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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 ..... 1:00 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 ..... 1:00 pm

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** 6 Orange St.

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### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday ..... 9:00 am - Noon &  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday ..... 9:00 am - Noon



**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.

**Faith Formation: First Eucharistic:** two-year program, starting in First Grade

**Confirmation:** two-year program, starting in Eighth Grade

**Grades 3 to 7:** specific program for each grade

[CGDRE@stmarysnantucket.org](mailto:CGDRE@stmarysnantucket.org)

**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 (OCIA):** 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.

**Email:** [kofc2612@gmail.com](mailto:kofc2612@gmail.com)



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

#### Saturday, December 27

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM Joan & Paul Clarke

11:00 AM Joan Velsmid

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

#### Monday, December 29

7:30 AM Richard Keane, Sr., Pauline Keane &  
Richard Keane, Jr.

#### Tuesday, December 30

7:30 AM Hooks Johnston

#### Wednesday, December 31

7:30 AM John & Rosanne McGuinn

7:00 PM Spanish Vigil Mass

#### The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### Thursday, January 1

10:00 AM For World Peace

#### Friday, January 2

7:30 AM Elizabeth Buckman

#### Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM For Deceased Members of the Donahue  
& Sotell Families

#### Sunday, January 4

8:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Palma & Cornelius Johnson

& Elizabeth, Charles, Mary & Peter Polachi

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

#### A Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord,  
for sending your own incarnate Son,  
to become part of a family,  
so that, as he lived its life,  
he would experience its worries and its joys.  
We ask you, Lord,  
to protect and watch over this family,  
so that in the strength of your grace  
its members may enjoy prosperity,  
possess the priceless gift of your peace,  
and, as the Church alive in the home,  
bear witness in this world to your glory.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
From USCCB

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

#### Wednesday, December 31

Spanish Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM

#### Thursday, January 1, 2026

Mass at 10:00 AM

to make it more convenient to attend.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

#### PLEASE NOTE

**We will not have a 7:30 am Mass on January 1.**

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, Daley McCallum, Claudio Clavijo, Ellen Conway, Doyle Marchant, Barbara Boehm, Lily Kraljevec, Linda Sullivan, Patricia Cennamo, Patty Snyder, Frank Malara, Louise Hubbard, , Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Ray Senecal, Julie Malone, Patsy Cody Lyons, Joy McGrath, Rosemarie Simmone, Bec Balock, Elizabeth Mock, Jenny Boley, Kathy Seraphim, Icylin Lewis, Linda Boles, Kate McGrath, Ashley McLeod, Ed Hudzik, Barbara Pekenia, Rowena Rickard, Richard Carven, Gail Krauthoff, Marjorie Malone, Patricia Powers, Clay Cassidy, Beth Tornovich, Caren Oberg, Rhys Volans, Frank Balester, Ovidio Patino, , Seth Meyer, Barbara Wodynski, Ophelia Palka, Myrna Bocage, Ron Bocage, Kathleen Cassidy, and Lili Baker

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

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

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34



Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

December 14: \$7,149.00  
Second Collection: \$2,256.00

Retirement Fund for Religious

The above totals include our Online Giving Donations

December 21: Weekly Parish Collection  
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment Collection  
Not available at press time.

December 25: Christmas Collection  
Not available at press time.

December 28: Weekly Parish Collection

January 1: Charitable work of St. Vincent DePaul Society

January 4: Weekly Parish Collection

#### Thank You!



Every year so many are generous to us as priests. On behalf of Fr. Kevin, Fr. Carlos and myself we are so grateful for your prayers, your presence, and your gifts. May God bless you all!  
Fr. John



