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MASS SCHEDULE †

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday7:30 am

WEEKENDS

Winter

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday8:00 & 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 6:00 pm

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Monday - Thursday9:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday9:00 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

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 (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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8

5:00 PM Martin & Michael Connor

Sunday, August 9

7:00 AM Our Parish Family

8:30 AM Sandra Hastings*

8:45 AM Deceased Members of Johnson & Palachi Families*

10:00 AM Scott Harmon*

11:30 AM Janet Coffin*

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday, August 10

7:30 AM Edward & Lorraine Creamer

Tuesday, August 11

7:30 AM Elizabeth Buckman

Wednesday, August 12

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Greene Family

Thursday, August 13

7:30 AM George Rezendes

Friday, August 14

7:30 AM Judith Mary Rosenberger

Saturday, August 15

9:00 AM No intention

5:00 PM Priscilla Donahue*

Sunday August 16

7:00 AM Peter I, Peter E. & Eileen Sylvia*

8:30 AM Our Parish Family

8:45 AM Louis V. Gerstner, Jr.

10:00 AM Winifred Mortenson*

11:30 AM Lauren Souza & Al Souza*

6:00 PM Spanish Mass



Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

July 26: \$17,330.00
Second Collection: \$3,725.00

Sconset Chapel Collection
Sconset Chapel Only

All of the above totals include our online giving donations

August 2: Weekly Parish Collection
Not available at press time

August 9: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment Collection

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

The Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the taking into heaven of Mary, soul and body, at the end of her life on earth, a truth of faith that was proclaimed a dogma by Pope Pius VII on November 1, 1950. The feast, among the oldest and most solemn dedicated to Mary, has a long history; it was celebrated by Christians as early as the seventh century. This is not a holy day of obligation this year, since it falls on Saturday. However, we will have a Mass at 9:00 am Saturday morning for anyone who wishes to celebrate this feast day. Mary under this title is the patron of our diocese and of our Cathedral in Fall River. And of course, Mary is the patron of our parish under the title of Our Lady of the Isle.

If there were a collection on that day, as on all holy days of obligation, it would be for the charitable works of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The "August 15, Assumption" envelope in your packet can be placed in any collection during the month and will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please Note: Names 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, 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 Malaro, Louise Hubbard, Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Patsy Cody Lyons, Jenny Boley, Ashley McLeod, Ed Hudzik, Barbara Pekenia, Rowena Rickard, Richard Carven, Gail Krauthoff, Clay Cassidy, Beth Tornovish, Rhys Vollans, Frank Balester, Ovidio Patino, Seth Meyer, Barbara Wodynski, Myrna Bocage, Ron Bocage, Kathleen Cassidy, Lili Baker, Boden and Brooks Martin, Sr. Carol Jussaume, RSM, Deacon Sam Knight, the people of Venezuela, Michael Deere and Elizabeth Pagnam

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Jesuits Return to Help

With our expanded schedule of Masses that began June 27, the Jesuits return to help. This weekend, August 8 and 9, we welcome Fr. Stephen Molvarec, S.J. and Fr. Charlie Gallagher, S.J. from Boston College who are here to assist us. Thank you Fr. Stephen and Fr. Charlie.

Gifts from Bethlehem A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians

Gifts from Bethlehem will be here at St. Mary's this weekend on **August 8th & 9th**. The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economic pressures.

Gifts from Bethlehem will be selling their beautiful olive wood carvings after the Masses during the weekend of August 8th and 9th. Please consider stopping by the Parish Center and checking out their works. Thank you for your vital support of this Christian tradition.

Thursday, August 13 • 6:00 PM

Taizé Prayer & Meditation at Sconset Chapel

Take a break from the busyness of summer and join us for an evening of peaceful prayer at the historic Sconset Chapel. Through simple Taizé chants, readings, silence, candlelight, and meditation, we will gather to encounter God's presence in a quiet and meaningful way. Whether you are familiar with Taizé or experiencing it for the first time, all are welcome.

Friday, August 21 • 7:00 PM

An Evening of Music

Join the musicians of St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle, along with musicians from churches across Nantucket, for a joyful evening of sacred music and fellowship. Featuring beloved hymns, inspiring contemporary Christian music, and opportunities to sing together, this special concert celebrates the unity of our island's faith community. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



Sacrament of Baptism

Penelope Kathryn Megna

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

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, August 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (258). His martyrdom came four days after four other deacons and Pope Sixtus II were killed. He cared for the temporal welfare of the Roman church. He is said to have been burned alive on a gridiron. After Sts. Peter and Paul, he is venerated as patron of Rome.

Tuesday, August 11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin (+1253). She was a disciple of St. Francis, who founded the Poor Clares, whose first convent in Assisi she directed as abbess for 42 years. She led an austere life, rich in the practice of charity and loving care.

