

About Us

Enders Island is an 11-acre island off the coast of Mason's Island in Mystic, Connecticut. The grounds of Enders Island include a 360° ocean view, beautiful walking gardens, a Seaside Chapel, an outdoor Stations of the Cross, and iconic facilities including the Enders House, an early 20th century arts and crafts style mansion, and the Catholic Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption, which houses the incorrupt arm of St. Edmund of Canterbury (1175–1240). Enders Island has 3 primary ministries:

St. Edmund's Retreat

Featuring private retreats and an extensive array of programs open to people of all faiths: Speaker Series; Days of Recollection; and Mini, Weekend, and Week-long Retreats for men, women, clergy, married couples, and a variety of other groups. Bereavement programs are also available throughout the year for those mourning the death of a loved one.

The Sacred Art Institute

Offering evening, afternoon, and week-long residency workshops in Iconography, Illumination, Calligraphy, Stained Glass, and Sacred Music among others. All Sacred Art Workshops feature highly skilled instructors and many may be taken for college credit, issued by Holy Apostles College in Cromwell, Connecticut.

Recovery Ministry

For 50 years, Enders Island has offered weekly 12-step meetings in Father Joe's Place and 11th Step Weekend Retreats for men and women seeking to improve their conscious contact with God through prayer and meditation. Enders Island also features a Recovery Residence for college-aged men and is the eastern Connecticut home of the CatholicPsych Institute.



Enders Island welcomes everyone to enjoy the grounds whether or not they are participating in a program. The island provides all visitors the opportunity to come and enjoy the beauty of nature in a unique environment where people of all faith backgrounds have profoundly encountered God's presence. At Enders Island, visitors can find the peace and beauty that is frequently missed in the busyness of everyday life. The many gardens, pathways and shrines on the island provide opportunities for reflection and appreciation of what the poet Gerard Manly Hopkins called "the grandeur of God."

Our Gift Shop featuring homemade jams, jellies, artwork, and apparel is located in the hallway lobby of St. Michael's Hall. All are welcome to attend Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption each and every morning at 9 am. The Programs Office, located in the Old Chapel, is open from 9 am to 4:30 pm on Monday - Friday.



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The Mission

of Enders Island is to proclaim in word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the light of the Catholic faith.

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Take I-95 to Exit 90. Head south on Route 27 for 1.9 miles to the end of the road. Turn left onto Route 1. Travel 0.3 miles and then turn right at the first traffic light onto Masons Island Road. Continue for 1.5 miles, bearing left at all the forks in the road.

You will come to a gate marked "Private Road - No Trespassing." If there is a security professional in the gatehouse, please inform them that you are coming to Enders Island. Proceed ahead slowly. Please be watchful of children and adults walking or bicycling along these roads. **Visitor parking is located immediately to the left of the causeway.**



Enders Island

RECOVER | CREATE | RETREAT



A scenic 11-acre island in Mystic, CT, where men and women from all walks of life come to experience renewal, healing and inspiration

All are welcome!



Buildings

① Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption

Built in 2001 and dedicated on December 8, 2002, feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, this Catholic Chapel features stained glass by Nick Parrendo, iconography by Vladislav Andrejev, Stations of the Cross by Jed Gibbons, an illuminated Prayer of St. Edmund by Valerie Weilmuenster, numerous statues & carvings by the Mystic Woodcarvers, and the incorrupt arm of St. Edmund of Canterbury.

② Angell Hall

Angell Hall is named in memory of David and Lynn Angell, who died on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. The first floor serves as studio space for our Sacred Art Institute; the CatholicPsych Institute is located upstairs.

③ Kolbe Cottage

Kolbe Cottage is the locus of our Recovery Residence — a sober living community for young men who are focused on maintaining long term sobriety and living a balanced, healthy, sober life through the spirituality of the Twelve Steps.

④ Programs Office

Located in the Old Chapel, which was first used as Dr. Thomas Enders' private art studio, the Programs Office retains its sacred character, sanctifying the workday of our staff. Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 4:30 pm, and Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm.

⑤ St. Michael's Hall

Originally built as the St. Edmund's Novitiate Dormitory, St. Michael's Hall is the Island's primary retreat facility with a total of 28 rooms. It also includes 3 multi-purpose meeting rooms and a small, honor-system gift shop in the hallway lobby.

⑥ The Enders House

Formerly the home of Alys Enders, this early 20th century Arts and Crafts style mansion is the oldest structure on the island. It contains Father Purtill and Bishop Flanagan Dining Rooms, a kitchen, 5 bedrooms, the Bishop's Suite, grand parlor, and the Fisherman's Chapel.

⑦ Father Joe's Place

Named after Father Joseph Waite, SSE, who brought AA to Enders Island, Father Joe's Place houses several offices, laundry service, a maintenance shop, and a large meeting space dedicated to eight weekly 12-step meetings which have been occurring regularly on the island for 50 years. Please consult our website for a full listing.

Outdoor Areas

Beach ①

Marian Grotto ②

Rose Garden ③

Garden of the Two Hearts ④

Stations of the Cross ⑤

Pergola ⑥

Formal Gardens ⑦

Great Lawn & Gazebo ⑧

Seaside Chapel ⑨

