

# 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.

### Mailing Address:

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### Telephone Numbers:

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**Web Site:** [www.stmarysnantucket.org](http://www.stmarysnantucket.org)

### 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](http://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 Lent

#### Saturday, March 2

5:00 PM John & Grayce O'Neil

#### Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM Theresa Burke  
11:00 AM Our Parish Family  
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

#### Monday, March 4

7:30 AM Alex Robertson

#### Tuesday, March 5

7:30 AM Bonnie Oliver Woodley

#### Wednesday, March 6

7:30 AM Dr. Edward Byington

#### Thursday, March 7

7:30 AM No Intention

#### Friday, March 8

7:30 AM Lindsey Arensmeier

#### Saturday, March 9

5:00 PM Edward McLean

#### Sunday, March 10

8:00 AM Claire Seaquist & Lynn Hart  
11:00 AM Our Parish Family  
6:00 PM Spanish Mass

### Third Sunday of Lent

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

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| February 25:             | \$6,912.00 |
| Second Collection:       | \$2,523.00 |
| Easter Flower Collection |            |

The above totals include our online giving donations.

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| March 3: | Weekly Parish Collection |
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| March 10:          | Weekly Parish Collection |
| Second Collection: | Catholic Relief Services |

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| March 17:          | Weekly Parish Collection |
| Second Collection: | Diocesan Assessment      |

**Please note: There are Operation Rice Bowl envelopes in your packets marked for collection on March 17. We will actually wait and collect those on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

St. Mary's is so grateful for our thoughtful and generous parishioners who support our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial commitment to our Parish!

**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, Fred Mascola, Rosemarie Simmone and Richard Brannigan II



### Lenten Devotion

### LENTEN SCHEDULE:

**The rosary will be prayed every morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:05 am before morning Mass.**

**Daily Mass during Lent will be at 7:30 am.**

**Eucharistic Holy Hour will be Monday through Friday from 11:30 to 12:30 pm**

**Wednesday Mornings: Group *Lectio Divina* will be at 10:00 am in the Parish Center beginning on February 21<sup>st</sup>.** This is a reflection group conversation about the Sunday Gospel for the upcoming week.

Look for the copies from the *Keeping the Seasons* series in the Parish Center. They will be available in English and Spanish through the Lent and Easter season. Copies are also available on your website.

### EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS:

There are envelopes for this purpose in your collection packets, and extra envelopes are available in the entrance to the Parish Center. Or you can give online. Just indicate those in whose memory (deceased) or in whose honor (living) you are making the offering, and drop the envelope in the collection basket at any time. Names will be published soon after Easter, and the 11:00am Mass Easter morning will be offered for them.

### Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

### THIS WEEK AT MASS

**Monday, March 4:** St. Casimir (+1484). A Polish prince known as the "brother and defender of the poor." He led an austere life; patron of Poland and Lithuania.

**Thursday, March 7:** Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs (+ 203). Perpetua, a noble lady, and Felicity, her slave suffered martyrdom in Carthage under Septimus Severus. Their names are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

**Friday, March 8:** St. John of God, religious (+ 1550). He was a shepherd, a soldier, and an entrepreneur before his conversion at the age of 42. He laid the foundation for the Order of Hospitallers, today numbering about 1,300 religious. He is the patron of hospitals, of the sick, of nurses, and of booksellers.

### Lenten Regulations 2024

Reminder: Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. In addition, **Good Friday is a day of Fast.** All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal.



### Update on Church Renovations

We will be celebrating all daily and weekend Masses in the Parish Center of the church. Access is on Cambridge Street. See the photo above of our new worship space. The floors are being sanded this week, so there is no access for photo ops.

**Please note that our livestreaming is back and streaming from our new church space in the Parish Center. Thank you Power Sound of New England.**

For photo updates on the progress of the renovations at the church please see our website: [www.stmarysnantucket.org](http://www.stmarysnantucket.org).

### CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS WITH OUR YOUTH



**Confirmation:** Will be celebrated on Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 PM. We welcome Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha S.D.V. of our Diocese to our parish to confirm in the power of the Holy Spirit our young people. All are welcome to the celebration.



**First Communion:** Will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 AM in Spanish and on Sunday, May 5, at 11:00 AM in English.

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



Dear Friends,

The First Reading from Exodus this weekend is the Ten Commandments. Without looking at the reading or a list, how many of us could name them? Could we list them in order? In addition to listing them, do they still have

meaning in our lives? In our culture?

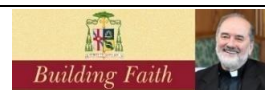
Unfortunately, it has been said that the Ten Commandments have been relegated to the "ten suggestions". They are not just suggestions or recommendations - they are commands given to us by God in order that we might have a good relationship with him and to have a well ordered society. This may seem like a foreign concept to us; the commandments appear to limit our freedom. If they limit our freedom, then how can they be good for us?

The truth of the matter is this: the Ten Commandments do not, in any way, limit our freedom. In fact, they are precisely what sets us free from that which destroys us -- sin. Sin doesn't offer us any freedom, not even a little. Sin enslaves us and the more we allow it to dominate our lives, the more enslaved we become. The intervention of God throughout human history, which is called Salvation History, shows us the way out.

The Ten Commandments are the beginning. The Law of God, which is written on the human heart, sets us free. This is the way out of the slavery to sin. Through Salvation History, God has continuously shown us how to live in the freedom of the children of God. At times we've listened; at other times we have not. But God still keeps on trying because he loves us. The ultimate sign of that love, the fullness of the revelation of God and the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is Jesus Christ. He's the one who has set us free. So let us live in right relationship with God and with one another by following the Ten Commandments and encouraging others to do the same.

God Bless You!

Fr. John



### Bishop da Cunha's Building Faith Blog

The Bishop's blog features a very unique suggestion for journeying through Lent as well as a variety of Lenten resources.

Read Bishop da Cunha's blog at:

[www.fallriverdiocese.org/bishops-blog/](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org/bishops-blog/)

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