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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12

5:00 PM Harry Robishaw*

Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM Bette Cody

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

1:30 PM Spanish Mass

Monday, September 14

7:30 AM Corky & Flint Ranney

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 AM Genevieve & Theodore Giletti

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 AM Deacon Charles Boucher

Thursday, September 17

7:30 AM John Buckman

Friday, September 18

7:30 AM Rory Kelleher

Saturday, September 19

5:00 PM Sydney & Cynthia Thurston*

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Anthony Riccio & David Feindel*

1:30 PM Spanish Mass



Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master", says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

August 30: \$21,225.00
The above total includes our online giving donations.

September 6: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment
Not available at press time.

September 13: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: FACE Collection
Financial aid for students attending local Catholic schools in our Diocese.

September 20: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: St. Mary's Religious Education

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!



Special FACE Collection

I want to let you know that a second collection will be taken up at Masses at all parishes in our Diocese over the weekend of Sept. 9-10 to support [financial scholarships for students](http://www.FACE-DFR.ORG) attending a local Catholic school. These

scholarships are distributed through FACE, the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education.

Over 30 years ago, the St. Mary's Education Fund was established to give students with financial needs access to a Catholic education in the Diocese of Fall River. Today, the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (or FACE) carries on this history of making Catholic education a reality for all families who desire one for their children.

A donation to this special collection will help continue this proud mission of giving students opportunities to grow in educational environments dedicated to helping them develop their God-given potential. [Visit www.FACE-DFR.ORG](http://www.FACE-DFR.ORG) to learn more.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop da Cunha

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 Maloro, 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross- September 14

This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium. In the square between the two churches a shrine, the Calvarium, was built to mark the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher was built by the Crusaders in 1149. This day also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

Rosary with St Paul's

Fr. Max and I invite you to join us again to pray the Rosary together. It has been a successful and well attended event since we started back in April. We are back at St. Paul's on September 16th at 6:30 pm. This is something we will continue to do every month, alternating between St. Mary's and St. Paul's.
Fr. John

PLEASE NOTE

Mass Schedule beginning this weekend

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

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

1:30 pm (Spanish)

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.



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. **508-241-4161** or

CGDR@stmarysnantucket.org

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

Tuesday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows. By the 14th. Century, the sorrows of Mary numbered seven: the presentation of the Jesus in the Temple, the flight into Egypt, Jesus being lost in Jerusalem, the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross, and his burial.

Wednesday, September 16: Saints Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs. Cornelius died in 253 in exile in Civitavecchia. He opposed various heresies and is buried in the cemetery of Callistus. Cyprian, an ally of Cornelius was decapitated in 258 under Valerian. He was the bishop of Carthage. He was the first African bishop to be martyred and is the patron of North Africa and of Algeria.

Thursday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor of the Church (+1621). He was a brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer, and systematic apologist of the Counter Reformation. He is most noted for his *Catechism*. He became the archbishop of Capua and is the patron of catechists and catechumens.



New Altar Servers!

Please join us in welcoming our newest altar servers.

You served all summer and which was extremely helpful with our busy Mass schedule. And you were available to serve with the Bishop during his visit in July. We are grateful for you all being a part of this special ministry. And we want you to know that our parish community is praying for you and supporting you on this journey as faithful members of our Parish family. Thank you to you and to your families!



Knights of Columbus Update

Be sure to join the the Knights of Columbus at the Nantucket Island Fair this weekend, on September 12 & 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Tom Nevers Field. Go out and enjoy the Fair and while you are there have some of the Knights fabulous food.

Stay tuned to the bulletin to see what their upcoming events will be.

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



Prayer for Students

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your Spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen

From: <https://www.usccb.org/>

From the Office of Safe Environment

Want to keep your child extra safe? Create a code word for you and your child to be used in a variety of ways. It can be a signal that your child needs to talk to you immediately; it can be the password a trusted adult needs to pick up your child in an emergency, or it can be a code to signal to you that the child is in danger. Practice handling these situations just as you would have family fire drills. Safety is too important to leave to chance!



Dear Friends,

Another summer season has come and gone. I love the summer and all the people it brings to our parish and our island. I really love seeing new faces and seeing familiar faces from summers past, but I will admit—it does feel good to be back to “normal” with our Mass schedule.

I love our Jesuit assistants. They are a joy to be around. But I confess, in the summer I am envious of them as they celebrate Masses which I can't, due to the schedule. There are some of you I don't get to see for a couple of weeks at a time due to the extended schedule. I love being your priest and seeing you in church and at Mass.

I am very happy that this weekend it is a bit quieter. I get to celebrate all three English Masses with you this weekend. That means whatever Mass you attend, I get to see you!

This letter may seem selfish, and admittedly it is. But there's a reason why priests are called “Father.” It's not a title of honor or of superiority, but it illustrates the relationship we have. Humbly, I am your spiritual father (whether you like it or not). But I can tell you, nothing gives me greater joy.

Please know of my love and affection for you all.

You mean more to me than you will ever know. I am grateful to be your priest.

May God bless you all!

Fr. John

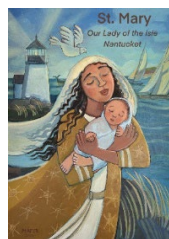
RESPECT LIFE MONTH MASS & CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 11, 2026

Join Bishop Edgar M. Da Cunha, S.D.V., for the annual Respect Life Mass at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Fall River. The Mass is open to all. No registration is required.

The Respect Life Conference and Lunch to follow at 12:00 pm at Whites of Westport. The keynote speaker, Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PH.D., will speak as an ethicist on “end of life medical choices: making ethical decisions in sickness and compromised states.” Conference and lunch registration is \$45.00. Registration is required by September 30, 2026. For details contact Deborah Ledoux stledoux@dioc-fr.org
To register visit fallriverdiocese.org/event

ROSARY

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



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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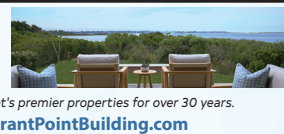
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