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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday ~ Thursday 8:00am
Rosary & Devotions 7:35am
Wednesday, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:30am

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:00am & 7:00pm
Consult the bulletin for alternate Mass times

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm ~ 3:30pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Last Sunday of the Month ~ by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact Rectory one year in advance

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Contact Rectory ~ Call anytime

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Call Vocation Office (401) 331-1316

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday ~ Thursday 9:00am ~ 1:00pm
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PARISH NEWS DEADLINE

Sunday at Noon write/email stmaryschurch1@cox.net

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St. Mary Church Weekly Financial Summary Report

April 14/15	\$1,653.00
Landscaping	\$ 457.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,117.00

This Week's Second Collection
Maintenance

Next Week's Second Collection
Fuel

THANK YOU for your generosity!

- Saturday April 21**
VIGIL 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Carmella Alviti (Memorial)
Req. by friends
- Sunday April 22**
4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Joseph Cook (21st Anniversary)
Req. by wife, Joan
- Monday April 23**
8:00AM
Angelo & Gilda Spina (Memorial)
Req. by children
- Tuesday April 24**
8:00AM
Pro Populo
For the People of St. Mary's Church
- Wednesday April 25**
8:00AM
In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Req. by devotees
- Thursday April 26**
8:00AM
Michelle Reinert (Memorial)
Req. by Richard & Barbara Rossi
- Saturday April 28**
4:00PM
VIGIL 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Joseph & Madeline Chabot (Memorial)
Req. by Norman & Theresa Benton
- Sunday April 29**
10:00AM
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
David Kelley (5th Anniversary)
Req. by family

Remember to make up any missed budget envelopes. We are relying on your continued support! Please, be as generous as possible in your weekly giving. We count on your support to meet our operating expenses. If you are not receiving budget envelopes, please call the office and we will update your census record and enroll you in the program! Your weekly support is crucial to the day-to-day operation of the parish. Thanks!

PARISH MEETINGS

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 13
6:30pm in the rectory hall

CEMETERY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 14
3:00 pm in the rectory hall

SOCIETY OF WOMEN
Tuesday, May 1
6:30pm in Father Gibson Hall

2019 MASS BOOK Is Now OPEN

The 2019 Mass Book IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. Weekend Masses celebrated Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am. Offerings for any Masses/Votives after June 30, 2019 will be given at the time of the scheduled Mass. Call the rectory Monday – Thursday from 9:00am – 1:00pm. First come, first served.

Diocese of Providence

Are you a caregiver for a family member over the age of 60? The Diocesan CareBreaks Program can help! CareBreaks assists family caregivers in paying for a regular break from caregiving duties. Whether you need a worker to come to your home, help pay for a day of adult day care each week or even assist with an occasional overnight stay in a nursing home; CareBreaks can help you care for your own needs and maintain your own health. Don't try to do it alone! For more information, call Hector at the CareBreaks Program, (401) 421-7833, ext. 211 or email hmuno@dioceseofprovidence.org.



If you know of any parishioner who is in need, housebound or would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Velma at (401) 644-8191.

Remember to Pray for ...

