

# PARISH OF ST. MARY

*Our Lady of the Isle*

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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 ..... 6:00 pm

## PARISH INFORMATION

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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)

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 15**

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

**Monday, August 17**

7:30 AM

Millicent Ruddy

**Tuesday, August 18**

7:30 AM

Lawrence McGoldrick

**Wednesday, August 19**

7:30 AM

Keith Creamer

**Thursday, August 20**

7:30 AM

Mary Ellen Kenny Murray

**Friday, August 21**

7:30 AM

Karolina A. Atsalis

**Saturday, August 22**

5:00 PM

Patty Powers\*

**Sunday August 23**

7:00 AM

John Tegan

8:30 AM

Jesse Workman

8:45 AM

Our Parish Family

10:00 AM

Jeanette Topham\*

11:30 AM

Jack Dazzo\*

6:00 PM

Spanish Mass



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

August 2: \$27,423.00

August 9: \$20,890.00

Both of the above totals include our online giving donations.

August 16: Weekly Parish Collection  
Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions/Home Missions

Catholic Home Missions: Support the Catholic Home Missions. Nearly 40% of all dioceses in the United States in its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant communities right here in the United States.

August 23: Weekly Parish Collection  
Second Collection: Sconset Chapel Collection

**Sconset Chapel Only**

August 30: Weekly Parish Collection

**'Sconset Chapel Collection**

**Sconset Union Chapel~ Thank You for Your Generosity**

\$3,725.00 was donated (including our Online donations) in the July special collection to help defray expenses. We will have another collection for this purpose next Sunday, August 23rd. Expenses include our donation to the chapel which is \$7,000.00 this year, music, travel for assisting priests, etc. Please take one of the special yellow envelopes provided, so you will be prepared. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are happy to be able to use such a beautiful worship site to meet the needs of our summer parishioners and we remain grateful for the board's welcome and understanding. Thank you.

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!

**Summer Mass Schedule: Continues through September 5-6**

**Saturday: Mass at 5:00 pm**

**Sunday Masses: at 7:00 (Quiet Mass ~ No Music), 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am and 6:00 pm in Spanish in church and 8:45 am at the 'Sconset Union Chapel**

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 Tornovich, 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, Michael Deere and Elizabeth Pagnam

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday:** Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

**Jesuits Return to Help**

With our expanded schedule of Masses that began June 27, the Jesuits return to help. This weekend, August 15 and 16, we again welcome Fr. Stephen Molvarec, S.J. and we welcome Fr. Jérémie Kinzamba, S.J. from Boston College who are here to assist us. Thank you Fr. Steve and Fr. Jérémie.



**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Redford Thomas Kattar**

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 his parents and godparents.

**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.



**FATHER JOHN'S FIFTH YEAR!**

This Tuesday, August 18th, Fr. John celebrates his **Fifth** anniversary as the pastor of St. Mary's.

We all know how blessed we are to have you as our Pastor, Fr. John. We are grateful for all that you do. We, of course, look forward to many more years together!

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of you, Fr. John. We appreciate your dedication to all of us and to St. Mary's. This is a small gesture to let you know how much we all care for you and for your ministry and for your abundant joy and love of what you do.

**Thank you Fr. John!**

### THIS WEEK AT MASS

**Wednesday, August 19:** St. John Eudes, priest (+1680), In 1643 he founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary for training the clergy. He also founded the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to assist morally endangered women, especially prostitutes. He promoted the devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

**Thursday, August 20:** St. Bernard (+1153) abbot and doctor of the Church. He was the Cistercian abbot of Clairvaux, a reformer and a spiritual writer. He founded 68 monasteries and preached the second Crusade. He is the patron of Gibraltar.

**Friday, August 21:** Pope St. Pius X (+August 20, 1914). In 1904 he founded the diocese of Fall River, of which we are a part. He lowered the age of First Communion to where it now is, and urged frequent Communion for adults. He wished "to renew all things in Christ," and is the patron of sick pilgrims.



### St. Francis: Visionary of Life

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

*"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command."*

- Saint Francis' "Prayer before the Crucifix"



### Looking Ahead to the First Ad Limina Visit with Pope Leo XIV

Over the next several months, the Diocese will begin the extensive preparation for my ad limina visit with the Holy Father, a journey of sorts that

every diocesan bishop makes usually every five years. While the visit itself is in March, the preparation begins well in advance with prayer, reflection, conversations, and documentation about the life of our local Church. My last ad limina visit was in 2019 with Pope Francis. This visit will be especially meaningful for me because it will be my first opportunity to share with Pope Leo XIV the wonderful work of the laity, clergy and religious here in the Diocese as well as important initiatives such as Stronger Priests, Stronger Parishes; the work of Catholic Charities; the Sacramental life of the Church here in the Diocese; the men who have been ordained, are in formation and more. Along with the bishops of the New England region, I will have the chance to share the many blessings of our Diocese, the challenges we face, and the ways we continue to carry out the mission of the Church here in southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands. Just as importantly, it will be an opportunity to listen to the Holy Father as we reflect on how best to serve God's people. This is likely to be a very different type of visit with us since Pope Leo is the first American-born pontiff. (Knowing that he is a baseball fan, we may gift him a Red Sox hat!)

As I begin this preparation, I ask for your prayers. Please pray for Pope Leo XIV, for all of the bishops who will take part in these visits, and for our Diocese. I look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead about this important tradition in the life of the Church and what it means for all of us.

Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.



Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 139. The verse that speaks so clearly to me is, "You knit me together in my mother's womb." The great care God takes in creating us, with the cooperation of our parents and nature, is marvelous to ponder. We are indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made." I encourage you to spend some time in

prayer with that beautiful Psalm.

Since God takes such great care in creating us and protecting us, we should all be concerned and saddened by the horrendous new law "enshrining abortion rights" which was signed by our governor this past week. Among other things, this law removes the previous statutory restrictions that limited abortions after 24 weeks to specific medical circumstances and instead leaves the decision to the professional judgment of the physician. This should be a matter of grave concern for all who believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life.

Some might think I am getting too political. But this isn't simply about politics. It is about justice and human rights, which necessarily play themselves out in the laws of our Commonwealth. And, to be clear, the law of God supersedes the laws of any government.

I pray for Governor Healey and for all of our leaders. I wish no one ill will or harm. Please pray for the respect of all human life, from conception to natural death. Pray for a conversion of heart for all who believe this is a good thing. But let us also pray for ourselves, that we may always have the courage and compassion to promote a culture of life and to support mothers, fathers, and children in need.

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 and 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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

Fr. John



### Looking for Altar Servers

Adults are welcome as are children of any age or grade, as long as they have received their First Communion.

Interested parents are welcome to train with their children and serve with them, if they would like.

Become a part of our altar serving team and serve once a month, twice a month, every week; whatever works best for you and your schedule. We will offer server training soon.

Please contact us at 508-228-0100 or at

[stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org) to sign up



### Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, August 10th for:

**Christopher E Bierley.**

Please remember Chris and his family in your prayers.

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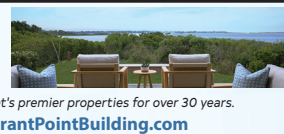
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