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Parish Office

645 Main Street
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Mondays-Thursdays 9am-12nn

New Members

If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to register through our parish website or by phone. Welcome!

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday at 8am
Saturday at 4pm
Sunday at 8am & 10:30am
Sabbath@Sundown Sunday evening
Mass at 6pm

Confessions

Confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Chapel at the rear of the church on Saturdays at 3pm or anytime by appointment. Please note that masks are required, and surfaces are sanitized after each use.

Baptisms

Baptisms are typically celebrated at one Sunday Mass per month. Please contact Deacon John Pryor at 401.245.7000, extension 14, for more information.

Weddings

Please call the parish office to discuss wedding preparations at least one year in advance of the intended date.

SMB Mountain Movers

Milly Grieve, *Coordinator of Children's Ministries*
Email: millygrieve@yahoo.com

SMB Food Pantry

The Food Pantry operates out of the lower church hall and is open on Tuesdays from 3pm to 5pm and on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am.
Wendy Baker, *Director*
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 19
Email: smbfoodpantry@gmail.com

Parish Outreach

Parishioners and members of the local community in need should contact the rectory for assistance.
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 13

St. Gabriel's Call

St. Gabriel's Call provides emotional and practical support to families in need, including diapers, baby clothing and much more.
Barbara Fisher, *Coordinator*
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 20

Welcome to Saint Mary of the Bay

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, no matter your current family or marital status, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue, you are welcome here! You are invited, accepted and respected at Saint Mary of the Bay. We hope to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



Mass Intentions

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9

4pm: Florence Orefice

Requested by Roseanne Rabideau

Sunday, January 10

8am: For all parishioners

10:30am: Cornelius Hoffma

Requested by wife and daughter

6pm: Virginia Caballero, Month's Mind

Requested by Cecilia Nadales

The First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 11

8am: Joan Jannito

Requested by John and Sandra Jannitto

Wednesday, January 13

8am: Suzie Aubin, birthday remembrance

Requested by Paul Casey and family

Thursday, January 14

8am: Joan Jannitto

Requested by Gregory and Alice Krawczyk

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16

4pm: Mildred Millard, 25th anniversary

Requested by her family

Sunday, January 17

8am: Patrick Austin McKenna, birthday remembrance

Requested by his parents

10:30am: For all parishioners

6pm: Ann M. Figueiredo

Requested by Raymond and Annemarie Jonson and family

Sabbath@Sundown

Sunday Mass at 6pm in Saint Mary of the Bay
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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

As today marks the official conclusion of the Christmas Season, I wanted to provide a **Christmas wrap-up!** I must say that I couldn't have asked for a better first Christmas as your pastor.

We welcomed (and safely accommodated) so many people at Christmas that we required **overflow space** in our church hall for Christmas Eve. Even though crowds were lighter on Christmas morning, we took advantage of the gloomy weather at the 10:30am Mass to repeat the same **candlelight service** that we offered the night before. Everyone was appreciative to learn of the origins of the beloved carol, "Silent Night."

I want to offer a word of very special thanks to all those who had any part in planning our liturgies this season. I'm especially grateful to our **parish staff** who worked very hard behind the scenes to ensure that everything went smoothly. Thanks are due to our **greeters; sacristans; Master of Ceremonies, Phil Beaulieu; our senior servers and servers; readers; and collectors.** A word of special thanks to **Brooke Douglass, David Cuellar, Barbara Ferreira, and Becky, Wayne and Owen Kilcline** for enhancing our Christmas liturgies with their musical gifts. And above all, a word of thanks to **Victoria Costa**, our gifted music minister, who always prays every piece of music she leads us in. We are blessed to be the beneficiaries of her ministry. And special thanks are also due to **Kara Campanella and her team** for decorating our church so nobly and beautifully.

On Saturday, December 27, we gathered on the parish lawn for **Carols at the Manger.** It was a wonderful opportunity to partner with local businesses and other members of our community to mark the birth of Christ. We had a wonderful turnout (pictures will follow in next week's bulletin), and while we might make a few tweaks for next year, we'll still have hot chocolate and fresh popcorn!

Deacon John and I are so grateful to the many parishioners who sent us **Christmas cards and gifts.** We are truly honored to serve a community like this. Know of our gratitude. And speaking of **Deacon John**, his constant help and assistance always make my job easier, but especially during this busy season, I realized how lucky we are to have him at SMB. My hat is off!

I also cannot express sufficiently my gratitude to those who contributed to our **End-of-Year Appeal**, which raised nearly **\$30,000!** Thank you, thank you, thank you! That appeal will ensure that we enter the new calendar year on solid financial footing. Because of your generosity, God will be able to do great things in and through us in Warren and beyond!

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for **Winter Praise and Worship** this coming Wednesday, January 13, at 7pm. It will be an hour-long service of contemporary praise and worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A priest will be available for Confession. Come late or leave early; bring a friend or two; just come to be in the presence of the One who knows us better than we know ourselves.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe



Parish Offertory

Christmas Collection: \$4,895.00

Weekend of December 26 & 27, 2020

Budget Envelopes: \$5,929.00 Loose: \$1,110.00

Online: \$722.00

(Average Online Gift: \$24.07 Number of Users: 30)

Total: \$7,761.00

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: \$546.00

Weekend of January 2 & 3, 2021

Budget Envelopes: \$3,427.00 Loose: \$1,283.00

Online: \$3,362.00

(Average Online Gift: \$68.61 Number of Users: 49)

