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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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28

5:00 PM

Fr. John Duggan

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM

Our Parish Family

11:00 AM

Erin Marshall

6:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Monday, December 30

7:30 AM

Kris Creamer

Tuesday, December 31

7:30 AM

Alex Robertson

6:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 AM

For Peace

Thursday, January 2

7:30 AM

Elizabeth Buckman

Friday, January 3

7:30 AM

Joanne Morin Cranston

Saturday, January 4

5:00 PM

Phil & Claire Raneri

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM

Our Parish Family

11:00 AM

Jeanne Roche

6:00 PM

Spanish Mass

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, 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, Frank Malaro, Louise Hubbard, Cicely Ilg, Harry Cooper, Jacqueline Killen Weyand, Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Frank Balester, Laura Patiño, Ray Senecal, Julie Malone, Patsy Cody Lyons, Joy McGrath, Rosemarie Simmone, Richard Brannigan II, Bec Balock, Elizabeth Mock, Jenny Boley, Kathy Seraphim, Icylin Lewis, Linda Boles, Kate McGrath, Ashley McLeod, Sally & Ed Hudzik, Jacqueline Santacroce, Owen Santacroce, Barbara Pekenia, Patti Geyer, Sheila Fleishman, JoAnn Hilbig, Rowena Rickard and Richard Carven

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

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

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

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

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



The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

December 22: Weekly Parish Collection
Not available at press time.

December 25: Christmas Collection

December 29: Weekly Parish Collection

January 1: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
For the charitable works of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Thank you to all who contributed to help our church look beautiful festive for Christmas. A list

of the names of those remembered or honored by these donations will be published soon.

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, and it is a **holy day of obligation**.

Spanish Mass will be on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE

We will not have a 7:30 am Mass on January 1, but we will have a 10:00 am Mass that day to make it more convenient to attend.



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:

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

This Week at Mass

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season (General Norms, 31). The Christmas season extends from Evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2025.

Thursday, 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.

Friday, 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.

Parish Office has Moved

We have moved to a temporary location while the inside renovations continue at 6 Orange Street. We have relocated to a trailer in the parking lot of 15 Cherry Street at Fr. Griffin Hall. Thank you.

Fr. John and the staff of St. Mary's



St. Mary's Rectory – 6 Orange Street



The outside is looking beautiful after the restoration and painting was completed on the left side of the building. It was quite a project which was handled by many talented crafts people. We again extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in this ongoing transformation. Many exemplary crews are working so hard and with such care on this project. And they are led by Gary Wilson, who keeps his hand on the pulse of it all and of course, by Steve Hollister, our General Manager extraordinaire. Steve's crew is now working through the restoration of the buildings windows and preparing the front masonry wall (along the sidewalk) for a new drainage system and fresh skim coat of parging, while the balustrated fence is being rebuilt in the shop. They have also pushed hard to get a jump start on the interior scope of work. Much of the demolition is complete and framing is underway. Very exciting!



Dear Friends,

Christmas began a few days ago. The day after was the Feast of St. Stephen; the day after that was St. John The Evangelist and the next day was Holy Innocents and today is the Feast of The Holy Family! Talk about a flurry of feasts!

Christmas is that, a feast! It is a multi-day feast which encompasses such a marvelous mystery. A mystery which can't be contained in only one day, or even a few days or weeks for that matter.

What is this mystery? The infinite and eternal God came to live among us in a finite reality. He came to live within a family - the Holy Family. By doing so he consecrated family life and the human experience. He elevated it to an encounter with the Divine.

When we are with family there are always going to be challenges. But let us always remember that Jesus exalted the reality of family life and made it possible for us to encounter God through the people he gave to us as family. Let us pray through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, that we will always keep Jesus as the center of our families.

God bless you all!

Fr. John

Update on Church Calendars

Catholic Extension, which is our church calendar company, has alerted us that due to a "serious equipment failure with a machine that collates the calendars" the facilitation process has dramatically slowed despite their working overtime to compensate/keep up. They are hoping to ship before Christmas, but some may not ship until after Christmas. But as soon as we receive the calendars, we will put them out at church. Thank you.



The Parish Office will be closed December 30 through January 1. We will reopen on January 2 at 9:00 AM. Wishing you a New Year filled with peace and love.

"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)"

St. Mary's Snow Policy

**If the schools are closed, then there is no Mass.
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