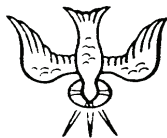
Deceased: Edith R. Fleury, John "Jack" Lamb, Richard T. Kelly, Genevieve H. Carpenter, Eileen Giblin, Michael Rather, Margaret C. Dean, Harry Nill, Jr., Mary E. Edmondson, Helen Paul, Rose M. Manera, Michelangelo Coppa, Michael F. Kelley, Harold V. Baten, Frederick J. McCarron III, Sophie A. Aiello, Eugene Desrosiers, Hope M. Murphy, Edmund F. Carley, Helene C. White, Pasquale C. Saccoccia, Nancy M. Della Cioppa, Patricia E. Janollari, Josephine Zielski, Raymond D. Robichaud, Gloria A. Selby, Angela Del Pozzo, Robert P. Strasser, Philip T. O'Connell, Berthe V. Champoux, Caroline O'Mara, Madeline Antonaccio, Felix "Phil" Dilorio, Jr., Joseph P. McKanna, Faith M. Piluk, Mary R. Boffi, Milton J. Skurka, Kathleen M. Flanagan, Donald J. Nester, Elizabeth Loughlin, Doris Boyer, Arthur G. Hunt, Sr., Gail Parkhurst, Albert W. Akulonis, Ernest L. Dion, Robert F. Hunter, Manuel S. Loaiza, Robert W. Ellingwood, Sr., Catherine T. Reynolds, Jeffrey A. Ozug, Robert R. Etchells, Donald E. Jalbert, Sr., Mary E. Viveiros, Patricia M. Garrahan, Irene T. LaMake, Mary "Betty" Magiera, Manuel Rivas, Evelyn B. D'Amore, Rita T. Strasser, Anna J. Waters, Walter C. Anderson & Richard F. Paolilli **Sick:** Saverio Giusti, Maria Coelho, Frank Lane, Kelley Campoli, James Cumiskey, Melissa Gallucci-Wohlust, Rosemary Pari, Joseph Baldo, Karen Briggs, Thomas Boucher, Joan Newman, Rebecca Magiera, Karen Forit, Shane Carmadella, Susan Lawton, Robert Souza, Jack Casey, James Sousa, Mary Sylvia, Jim Smith, Joseph Baeta, Andy Loughlin & Jeanne M. Russell



Religious Education Classes

SS John & James Church Hall, Arctic
 Sacramental records (if required) to Ms. Deb Doyle,
 Director of Religious Education
 20 Washington Street, West Warwick, RI 02893
 For all other pertinent information
 call Deb at (401) 821-7661 ext. 12
 GRADES 1 – 6 – 10:20AM – 11:20AM
 GRADES 7 – CONFIRMATION 6:00PM – 7:30PM
 PRE-SCHOOL 10:20AM – 11:20AM
 ALL CLASSES ARE CONDUCTED IN
 SS JOHN & JAMES LOWER CHURCH

CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



St. Mary's Confirmation Candidates will be confirmed next Saturday, **April 28, 2018** in SS John & James Church, West Warwick, at 11:00am. Confirmation practice for candidates and their sponsors will take place tomorrow Monday, April 23, at 6:30pm at SS John & James Church. Please, remember our candidates in your prayers! Those to be confirmed from St. Mary's Church are:

Marc **FLORIAN** Cesana
 Madison **MARCELLINA** Scully
 Connor **BLAISE** Souza
 Sean **VINCENT DE PAUL** White

THE RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St. Mary's candidates for First Holy Communion will receive the Sacrament on Saturday, May 12, at 10:00am in SS John & James Church. Please, keep the children receiving First Holy Communion in your prayers.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Pray for priests, seminarians and vocations to the priesthood at the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Thursdays, from 12:00 noon – 5:00pm. All are welcomed to join in prayerful adoration before Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Healing Mass - Anointing of the Sick For Those Who Are Ill or in Recovery Sunday, May 27, 5:00pm

St. Mary's Church - Open to all who are sick, suffering/in recovery from addictions to alcoholism, drugs and mental/emotional distress. All are invited to attend.

ST. MARY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY SPECIAL AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS



If YOU would like to travel to Vatican City, Rome, ancient Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Venice for an exciting 9 day pilgrimage, call Captain Cruise & Crew Travel Agency, East Providence at (401) 431-1480 or Father Doug! This will be a trip of a lifetime, as we visit many of the ancient Christian holy places. We will fly to Rome on Monday, December 3, 2018 returning on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. There are guided tours and Father Doug will act as the group chaplain, offering daily Mass and rosary. We will bring the written intentions of our parishioners and friends with us, leaving them at the tomb of St. Francis. The complete itinerary has been discussed at the meeting. If you decide to come, you may make a deposit of \$500.00 to seal the cost of the trip. Depending on the number of people who make the trip, the cost could be as low as \$2,336.00 per person.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

GOD'S WORK + OUR HANDS – TOTAL TO DATE \$6,260.00

The Catholic Charity Fund Appeal (CCFA) is in full swing. Please be as generous as you can in making your annual contribution. Your gift can work miracles in the lives of others! Our CCFA Chairpersons are Sheila Hunt, Frank Pari & Paulette Phelan. Our parish goal is \$23,954.00. The CCFA concludes June 30, 2018. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the CCFA.