Total: \$8,072.00

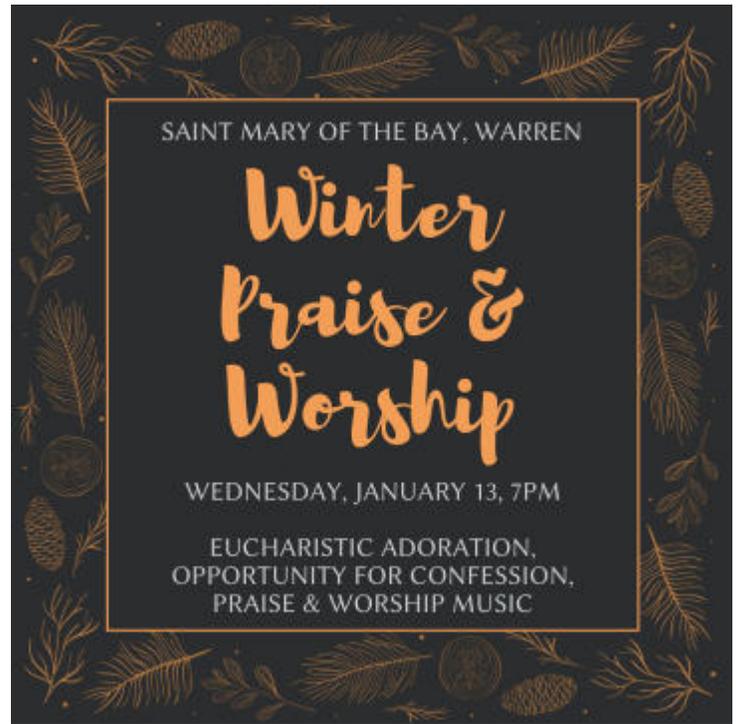
Monthly Building and Maintenance: \$1,059.00

**Seasonal Donations to the Food Pantry:
\$2,568.00**

End-of-Year Appeal: \$29,330.00

(Average Gift: \$235.00 Number of Households: 125)

Thank you for your generosity!



Congratulations to Lena Rose, who was baptized at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 27. May she walk always as a child of the light! Please keep her and her family in your prayers. (PS - Lena's older brother Brayden, also pictured above, is one of our dedicated altar servers.)





Ask the Deacon

Deacon John, I understand that the church year (or liturgical year) is different from the calendar year. Also, we hear passages from different gospel writers at different times. Can you explain this?

In the Roman Catholic Church, we mark time in relation to Christ. In the liturgical year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent and concluding with the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Church lives and celebrates the mystery of Christ. The history of salvation unfolds throughout the liturgical year. In addition to celebrating the mystery of Christ, we also honor Mary, the Mother of God, and commemorate the apostles, martyrs and saints.

In the church, we celebrate different liturgical seasons:

Advent: Beginning four Sundays before Christmas and concluding on Christmas Eve, Advent is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, at the end of time and in the Sacraments.

Christmas: Beginning with the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord (December 25), the Christmas season concludes with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This season celebrates the Incarnation, God made flesh in Jesus Christ.

Lent: The primary penitential season in the liturgical year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reflecting the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. The traditional practices of praying, fasting and almsgiving are intended to aid Catholics in purifying body and soul in preparation for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

Triduum: The Church celebrates the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ, during the Triduum. The one liturgy extending through Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is the high point of the entire liturgical year, as it celebrates the mysteries of redemption.

Easter: Beginning with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and continuing fifty days to the celebration of Pentecost, Easter is the season for rejoicing. Light overcame darkness, and life has triumphed over death.

Ordinary Time: The time between Christmas and Lent and from Pentecost to the Solemnity of Christ the King is "Ordinary Time." In this case, "ordinary" means numbered, not plain. While the Church does not celebrate any specific aspect of the mystery of Christ during these times, they are not unimportant. During Ordinary Time, the Church learns how to live our faith in our day-to-day lives. Through the teachings of Jesus, we learn how to live as disciples.

In terms of the readings and gospel passages we hear at Mass, there is a three-year cycle. Why a three year cycle? According to the General Introduction to the Lectionary, "The present Order of Readings for Mass is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose. Throughout the liturgical year, but above all during the seasons of Easter, Lent, and Advent, the choice and sequence of readings are aimed at giving Christ's faithful an ever-deepening perception of the faith they profess and of the history of salvation."

Each of the three years is dedicated to a different Gospel:

Year A – Gospel of St. Matthew

Year B – Gospel of St. Mark (we are in Year B now)

Year C – Gospel of St. Luke

The Gospel of St. John is typically used for solemnities and during Holy Week, and the shorter Gospel of Mark is usually supplemented with readings from Matthew and Luke in Year B.

One of the simplest ways to determine the cycle year is to add the digits of the calendar year and see if they are divisible by three. If it is divisible by three, then it is "Year C." Once you figure that out, the rest of the years are easy to determine.

Here is 2019 to use as an example. $2 + 0 + 1 + 9 = 12$. Since 12 is divisible by 3, 2019 was "Year C."

This means that 2020 was "Year A," and 2021 is "Year B," according to the three-year cycle.

The liturgical year begins in Advent. As a result, the 2021 liturgical year began on November 29, 2020.

-Deacon John

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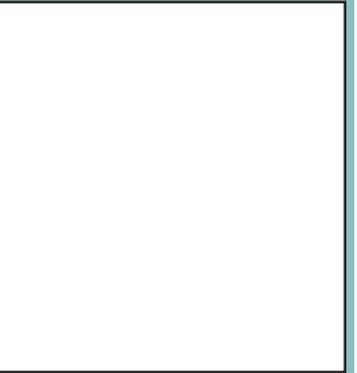
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