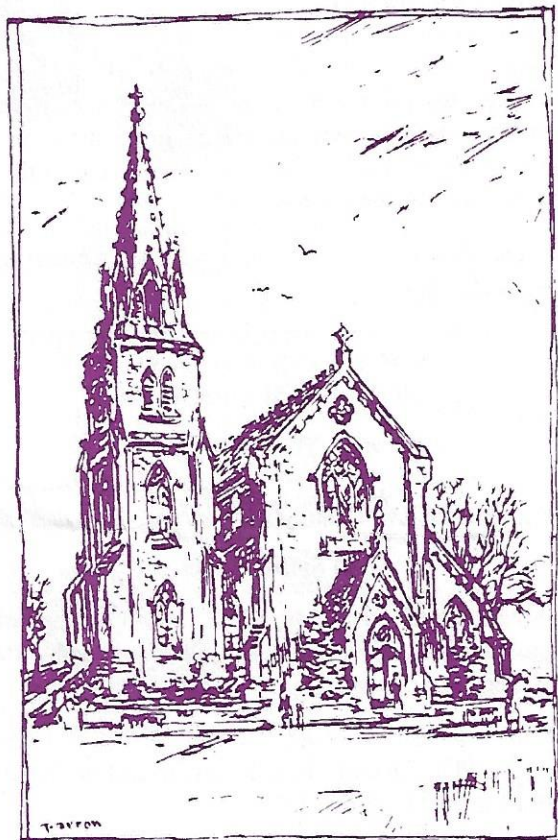


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DAILY MASSES: Monday through Friday – 7:30 AM

Saturday – 5:00 PM

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office of serious illness, if you know of someone who should receive this Sacrament, or someone who is unable to get to church but would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Hospitalization: When entering the Hospital have your name listed as a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish, Newport to ensure Hospital visitation.

Sacrament of Baptism: First Sunday of the Month. Please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be completed twelve months in advance.

WELCOME! If you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will support your parish by your prayers, your presence, and your talents.

COPY DEADLINE: Monday at 12:00 Noon. Copy must be submitted in writing at least two weeks before deadline.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 16

7:30 AM †Louis A. Amoruso

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 AM In Honor of St. Patrick

Wednesday, March 187:30 AM †Emma E. Edes
Scriptural Stations of the Cross**Thursday, March 19**

7:30 AM In Honor of St. Joseph

Friday, March 20

7:30 AM Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, March 21

5:00 PM †Margaret and Thomas Hastings

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM †Helen Sullivan

9:30 AM †Leonard Scalzi

11:00 AM †Etienne Rose

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
WILL BE THE AMERICAN BISHOPS OVERSEAS
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FOCUS OF THE READINGS

The first reading presents the ultimate paradox of God: always "other," yet ever "near." God is revealed in the burning bush as a God of holiness and power. It is the image of the totally other, transcendent God. Yet this is a God who speaks to and works through humanity, a God who acts in human history.

Our Gospel focuses on our need for conversion. In strong language, Jesus warns that if we do not change our ways, we will not be saved. Yet this very warning is filled with hope. We are always given the time and the help we need for conversion. The image of the fig tree so simply illustrates this.

Our God is holy and is here with us. Change your lives and believe.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN ACTION
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

TEAM 2

Wednesday, March 18
United Baptist Church
30 Spring Street

Donations of \$1.00 or \$2.00 would be greatly appreciated to purchase meat, milk, bread and butter to complete our menu.

Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket labeled St. Mary's Hot Lunch Program.

Frank Furtado
Bob Cody
Co-Chairmen

ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER
MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**Wednesday, March 18**

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM — Hot Lunch Program;
cooking at St. Mary's; serving at United
Baptist Church, 30 Spring Street
7:00 PM RCIA Meeting

Thursday, March 19

7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

RESPECT LIFE RECEPTION

A reception in honor of Maria Parker, former Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator, will be held after the 5:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral in Providence on March 22, 1998.

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

The Liturgy of the Word with children is held during the 9:30 AM Mass. We encourage families to participate in this experience.



