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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

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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: Please refer to our parish website for guidelines. www.stmarysnantucket.org

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 Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 16

5:00 PM Peter Sylvia

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Jeanne Roche

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday, December 18

7:30 AM For the Victims of Newtown

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 AM Nadine N. McGhie Sinclair

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 AM Grinualda R. Pacheco

Thursday, December 21

7:30 AM Fr. John Duggan

Friday, December 22

7:30 AM Celso Caro

Saturday, December 23

5:00 PM Keith Creamer

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the Murray Family

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 PM For all those we remember/honor with
our Christmas Flowers Donations

6:30 PM Spanish Mass

12:00 AM Midnight Mass Our Parish Family

Monday, December 25

9:00 AM For all those we remember/honor with
our Christmas Flowers Donations



All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

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

December 10: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
Not available at press time.

December 17: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment

December 24: Weekly Parish Collection

December 25: Christmas Collection

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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, 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., Jonathan Perez, Steve Thompson, Tom McSparron, Jeannette Lipka, Daley McCallum, Claudio Clavijo, Ellen Conway, Doyle Marchant, Barbara Boehm, Lily Kraljevec, Linda Sullivan, Patricia Cennamo, Patty Snyder, Jimmy Harrington, Frank Malaro, Louise Hubbard, Cicely Ilg, Harry Cooper, Jacqueline Killen Weyand, Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Frank Balester, Billy Medeiros, Fred Stencil, Laura Patiño, Ray Senecal, Julie Malone, Patsy Cody Lyons, Joy McGrath and Sue McCarthy

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

PLEASE NOTE OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23-25

Fourth Sunday of Advent Observance

Saturday, December 23rd at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 24th

8:00 AM (which will be a "Quiet Mass")

11:00 AM



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th:

Mass at 5:00pm

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

Please note time for the Spanish Mass

Spanish Mass at 6:30pm

Mass at Midnight

Caroling beginning at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day, December 25th

Mass at 9:00am

No other morning Masses

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
27 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28.**



Sacrament of Baptism

Isaac George Dolsak

Will receive the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Mary's this weekend. We ask for your prayers for this newest member of our parish family and for his parents and godparents.



Third Sunday of Advent

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. 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 rose 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)

KEEPING THE SEASONS

Please note the flyers at the back of the church, from the series, Keeping the Seasons. A different flyer will be offered for each week of Advent through the Baptism of the Lord. Please use them at home to keep Advent and the preparation for Christmas a Christ-centered moment in your life and your family's. They are also available on our website to print out. We will have them available in both English and Spanish.

"Madeline's Christmas" at the Dreamland



Tickets available at NantucketDreamland.org!

In an old house in Paris that was covered with vines lived 12 little girls in two straight lines."

So begins this delightful story of Madeline's Christmas!

Book and Lyrics by JENNIFER KIRKEBY

Music by SHIRLEY MILLER

Based on the Book by

LUDWIG BEMELMANS

A note from the director:

When I was asked to choose a production for this festive season, I thought it time to revisit this big-hearted show. It has been a delight to see the ways in which this cast has embraced the elegance and charm of the story. Perhaps it is the depiction of the bonds of friendship among the girls, and the fondness they feel for their beloved teacher, Miss Clavel that continue to resonate as much today as ever. I hope that, like Madeline and all her friends, you carry the joy of the season in your heart. We thank you for traveling to Paris with us for the holidays, and for supporting the arts in our community. Enjoy the show!

Warmly, *Laura Gallagher Byrne*



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday I attended the performance of Handel's Messiah by the Nantucket Music Center. It was held at St. Paul's Church on Fair Street. It was a marvelous performance and so many of our parishioners were

involved. It was wonderful to be there.

While there I was caught up in the beauty of the music; the beauty of a community coming together to enjoy the music and the beauty of the environment of St. Paul's. People of all ages were there enjoying all this beauty together.

It got me thinking; with all this beauty available to us in the world, why do we tend to concentrate on that which is ugly? We spend far too much time listening to and watching news, which is always bad. We spend far too much time talking about and thinking about politicians, who quite frankly don't think all that much about you and me. We argue about people and opinions as if our salvation was dependent on them. We get mired down in the ugliness and none of it makes us happy or gives life to our souls.

So what is the antidote? Beauty! Let us pay greater attention to the beauty which surrounds us. We see the beautiful work of artists; we hear beautiful music, we can see the beauty of the ocean and the wonders of creation! We can see the little baby growing; we witness the elderly couple still holding hands after many years of marriage. With all this beauty, why do we think about the "ugly" so much?

God created this world; he gave talent to artists and musicians. He gives us life. And he gives us eyes and ears to notice all the good, the true and the beautiful. Let us pay more attention to these things and let them cause us to give praise and thanks to God, the source of it all!

God bless you all!

Fr. John



Here's a great way to keep in touch, and up to date, on all the good things that happen here

at St. Mary's. Please follow this link:

[St. Mary - Our Lady of The Isle // Flocknote](#) and add your email address. Or call the parish office and we can add it for you. It will help us keep in touch and alert you of any news which needs to be shared.

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