

Mary, Mother of Mankind Church

25 FOURTH STREET
✘ NORTH PROVIDENCE ✘ RHODE ISLAND 02911



September 8, 2024

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Days: see bulletin

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am
(The Rosary is prayed
prior to Daily Mass)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

M-T-W-Th. 9:00 am-1:00pm

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

From Fr. Varghese's Desk



Religious education classes for all grades will begin next weekend. We are blessed to have many dedicated catechists who have volunteered their time and talent to help shape the faith of our young people. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to these parishioners for their selfless commitment to teaching the next generation of believers. Our Lord reminds us not to hinder the children from coming to Him, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Parents are the primary and most significant teachers of faith, and we, who teach and preach, can only build upon the foundation that parents lay. In addition to bringing their children to religion classes, I encourage parents to attend Sunday Mass with their children. For faith to be truly alive, it must be nourished by the grace of the Sacraments, especially through the Word of God and the Eucharist, gifts we receive at every Mass. A life built on the solid rock of faith, rather than the shifting sands of ease and comfort, endures through trials and difficulties. Such challenges will inevitably come, but how well we withstand them depends on how we have built, practiced, and nurtured our faith—especially through the living Body and Blood of Christ, the Eucharist, every Sunday. Faith is living and dynamic: if not nourished, it weakens; if not practiced, it dulls; if not shared, it grows cold; if not lived, it dies.

*Have a Good Week and God Bless
Father Varghese*

MMM Church Religious Education

Class schedules are available at the front entrance of the Church.

- **Grades 1 – 6: Sundays from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.**

○ **Religious Education Mass for Grades 1–6:** September 15th at 8:00 AM. After Mass, First Communion parents are asked to stay for a meeting in the church hall. Attendance at weekly Mass is mandatory for First Communion students, and sign-in sheets will be available at the Church entrance.

- **Grades 7 – 10: Sundays after the 10:30 AM Mass.**

Confirmation Mass: September 15th at 10:30 AM. Attendance at weekly Mass is mandatory for Confirmation students, and sign-in sheets will be available at the Church entrance. Classes will be held from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Mass weekly with their children. For more information, please contact Jean Radican for grades 1 – 6, and Nancy Riccitelli for grades 7 – 10. You can also call the rectory for any additional details.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?

Children: What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?



SUNDAY SMILE

A teacher asked her class of elementary students what the initials R.I.P. stood for on a tombstone. None of the children seemed to know. After a time of silence, she encouraged her class to just guess. One brave boy raised his hand and tentatively answered, "return if possible."



Saturday, September 7

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 8—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Pitassi (11th Anniversary)

10:30 a.m. Kenneth O'Grady

Monday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Teresa J. Lepore (Remembrance)

Wednesday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Lionel, Helen & Richard Peltier

Thursday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Adeline and Gene Notaripippo

Vincent Florio

Raffaelina Menachio

Saturday, September 14

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 15—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Yolande Couto (Remembrance)

10:30 a.m. Joan Desrochers (1st Anniversary)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

St. Vincent dePaul Tuesday, September 17th 7PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

Zumba—Thursday, Sept. 12th at 6:30PM

St. Mary's Feast Sunday, Sept. 8th 10:30AM

Bingo, Friday, Sept. 20th 6PM - Doors open at 5PM

20 Week Club -Proceeds to benefit the Handicapped restroom construction of our parish. Tickets may be purchased after masses or at the rectory during regular business hours. The donation for tickets is \$60.00.

Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles & Altar Bread

Candles will burn from 9/5 thru 9/12

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn for:

Special Intention

The **Altar Candles** will burn for:

Special Intention

The **Altar Bread** is offered for:

Special Intention

(Cost of the Sanctuary Candle, pair of Altar Candles or Altar Bread is \$15 for a living or deceased remembrance)

Please call the Rectory at **231-3542** to reserve yours

Monday thru Thursday 9-1

Weekend of September 1, 2024 Offertory Reports

Due to the holiday, this information was not available at time of print.

The second collection next weekend (Sept. 15th) is for the Priests' Retirement.

You can now visit marymotherofmankind.org to set up regular gifts for second and special collections.

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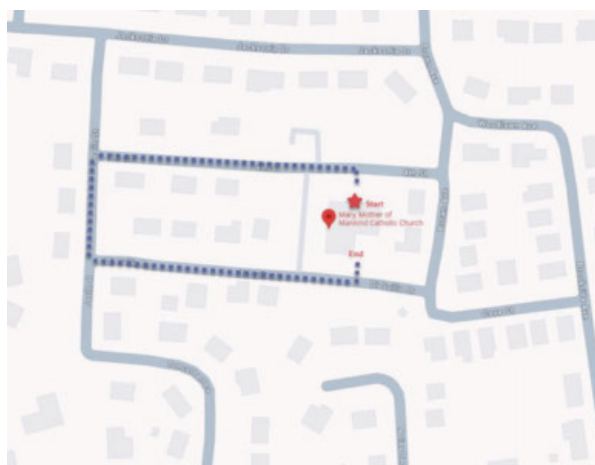
The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Procession

We will begin in church and process to Di Giulio Drive, Joslin Street, 4th Street, and the Church. The ceremony will end with the benediction, followed by a potluck lunch in the parish hall.

Everyone is welcome to join us!



Parish September Procession
Sunday, September 8, 2024
After the 10:30 AM Mass



For more information, please contact:

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