7,333.00
Second Collection: $2,588.00
Christmas Flowers in Memory/Honor of Our Loved Ones

December 4: $7,876.00
Church Fuel Collection: $3,113.00

December 8: Immaculate Conception
for the Charitable Works of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference

December 11: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

December 18: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment

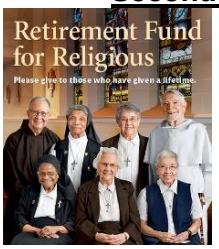
Book of Prayer provided in the Lobby of the church for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer.
Please Note: Names will stay in the bulletin for 2 months, unless you call to have them re-moved. They are only listed if permission is given.
Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way.
SICK: Pray for: Pamela Marchant, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Xavier Andrade, Kevin Dugan, Shirley Souza, Fernando Gutierrez, Felix Soares, Brad Giles, Perry Roderick, Bella Ikova, Dick Phelan, Theresa Andersen, Ritch S. Leone, Shannon Haynes, Paul R. Driscoll, Jr., John Daley, Linda Boyle, Jonathan Perez, Steve Thompson, Tom McSparron, Jeannette Lipka, Nancie Taylor Daley, Daley McCallum, Claudio Clavijo, Ellen Conway, Doyle Marchant, Barbara Boehm, Lily Kraljevec, Linda Sullivan, Patricia Cennamo, Patty Snyder, Jimmy Harrington, Bloxy Baker, Dennis DeFino, Frank Malaro, Dick Mack, Louise Hubbard, Cicely Ilg, Harry Cooper, Jacqueline Killen Weyand, Tom Cahill, Mark Albright and Jane Carty

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Advent Evening Reflections

Beginning the First Monday of Advent, and the following three Advent Mondays, there will be a Holy Hour along with an Advent Reflection offered by Fr. John. Please join in adoration a reflection to help get ready to celebrate the Birth of our Savior. The dates are **12th and 19th at 7:00 pm.**

Second Collection December 10 & 11



Help Care for Religious Retired Elders

The Retirement Fund helps religious communities care for senior members----today and tomorrow. This appeal is used to assist over 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and priests. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. They appreciate your generosity.

The Advent Wreath

Traditionally, the Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. It is often decorated with berries and pinecones. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape symbolize the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. During the Advent season, we eagerly anticipate His coming and the promise of eternal life in heaven with him.

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Sometimes a white candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to symbolize that Jesus is with us. This can be referred to as the "Christ candle."

Each of the candles lit before Christmas represent an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent.

Third Week of Advent:

Candle Name: the Shepherd's Candle
The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy
Candle Color: Pink

This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

(From Dynamic Catholic)

PLEASE NOTE OUR CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th:

Mass at 5:00pm

The manger will be blessed. Caroling beginning at 4:30pm.

Spanish Mass at 7:00pm

Mass at Midnight

Caroling beginning at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day, December 25th

Mass at 9:00am

No other morning Masses

Dear Friends,

It would appear that things have settled down a bit here on Nantucket; Christmas Stroll is over as is our Parish Christmas Fair. Our Fair was a great success thanks to so many folks stepping up and doing their part.

Whether it was with the preparation and set up; donating items, goods or financial sponsorship; whether it was in the baking, the cooking, the cleaning or anything else -- thank you all so much for making it happen! It would truly not have been such a success without all of those who worked so hard. Thank you especially to our fearless leader **Emilia Miner**!

It is events like this that bring so many people together to grow in community and faith.

God bless you all!

Fr. John

Festival of Trees at the Whaling Museum

Thank you to Kezia Duarte and Rebecca Woodley-Oliver for decorating our St. Mary's tree at the Festival of Trees. It is worth a visit to the Whaling Museum to see all of the trees decorated by the talented people of our island. "Pa rum pum pum pum" Kezia and Rebecca!

And thank you both for helping with the tree in front of the church as well.

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