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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

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 29

5:00 PM

Michael McDonald*

Sunday, August 30

7:00 AM

Our Parish Family

8:30 AM

Patty Powers*

8:45 AM

John Khawam*

10:00 AM

Sandra Hastings*

11:30 AM

Joy McGrath*

6:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Monday, August 31

7:30 AM

Judith Mary Rosenberger

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 AM

Henry K. Chmielewski

Wednesday, September 2

7:30 AM

Mary Anne Roberts

Thursday, September 3

7:30 AM

Jane Bahouth

Friday, September 4

7:30 AM

Mary Benevenia

Saturday, September 5

5:00 PM

Rita Bangs*

Sunday, September 6

7:00 AM

Our Parish Family

8:30 AM

Esther O'Hehir*

8:45 AM

Robert H. Malavase*

10:00 AM

Louis V. Gerstner, Jr.

11:30 AM

Neil J. Graner

6:00 PM

Spanish Mass



In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to Total stewardship. Brothers and sisters he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

August 23:

Weekly Parish Collection	\$20,966.00
Second Collection:	\$2,152.00
Sconset Chapel Collection ~ Sconset only	
(Total for the Sconset Collection: \$5,877.00)	

The above totals include our online giving donations.

August 30: Weekly Parish Collection

September 6: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment

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!

PLEASE NOTE

NEXT weekend, September 5 & 6, is the last weekend for the expanded summer schedule.

Mass Schedule beginning SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am and

1:30 pm (Spanish)

Sconset Chapel Notes

Next Sunday (September 6) will be the last Sunday we celebrate an 8:45 am Mass at the Chapel this season.

See above notice for the "regular" schedule of Masses, which begins September 12 and 13, 2026.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Beginning on September 13th the Spanish Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 PM. It will no longer be available at 6:00 PM.

Thank you.

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Jesuits Return to Help

With our expanded schedule of Masses that began June 27, the Jesuits return to help. This weekend, August 29 and 30, we welcome Fr. Andre Brouillette, S.J. and Fr. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J. from Boston College who are here to assist us. Thank you Fr. Andre and Fr. Jeff.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



On September 5th, the Church celebrates the Optional Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997), affectionately called "Mother Teresa".

Nun, missionary and teacher in Calcutta, India, and foundress of Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity in 1950. She received the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize in 1971.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1972, and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, and the Missionaries today work in 30 countries.



Sacrament of Baptism

William Daniel DeLuca

will receive the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Mary's this weekend. We ask for your prayers for William and for his parents and godparents.



Registration for our Faith Formation program will open in September. Please make sure to register and check our weekly bulletin and website for additional information, registration dates, and updates.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Ceci Gutierrez. CGDR@stmarysnantucket.org

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Thursday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the Church (+ 604). He was a prefect of Rome, a Benedictine and a papal legate to Constantinople. As pope he is noted for liturgical reform and (Gregorian) chant. He sent missionaries to England and wrote on many moral and theological subjects. He is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church. He called himself the "servant of the servants of God." He is the patron of music. Other days are weekdays of ordinary time.

Renewed in Prayer with My Brother Bishops



Last week, I had the blessing of joining my brother bishops from throughout New England for a retreat at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, Long Island. The retreat is an annual gathering that I look forward to each year amid the busy traveling of summer. While not every bishop was able to attend, approximately 15 of us gathered for a peaceful and enriching time of prayer, Mass, reflection, and fellowship. Our retreat preacher was Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the former Archbishop of Washington, D.C., who led us in reflections focused on what he called "Letters from the Chair of Peter." Drawing from the letters of Saint Peter in the New Testament and the teachings of the successors of Peter, Cardinal Wuerl offered us much to reflect upon as we prayed together and renewed ourselves in our shared ministry. The retreat was also a wonderful opportunity simply to be together, to share spiritual reflections, and to strengthen the bonds of fraternity among the bishops of New England. I returned grateful for this time of renewal and for the reminder that, before we can serve others, we must always make time to deepen our own relationship with the Lord through prayer and reflection. Sincerely,
+Bishop da Cunha

Beginning Soon! OCIA

St. Mary's OCIA. Discover the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Whether you were never baptized, were baptized in another Christian tradition, or are a baptized Catholic looking to complete your sacraments of initiation, OCIA offers a space to explore the Catholic Faith in a supportive community. We will go through the teachings and traditions of the Church, answer your questions in an open, welcoming environment, help you grow in your relationship with God. For more information or to get registered, reach out to the parish office at 508-228-0100 or stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org



Knights of Columbus Update

The Knights of Columbus have several plans in the works, including serving their fabulous food at the Nantucket Island Fair on September 12 & 13. Stay tuned to the bulletin to see what their upcoming events will be.

ROSARY

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



Dear Friends,

There are certain passages of Scripture that seem to speak directly to the times we live in. This weekend, we hear one of them from St. Paul:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

Those words are as countercultural today as they were when St. Paul first wrote them.

Our culture constantly tells us that life is about me: my wants, my desires, my happiness, my truth, my body - my choice, my identity. We are told to look within ourselves to discover who we are and then to expect the world around us to affirm whatever we find.

St. Paul offers something completely different.

He tells us to offer ourselves to God — not just a part of ourselves, not simply an hour on Sunday, but our whole selves: our minds, our bodies, our desires, our plans, our relationships, our gifts, our time and even our very identities. "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

"That can sound rather scary because we might imagine that surrendering ourselves to God means somehow losing ourselves. Christianity teaches the opposite. When we give ourselves to God, we do not become *less* ourselves. We become more fully the people we were created to be.

After all, God made us. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows our gifts and our weaknesses, our hopes and our fears, our possibilities and our limitations. The eyes of the world will constantly judge us, categorize us, compare us, and tell us who we should be. But ultimately there is only one set of eyes that matters: the eyes of the One who created us and loves us.

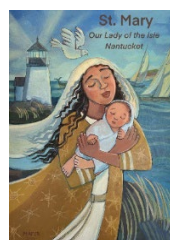
As summer begins to wind down, students return to school, parents return to familiar routines, and the pace of "non-summer life" begins again, perhaps these words of St. Paul are what we need to carry with us:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age."

Let's ask ourselves this question each day: **What does God want for me?**

And then comes the harder question: **Am I willing to give Him all of myself and trust that He knows who I am meant to become?**

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. 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

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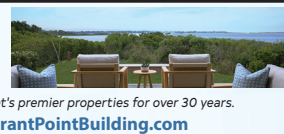
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