Wednesday, August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious (+ 1641). She was from Dijon and married to Baron de Chantal and mother of six children, two of whom died at birth. As a widow with Francis de Sales, her spiritual director, she founded in 1610 at Annency in Savoy the Visitation nuns. She established some 85 monasteries before her death.

Friday, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr (+1941 at Auschwitz by lethal injection) He was born near Lodz, Poland and became a conventual Franciscan (OFM Conv.). He founded the Militia of May Immaculate, was missioned in Japan, and offered his life in exchange for the life of a father of a family.

Saturday, August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – see elsewhere in the bulletin.

First Mass In Our Church

113 years ago this very Saturday – on August 8, 1897 – Mass was celebrated for the first time in St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle Church. Construction began in 1896 and was complete by July of the following year. Masonry, carpentry, and painting cost \$2,914! As the parish history, compiled by Robert F. Mooney in 2000 ends. “The church doors are open to all people, every day of the year, to provide a shrine and a refuge in the heart of the town of Nantucket.” Ever notice how many people stop for a brief visit at all hours of the day, especially during “high” tourist season?

Fr. Marcel H. Bouchard~August 8, 2010 Bulletin
This year we mark 129 years!

A Bit of History

In the spring of 1849, Rev. Thomas McNulty of New Bedford came to the island to celebrate the first Sunday Mass on Nantucket. At the time there were 300 Catholics living on the island, among a population of 8800. The Mass was celebrated in the old Town Hall on Main Street near the Civil War monument. Over the next few years, Mass was celebrated at various places, including at times, private homes. To the Roman Catholic Church in New England, the island was still considered mission territory. Six years before the parish was established, while the parish was part of the Providence diocese, sacraments were celebrated by priests visiting from New Bedford. In 1870, once steamboat service from New Bedford was suspended, Nantucketers had to look to Cape Cod for clergy to service the island. The first priest from the Cape assigned to Nantucket was Rev. Cornelius O'Connor from Harwich who would come over from Hyannis for regular visits. In 1882 Rev. Cornelius McSweeney became the pastor of the new parish in Woods Hole. He took charge for twenty years, with duties that included Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. With the strong support of Fr. McSweeney, the pleas of the Nantucket faithful were soon answered. On May 15, 1896, Bishop Matthew Harkins gave Fr. Cornelius McSweeney permission to build a church in Nantucket, and this dynamic missionary priest did not waste any time. Bids were received for the work on January 1, 1897. The church would be completed in eight months. The new church, called the church of St. Mary, Our Lady of the Isle, was complete, and stands one hundred and twenty-five years later. We invite you to remember our parish in your prayers at home.

Excerpts from A Chronicle of St. Mary's by Robert F. Mooney



Dear Friends,

This past Tuesday I gathered with the priests of our diocese and Bishop Edgar da Cunha. August 4 is the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, and each year we come together to celebrate our priesthood and pray together.

It was a wonderful afternoon and evening. We began with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer. During that time of prayer, we also renewed our consecration as priests to the intercession of St. John Vianney.

During Evening Prayer, we heard a brief reflection from Fr. Ron Tacelli, SJ. As he put it, he wanted to give us “a tip” on how to become better and holier priests. His invitation was simple: ask Jesus to help us look at others as we would want Jesus to look at us. What a beautiful invitation—and what a challenge!

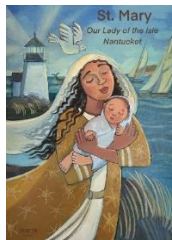
As I reflected on those words, it struck me that this isn't just a challenge for priests. It is a challenge for every disciple of Jesus. Imagine if every one of us who claims to follow Christ made this our daily goal. How different our families, our schools, our workplaces, our country, and even our world would be. It would be the beginning of a true transformation—a quiet revolution of love.

So I share this same challenge with you. Ask the Lord each day to help you see others the way you want Him to see you—with mercy, compassion, patience, and love.

And here's a way to take it one step further: begin with the person you find the hardest to love. Start there.

Servant of God Dorothy Day—whose image appears in one of the beautiful paintings visiting our church this summer—once said, “**I love God only as much as I love the person I love the least.**” Those words are both humbling and deeply challenging. They remind us that our love for God is revealed most clearly in the way we love one another.

God bless you all!
Fr. John



Saints at St. Mary's

Paintings of the Saints: we again have an artistic display of the saints in our church for the summer. The artist, Nancy Merek Cote, is local to our diocese. Nancy's hope is that this exhibit will inspire women, men, and children of all ages and backgrounds to a heightened passion that led these saints on their own faith journeys. You can get more info about this display in the link below.

<https://www.mareksaints.com/>

The above painting was gifted to me by Nancy and her husband Michael on the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.
Fr. John

ROSARY

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

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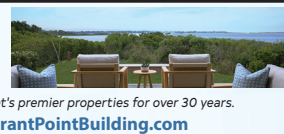
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