



### **Newly Ordained Priest To Serve as Summer Assistant**

We are pleased to welcome **Father Matthew Gill** who will have been assigned to our parish to assist for the summer. His assignment here will extend from June 19 to September 4. Father was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 2018.

This will be a beautiful opportunity for us to welcome this new priest into the joys and challenges of pastoral ministry in our wonderful parish.

### **Father Carlos Patino Villa Now Parochial Vicar**

Padre Carlos, who has served the needs of our Spanish community from Cape Cod for 11 years has been assigned to our parish as full time Parochial Vicar as of June 27. We welcome him and look forward to sharing pastoral ministry with him.

### **Our Part-Time Residents**

Since this is your parish for part of the year, we would like to know who you are. Please register by contacting the office: 508-228-0100 or [stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org) Also, if you fill a liturgical ministry, we would like to have your help while you are here. Just let us know your ministry and which Mass you prefer to attend. Note: We always need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

### **A SERIES OF GOSPELS FROM JOHN 6**

This weekend begins a five-Sunday series, with gospels taken from John 6 -- an account of the multiplication of loaves & fish, and then the "Bread of Life" discourse. Most Catholics know that the three years of the lectionary cycle feature Mathew, Mark, and Luke. The gospel of John is used frequently in Lent and Easter. But the wonderful and long chapter of John 6 needed some place to fit in the three years. Thus the lectionary planners placed it at that point in the Mark narrative where a multiplication account occurs in Mark. Thus last Sunday's gospel, of people gathering by the Sea of Galilee, looking for Jesus their shepherd, is followed by these five weeks. May these summer gospels draw all closer to the Lord in the Eucharist.

### **Summer Mass Schedule**

**Now to September 2, 2018**

**Saturday: Mass at 5 pm**

**Sunday Masses:**

**at 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:30 am**

**and 6:30 pm in Spanish**

**in church**

**and**

**8:45 am at the 'Sconset Union Chapel**

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**We welcome the Jesuits back to help with this schedule of Masses.**

### **Live Streaming in "realtime" of our Church**

At any time during daylight hours "visit" our church on your computer or mobile device: Go to our website and click on Live Streaming, or use our App (found at St. Mary, Nantucket). Visit during Mass times to pray with the celebration of the Eucharist.

### **THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH**

Construction began in 1896 (see the sign at the church porch), and the church was dedicated on April 8, 1897. This was six years before the parish was established, while the parish was part of the Providence diocese, and sacraments were celebrated by priests visiting from Cape Cod and New Bedford. We will observe this at the church next weekend, **August 4 & 5**, and we invite you to remember our parish in your prayers at home. As our Church's official document on the calendar says: "The annual observance of the dedication of a church celebrates the mystery of the living Church, that is, the people of God in pilgrimage to the new Jerusalem."

### **A Traditional Art and Livelihood for Holy Land Christians August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

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, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. 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 economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

**Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.**