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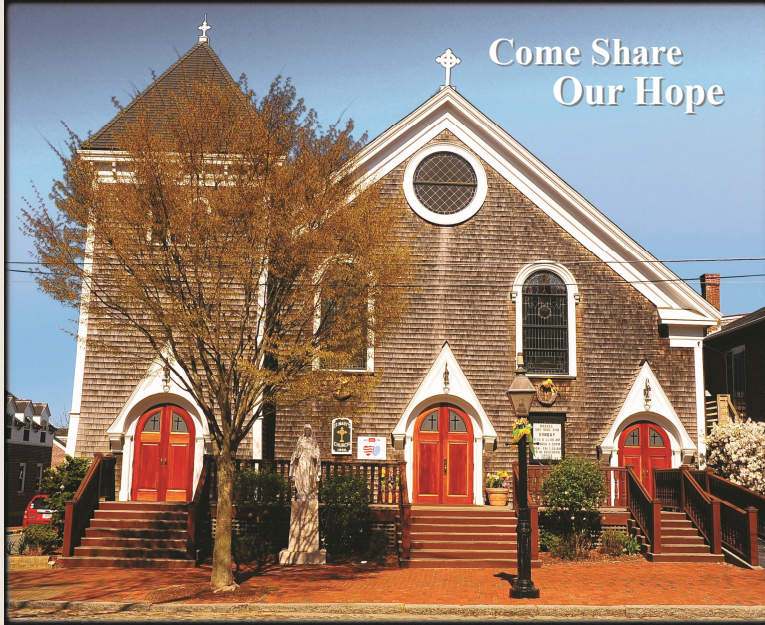


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MASS SCHEDULE †

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: 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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 30

5:00 PM Neil Cocker

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM John "Jack" McDonald & Mary G. McDonald

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday, January 1

10:00 AM For World Peace

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 AM Elizabeth Buckman

Wednesday, January 3

7:30 AM Fr. Edward Byington

Thursday, January 4

7:30 AM Keith & Kris Creamer

Friday, January 5

7:30 AM Rob Horyn

Saturday, January 6

5:00 PM Charles "Chuck" Dragon

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Jim Joynt

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

6:00 PM Spanish Mass



"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist

"through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

December 17: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment

December 24: Weekly Parish Collection

December 25: Christmas Collection

December 31: Weekly Parish Collection

Because of early publication date due to the Christmas holiday, financial report was not complete at printing time.

T.J. McGee Council #2612

Knights of Columbus Surf N Turf Dinner



The Knights would like to thank everyone who helped and attended their Tenderloin and Baked Stuff Shrimp dinner. It was a fun event and very successful as well.

And congratulations to Bruce Beebe who was the proud winner of the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest! Photos to follow.

Stay tuned for information about the Knights upcoming events.

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, and Joy McGrath

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:61; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 4:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1 is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God,

It is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.

PLEASE NOTE

We will not have a 7:30 am Mass on January 1, but will have a 10:00 am Mass that day.



We work and pray together for a successful future for the Diocese of Fall River. The promotion of vocations, the formation of future priests, and the support and ongoing care for all our priests are essential to help us remain strong. To help meet these needs, the **Serving the Shepherds Fund** was created to care for our seminarians, our active priests, and our retired priests in the diocese.



Our own, Fr. Marcel Bouchard, former pastor is serving on the board for the newly created Serving the Shepherds. Thank you Fr. Marcel.

To learn more please visit the following website.

<https://www.catholicfoundationsema.org/shepherds/>

We will also have more information in upcoming bulletins.

This Week at Mass

Tuesday, January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church. Basil (+ 379) was a hermit who became bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Gregory Nazianzen (+ 379) was the Patriarch of Constantinople and was noted for his knowledge of sacred Scripture, his outstanding teaching abilities, and his eloquence.

Wednesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus. Through the particular efforts of St. Bernadine of Siena devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus (= "Yahweh is salvation") was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name IHS (an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus (the first three letters in Greek), and the addition of the name of Jesus to the Hail Mary.

Thursday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (+ 1821). Raised Episcopalian, wife and mother of five children, foundress of the first congregation for woman religious in the USA, the Sisters of Charity, devoted primarily to the education of the poor and to teaching in parochial schools. She was the first native born citizen canonized (1975).

Friday, January 5: St. John Neumann, bishop (+1860). He was a missionary from Bohemia, a Redemptorist, and became the bishop of Philadelphia. He was known for his holiness and learning and promoted parochial schools. He was the first American bishop canonized (1977). The Christmas season extends to the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 8, 2024.

KEEPING THE SEASONS

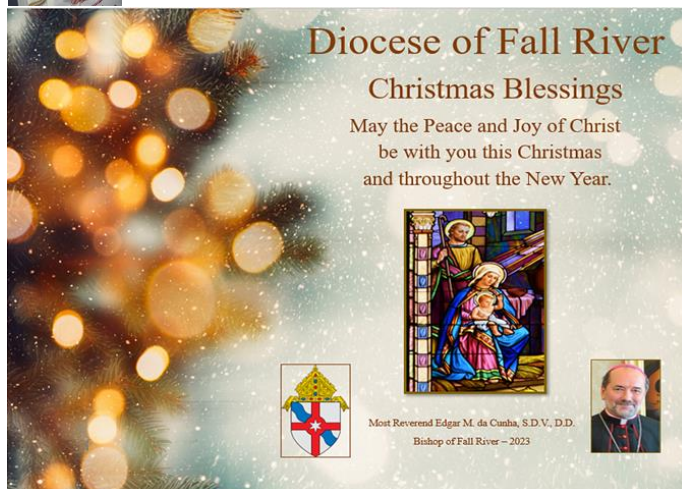
Please note the flyers at the back of the church, from the series, Keeping the Seasons. A different flyer will be offered for each week of Advent through the Baptism of the Lord. Please use them at home to keep Advent and the preparation for Christmas a Christ-centered moment in your life and your family's.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



Bishop's Christmas Letter

Please see our website:

<https://stmarysnantucket.org> for Bishop da Cunha's Christmas letter. Or there are copies at the back of the church.



Dear Friends,

As you've heard me say during the Advent Season, so you will hear me say it about Christmas -- it just goes too fast! We have all the buildup but then it just seems to arrive and then it's over -- at least that's the way our culture

celebrates Christmas.

It isn't that way for us as followers of Jesus. The Season of Christmas is just that, a season, even if it is short. The 8 days following December are the Octave of Christmas; each day of the Octave is truly Christmas Day!

This weekend is the Feast of The Holy Family; January First is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Next weekend is The Epiphany and the following weekend concludes the Christmas Season with the Feast of The Baptism of The Lord. Christmas just can't be contained in one day.

Christmas is about the love of God made flesh in Jesus Christ. Remember the words of St. Mother Teresa, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."

Happy and Blessed Christmas!

Fr. John



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Thank you to those who donated so generously; our church looks so beautiful for the Christmas season. The names of those living and deceased that you asked to be honored/remembered will be listed at a later date.

A special thank you to **Jack Bangs** and to **Brian Davis** for their time and artistic talent in making St. Mary's look so festive and lovely for our Christmas Masses and for our Christmas season! Well done gentlemen.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1st. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:00 am.

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