St. Mary's Society of Women Hosts Baby Shower Today

... Saturday, April 21 (for gift drop-off following the 4:00pm Mass) & TODAY, Sunday, April 22, from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. Father Gibson Hall. Items needed: Infant clothing, (especially newborn 0 – 3 months), diaper wipes & diaper bags. Refreshments will be served. Items will benefit the Diocesan Office of Community Service, West Warwick. For information call Betty Jalbert, 821-4041 and/or Lorraine Hulton at 821-5278.



McVinney Auditorium Needs Ushers

McVinney Auditorium is in search of volunteers to usher various programs and events. Ushers provide a welcoming experience to everyone who comes through the doors of McVinney Auditorium. Expectations are: Arrive 90 minutes before the event, take tickets, guide patrons to seats, pass out programs and assist patrons during the event. Volunteer ushers enjoy the event free of charge. For more information email: mcvinney@dioceseofprovidence.org.



Remember in prayer the brave men & women serving our country, especially in the Middle East





The Pastor's Pulse

Dear parishioners & friends:

Preparing for Our Diamond Jubilee

OPENING CELEBRATION - 175th ANNIVERSARY

The opening celebration of our 175th Anniversary and Holy Hour will take place on **Sunday, June 3, 2018** at 4:00pm in the church. The theme of the Holy Hour is St. Mary's Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Following the Holy Hour, the statue of St. Francis of Assisi will be blessed. The statue, located to the right of the church doors, will be dedicated in memory of Father Paul Francis Reynolds, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Church, who passed away last year. Father Reynolds was a beloved pastor of souls, who served St. Mary's Church for many years. Following the Holy Hour, a reception will take place in Father Gibson Hall.

In addition, the donated bronze statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be erected on the front lawn of the church, to the left of the main doors. The statue will be placed on a black granite pedestal and will stand approximately six and one half feet. This image of Jesus will welcome all who enter our historic church. Your name or the names of loved ones may be engraved on the granite pedestal, with a donation of \$300.00. The characters, spaces and ampersands must not exceed 26 characters. For example, John & Mary Smith would constitute 17 characters. The statue will be blessed following the 175th Anniversary Mass, **Sunday May 5, 2019** at 12:00 Noon, concluding our 175th Anniversary celebrations.

Also, names may be included in the 175th Anniversary Mass Booklet and scroll. The scroll will be presented at the Anniversary Mass. Each name, names of couples and families constitute one line. For example: John Smith, John & Mary Smith, Smith & Farley Families would constitute one line. The donation is \$10.00 per line.

Please make all checks payable to St. Mary's Church. If you did not receive the one-time Annual Collection envelope and letter, you may use the form at the bottom of this page. Place the form and check in an envelope, returning it by way of the collection basket or mail. Thank you.



Annual Collection 2018/2019 Inscription Return Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

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The conferral of the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will take place in SS John & James Church, West Warwick, next Saturday. Four candidates from our parish will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and the anointing with Holy Chrism. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated on Saturday, May 12, at SS John & James Church. St. Mary's Parish has two candidates receiving their First Holy Communion. Let us pray for all our candidates. We are very proud of them.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel, drawn from John, Jesus speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd. He is the One who tends the flock, feeds the sheep, finds the lost and the abandoned, gives comfort to the lambs; the most vulnerable and weak. Jesus searches out the strays, the strong willed and the restless. He gathers up those who are lost and in distress; healing the sick, restoring them to the fold. Without the Shepherd, disaster of every sort would descend upon the flock; dispersing them, placing them in certain danger. The Good Shepherd is ever vigilant. Jesus never abandons His sheep!