**STEWARDSHIP
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Second Sunday of March

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If you have missed Sunday envelopes or if you have been on vacation please catch up in the coming weeks. Thank you.

All too often, Sacrificial Giving is presented only with the Church support or funding of other charities as the goal. This is too limiting. Sacrificial Giving also involves time and talent.

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Wednesday, March 18th is a Day of Prayer for the Unborn at St. Augustin's Church. Mass will be at 7:00 AM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration throughout the day ending with Benediction at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join in praying for the unborn.

LENT

DAILY MASSES DURING LENT

Monday through Friday — 7:30 AM

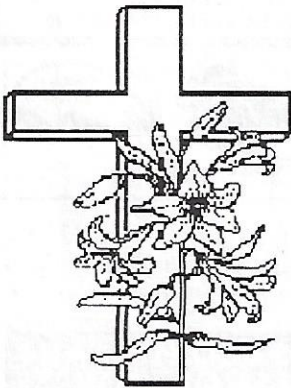
STATIONS OF THE CROSS — LITURGY OF THE WORD

7:30 AM — March 18, 25; April 1, 8



MILE OF PENNIES

We are making steady progress toward collecting a mile worth of pennies. This week we received 222 inches. To date we have collected 644,045 pennies, about 35,780 inches. Donations may be placed in an envelope labeled "Mile Worth of Pennies" and put in the collection basket. Thank you to all who have been so faithful in making donations.



On Good Friday, April 10th, the children of the parish, kindergarten through grade eight, are invited to come to the Parish Center from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM to create Easter baskets, dye eggs, plant seeds etc. for the homebound of the parish. Please call the Parish Office at 846-6057 if you would like to help or if you would like to donate eggs, seeds, etc.

Stewardship — Time, Talent and Treasure

During the last several months the children of the parish have been sharing their time, talent and treasure through their Stewardship envelopes at Mass.

At one of the recent Prayer Days, the children had the opportunity to decide on how and where some of their money would be dispersed.

The Children voted to send some money to Lucy's Hearth. Below is a Thank You note from the director of Lucy's Hearth.

Dear Ms. McGregor,

The Board of Directors and the staff of Lucy's Hearth would like to thank you and the children of St. Mary's Parish for selecting us to receive your Time, Talent and Treasure money.

The \$110.00 donation will be a great help in providing a warm and friendly environment for our kids.

We appreciate your continued generosity towards the families sheltered here at Lucy's Hearth.

Sincerely,

Betty Lou Wright
Executive Director

Adult Religious Education Freedom, Love and Resurrection

Jayme Hennessy will give a presentation on the letters of St. Paul on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 PM at Jesus Saviour Church. Suggested readings are: Romans 6 and I Corinthians 13 & 15.

Maria Harris, Author and National Speaker will give a workshop titled, "How Do Families Celebrate and Find Leisure Time Together" on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 PM at Salve Regina University — O'Hare Academic Building. Parents and religious educators are invited and urged to attend.

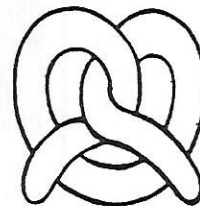
Prayer Idea



Recall the person(s) you need to forgive. Ask God to fill you with a willingness to forgive. Place your hand over your forehead as a sign of your desire to rid yourself of negative thoughts. Place your hand over your heart as a sign of your desire to let go of your negative emotions.

Activity Ideas

1. Develop the habit of smiling at those anonymous people who serve your needs — store clerks, custodians, letter carriers, etc.
2. Tell a relative why he/she is important to you.
3. Tell your children (or parents) why you love them.
4. Write a thank-you note to a parish committee for a job well done.
5. Invite a non-Catholic friend to a liturgy.



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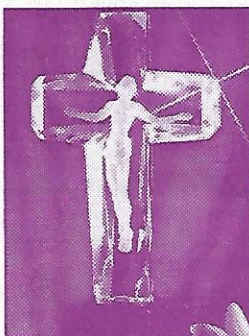
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