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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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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 7

7:30 AM

Patricia Keogh

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 AM

Renee Waldron

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 AM

Christine Baxter

Thursday, September 10

7:30 AM

Diane Reid

Friday, September 11

7:30 AM

For World Peace and Justice

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



Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

August 30:
Weekly Parish Collection
Not available at press time.

September 6:
Second Collection:

Weekly Parish Collection
Diocesan Assessment

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

Weekly Parish Collection
FACE Collection

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

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

Mass Schedule beginning next weekend, SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am and 1:30 pm (Spanish)

Sconset Chapel Notes

This 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, Xavier 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

Jesuits Return to Help

With our expanded schedule of Masses that began June 27, the Jesuits return to help. This weekend, September 5 & 6, we welcome Fr. Erick Berrelleza, S.J. and Fr. Charles Gallagher, S.J. from Boston College who are here to assist us. Thank you Fr. Erick and Fr. Charlie.



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

Thank you Ministers of Mass!

Thank you to all who assisted in the celebration of Mass at St. Mary's and the Chapel this summer: Sacristans, lectors, servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, collectors and our music ministry. We are thankful for your service and for your devotion to your church.

New School Year

Our prayers go out for students, teachers and staff who will begin their new school on Tuesday, September 8th here on the island. And to all those who are away at school and have started their studies already. And we include our Jesuit friends at Boston College as well.



Sacrament of Marriage

Please remember this couple in your prayers as they celebrate this special sacrament this weekend.

September 5, 2026

Sam Martin Kelley

and

Mariah Colleen Feely

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, September 7: We celebrate Labor Day with the Mass for the Blessing of Human Labor.

Tuesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This fifth century feast marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem built, according to tradition, on the location of the home of St. Anne, the mother of Mary.

Wednesday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, S.J. (+1654). Catalan Jesuit who served in the Colombian mission in Cartagena; for 38 years he devoted himself to the care of African slaves, baptizing over 300,000. He called himself the "slave of the slaves forever." He is patron of Colombia and of all mission to black peoples.

Friday, September 11: Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice. This is the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil.



"Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, and the most vulnerable."

Pope Francis, Homily of the Canonization of

Mother Teresa, September 4, 2016

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



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](#) 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

ROSARY

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



Labor Day. Thank you.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday weekend.
The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I wrote in this column about the protection of human life, particularly here in Massachusetts. As you know, this is considered a controversial topic—but one rooted in morality, natural law and Catholic Social Teaching. I am not afraid to look at the challenging issues of our time, especially as they pertain to the Gospel and the dignity of the

human person.

With this in mind, I want to address another difficult issue that touches very close to home: the revocation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for so many people who live in this country, including members of our community here on Nantucket.

Recently, Bishop Brendan Cahill, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, addressed this issue:

"Revoking the legal status of hundreds of thousands of people residing in our country creates a moral crisis when returning to their country of origin is not a safe or reasonable option. If we are truly to affirm the God-given dignity of every human person, we as a nation cannot turn a blind eye to such an injustice and the impossible choices it will create for families and communities.

"Even if the Administration determines TPS is no longer warranted, deferred enforced departure remains a tool available to the President, and we urge him to exercise right judgement in this way. Forcibly sending families to dire conditions is a legacy all leaders should seek to avoid. To that end, my brother bishops and I also continue to call upon Congress to act—to meet this moment with the moral fortitude that is so desperately needed."

Here on Nantucket, this is not an abstract political issue. For many years, Salvadoran families have been an integral part of the life of our island and our parish. We worship together, work together, raise families together and call this island home.

I recognize that immigration is complicated and that our nation has both the right and the responsibility to enforce its laws. We must protect our borders. People must make every effort to follow the law of the land. But we should never assume that simply because something is legal, it is therefore moral.

As the old Hebrew National Hot Dog commercials used to remind us, "We answer to a higher authority."

At one time in our nation's history, it was legal to own another human being. Today, our laws permit the taking of innocent human life in the womb. The fact that something is permitted by law does not necessarily make it right.

Our Catholic faith requires us to look beyond what the law permits and ask a deeper question: Is it right? Does it respect the God-given dignity of the human person?

Jesus reminds us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." That is not a political statement; it is the Gospel. Every person has a face, a name and a God-given dignity.

As a parish community, may we continue to stand together, pray for one another and remember that our commitment to human dignity cannot change depending upon the issue before us. Whether speaking about the protection of human life or an immigrant family facing an uncertain future, our starting point must always be the same: the dignity of every human person created in the image and likeness of God.

God bless you all and God bless America!

Fr. John

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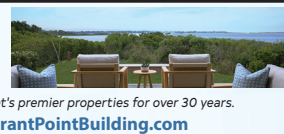
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