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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.....1:30 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



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 21

7:30 AM

Charlie Kirk

Tuesday, September 22

7:30 AM

Theresa & Frank Burke

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 AM

Rory Kelleher

Thursday, September 24

7:30 AM

Melie Uhlmann

Friday, September 25

7:30 AM

Jeanette Topham

Saturday, September 26

5:00 PM

Phil & Carol Marks

Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM

Esther O'Hehir

11:00 AM

Our Parish Family

1:30 PM

Spanish Mass



In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

September 6:	\$18,447.00
Second Collection:	\$9,505.00

Diocesan Assessment
The above totals include our online giving donations.

September 13:	Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection:	FACE Collection

Financial aid for students attending local Catholic schools in our Diocese.
Not available at press time.

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

September 27:	Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection:	Mission Cooperative Program

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: The second collection for the weekend of September 27 should be for our Cardinal Medeiros Residence Collection, home to retired priests. Cardinal Medeiros Residence in Fall River is home to two of our previous pastors, Fr. Tom Lopes and Fr. Paul Canuel. Because we have the Mission Cooperative Program scheduled for that weekend, we will collect the Cardinal Medeiros Collection the following weekend, October 3 & 4. Thank you.

The Holy Father's Intention for September 2026

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 Malara, 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, Michael Deere and Elizabeth Pagnam

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-2

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45



Sacrament of Marriage

Please remember these couples in your prayers as they celebrated this special sacrament this week.

September 14, 2026

Oscar Frias Martinez

and

Sophie May Gerardi

September 19, 2026

Eric Joseph Penner

and

Emily Catherine Rothchild



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



Sacrament of Baptism

Miguel Eliseo Paz Alarcon

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.

and

Clara Marie Bardsley

will receive the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Mary's this 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, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle, evangelist. According to the bishop, Papias(c.125), the Church's canonical text of Matthew draws upon the Aramaic traditions associated with his name. Composed c. 85, the gospel is generally arranged in an alternating pattern of narrative and discourse. Intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience, it seeks to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. Tradition holds that Matthew preached in Judea and in Ethiopia where he was martyred. St. Matthew is the patron of accountants and customs officers.

Wednesday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest (+ 1968). "Padre Pio" was a Capuchin priest who received the stigmata. He spent 50 years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

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



Mission Cooperative Program

Each year we are blessed to welcome a missionary to speak to us about the missionary work of the Church and to solicit our prayers and support. The weekend of September

26 & 27 we will welcome Fr. Augustine Dada. He is a priest of the Diocese of Ondo, Nigeria, and was recently appointed as the new Vice President of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies dedicated to supporting the formation and education of seminarians, religious novices, and clergy in the Church's 1,130 mission territories. He will preach at all the Masses that weekend. The second collection will be for his Diocese, and its parishes and other institutions that support the work of justice and peace.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Mass Schedule beginning **SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

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

1:30 pm (Spanish) ~ the Spanish Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 PM.

It will no longer be available at 6:00 PM.



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 nd 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



Dear Friends,

This coming Tuesday evening, September 22, autumn will officially arrive. Fall is a great time of year, especially here on Nantucket. It has become my favorite season on the island.

Fall marks the beginning of many things: the school year, Faith Formation in our parish, many sports — and the list goes on. But fall also

represents the end of things.

All around us, nature in her final act shows her beauty through the changing colors of the leaves. The earth receives the sun from a different angle, the days become shorter, and the weather becomes a bit cooler. All around us, we see the signs of change.

I am reminded of the words of Robert Louis Stevenson in his poem, "Autumn Fires":

"Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!"

Change is a part of life, as is death. There's no way around it. Just as we are attentive to the changing of the seasons, we should be even more attentive to the cycle of human life — from conception to natural death, of course, but everything in between as well.

It is all rich and beautiful and makes up the great work of art that is human life and creation. And all of it draws us ever more powerfully to God Himself, the Divine Artist.

As we prepare to welcome another fall, may we be grateful for the beauty of the season, attentive to the changes taking place around us, and even more attentive to the presence of God in every season of our lives.

Happy and blessed autumn!

God bless!

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 stdledoux@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.



Knights of Columbus

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus to all who attended or donated to them at the Nantucket Island Fair. Stay tuned to the bulletin to see what their upcoming events will be.

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