The following scripture passage contains Jesus' description of who the Good Shepherd is. As we read:

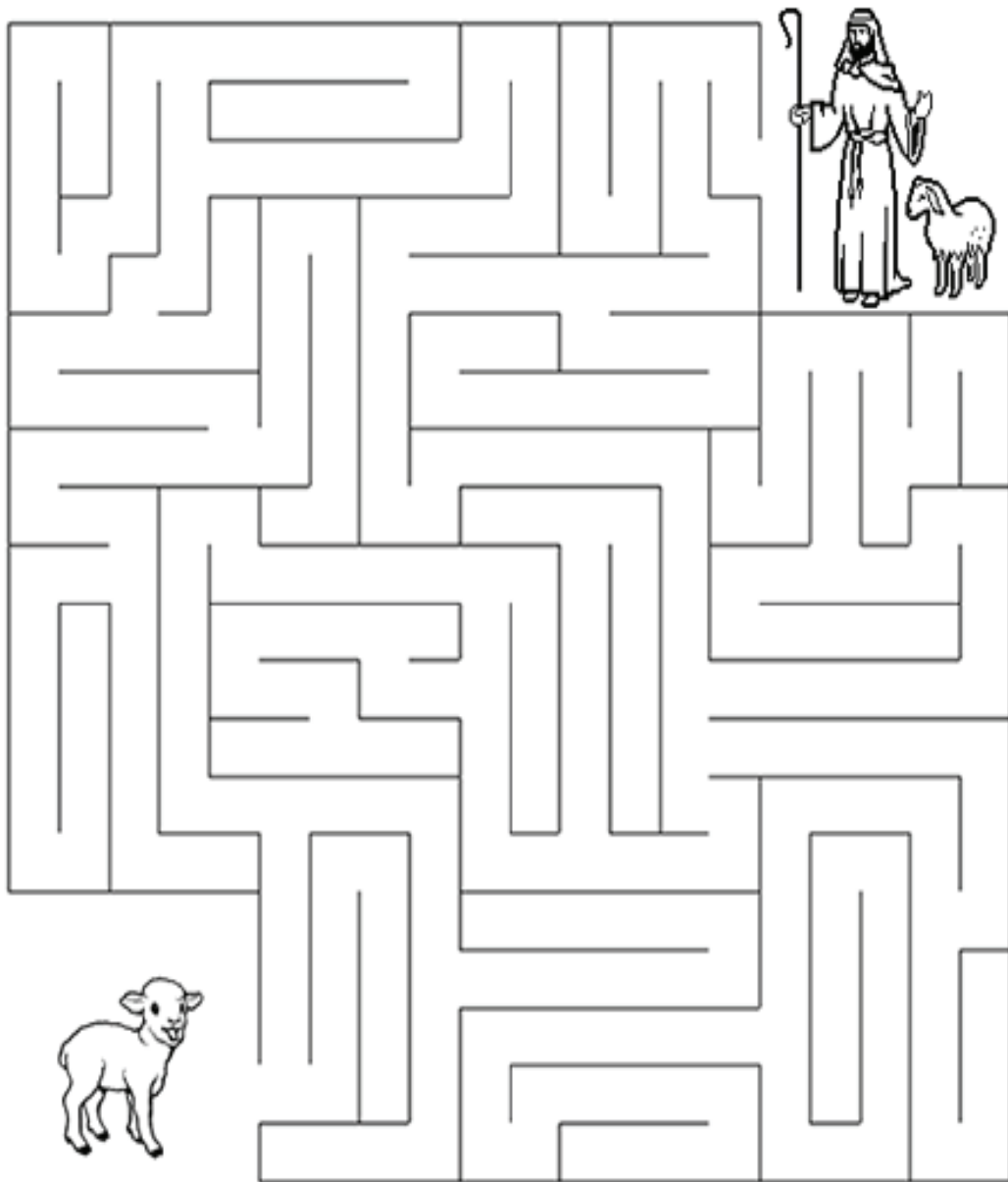
"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. A hired man who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep ... This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again ... This command I have received from my Father."

Hear the gentle voice of the One who conquered the grave for your sake. Have no fear. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, gathers you in His arms. Trust, follow and rejoice in the goodness of God. The Divine Shepherd stands with you and among you!

Your grateful Pastor,
Father Doug

Kid's Korner

***Kids, today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.
John, in his Gospel, tells us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.
You are the precious lambs of His fold. Listen to His voice and follow.
Can you find your way through the maze to Jesus, who calls you to His side?***



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