### The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 4th

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is the Christian observance that celebrates the public manifestation of the Jesus' kingship to the world when the Magi visit and adore him. In the Gospel of Luke, an angel of the Lord reveals Jesus as "savior," "Messiah," and "Lord" to the shepherds when Jesus is born and laid in a manger (see Luke 2). But the visit of the Magi reveals another facet of Jesus' destiny—his kingship. In Matthew, chapter two, the Magi announce to King Herod the purpose of their visit. Arriving in Jerusalem to seek the Messiah, they ask Herod, King of Judea, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Departing Jerusalem and following the star's movement, they find the child Jesus and his mother, Mary, in Bethlehem. Joyfully, they prostrate themselves before the King and present to the newborn King gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Through this prophetic event, the kingship of Jesus is revealed, while the gifts brought by the Magi prophecy the type of kingship Jesus would have. Christian tradition holds that there were three wise men, named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Current tradition in the United States often sees families using chalk to mark the top of a door post of their home with the initials of the three kings and the current Epiphany year. For example, for Epiphany 2024, a family would mark "20 + C + M + B + 24." This chalking of the lintel is generally accompanied by a short ritual blessing of the house.

*Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

### St. Mary's Snow Policy

If the schools are closed, then there is no Mass. Please stay home and stay safe!

### Parish Office Closing Update

The parish office will be closed Monday through Thursday this week. We will reopen on January 2nd. Happy New Year!

### From the Office of Safe Environment

Substance abuse is a growing problem that can start as early as grade school. Warning signs can be sudden changes in behavior or moods, significant changes in eating or sleeping habits, and increased secrecy and hostility. If you believe that your child may be involved with drugs or alcohol, contact the school's social worker and/or your child's physician. Early detection and treatment are crucial to long-term physical and emotional health.



### REMINDER Religious Education Dates for January

**Friday, January 9:** Family Night/Noche Familia at 6:00 pm in church

**Sunday, January 11:** Sacramental Grades/Grados sacramentales

Grade 2 at 9:00 am in Parish Center

Grade 9 at 10:00 am in Parish Center



The parish staff joins me in wishing all of you a happy and blessed New Year, one filled with the grace of God and much happiness.  
Fr. John.

Dear Friends,



Happy Feast of The Holy Family! This weekend, within the Octave of Christmas, gives us the image of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family. It is worth noting that the Holy Family wasn't holy because everything was easy. The Holy Family was holy because God was the center of their lives.

Their family life didn't begin in a picture perfect way. Before Mary and Joseph were married, Mary was pregnant. This frightened Joseph, for good reason! When it came time for Mary to give birth they had to travel to Bethlehem for the census. In Bethlehem there was no room for them to stay for Mary to give birth. After the birth of Jesus, they had to flee to Egypt to escape an evil king trying to kill Jesus. This hardly sounds easy or bucolic!

Following this there were the "silent years". Ordinary family life in Nazareth where they lived their life of faith and love as a family. Here Joseph would have taught Jesus the trade of carpentry. Mary would have taught Jesus the faith and traditions of the Jewish People. They were, after all, faithful Jewish People.

Our own families, whether we have close relationships or a more complicated situation, can mirror the Holy Family by the we place God at the center. Jesus was the center of the life of the Holy Family. And He should be the center of our lives. I'm convinced that if more families placed Jesus at the center we would have fewer problems in family life and in our world today.

In the coming year I encourage families to make Jesus the true center for their life together. In the midst of all the craziness take some time to be together and pray together; yes, at Sunday Mass. But daily it every few days invite Mary (by just one decade of the Rosary) to help your family make Jesus, her son, the center of your lives.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all!

Fr. John



A heart-felt thank you to all who helped make our celebration of Christmas so beautiful, prayerful and devout. Thanks to the musicians, the choir and cantors, the lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the altar servers, the sacristans, sanctuary and linen cleaners, the ushers and collectors, and especially to the decorators, who so enhanced the beauty of our church. And thanks to all who came to worship with us.

A special personal thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, goodies, and other surprises to celebrate the season. You add warmth and fond memories to the gift of allowing me to be your pastor. I appreciate all you do to help me in my ministry among you.

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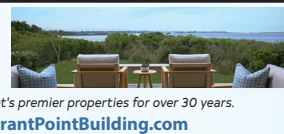
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