



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021



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Parish Office

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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 Second Week 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

Monday, January 18

8am: Eleanor Ferrell, Month's Mind
Requested by the SMB Food Pantry

Wednesday, January 20

8am: Suzie Aubin, Month's Mind
Requested by Paul Casey and family

Thursday, January 21

8am: Sr. Kathleen Schmith, RSM
Requested by Donna

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 23

4pm: Gabrielle Hanley and the deceased members of the Hanley-Paquin families
Requested by the family

Sunday, January 24

8am: Donald Fitting, Month's Mind
Requested by SMB Food Pantry
10:30am: Barbara A. Valente, 8th anniversary
Requested by her family
6pm: For all parishioners

Sabbath@Sundown

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

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this column, the FBI and DOJ are holding a joint press conference to discuss progress with the investigation into the seditious riot at the Capitol last week. There is fear of widespread unrest this coming week on Inauguration Day. Our nation is now daily laboring under the threat of violence and civil unrest. Bishop Robert Barron, one of the most important Catholic voices in the public square of our era, urged us as a nation to engage in a real examination of conscience. How did we become so hateful, bitter and unreasonable? Sister Theresa Aletheia Noble, who works in media communications, took Bishop Barron's advice seriously and produced the following. I think it would do us all well to consider Sister's probing questions this week:

- Do I make an effort to inform myself in a way that is open to truth wherever it may be found, or do I only read opinions and media with which I always agree?
- Do I make an effort to find, understand, and read news sources that are objective and follow journalistic standards?
- Do I regularly reduce complex issues to simplistic, partisan sound bites to avoid engaging honestly and vulnerably with people with whom I disagree?
- Do I speak of my ideological opponents in a way that dehumanizes, stereotypes, or objectifies them? Do I speak scornfully or dismissively of those with whom I disagree rather than engaging with their ideas?
- Do I allow feelings of rage, hatred, and bitterness toward those I see as political enemies grow in my heart?
- Do I cultivate sin in my heart more than I cultivate virtue?
- Do I read spiritual books as much as, or more than, I read the news?
- Do I speak of and focus on political events more than the Church's liturgical calendar?
- Am I regularly distracted from my responsibilities by news, pundits, political arguments, and negative feelings toward those with whom I disagree?
- What are my highest priorities? Where do I direct most of my energies? Do I put living for God first in my life?

Sister writes: "A few notes about these questions. First, as you read them, if you begin to think of other people to whom they might apply, begin again and focus on your own behavior. An examination of conscience is meant to challenge and convert our own hearts, not examine other people's behavior. Second, several questions are focused on media consumption because that is the charism of my order, the Daughters of St. Paul. We live in a media culture and our media consumption can greatly impact how we view the world and how we prioritize our spiritual lives. And finally, if you do not find all of these questions helpful, feel free to come up with questions of your own. An examination of conscience is individual and personal and we all struggle in different ways with what is happening in our country and in our hearts."

She then offers this prayer for our nation: "*Jesus, we bring to you all those who have been injured and who have lost their lives as a result of unrest in our nation, and we pray that they may rest in peace. For an end to division in our nation, Lord hear our prayer. That peace, justice, and truth may reign in our hearts and in our nation, Lord hear our prayer. Amen.*"

I am confident in the ideals upon which our nation was founded, but I am more confident in the ability of God's grace to change hearts and minds. For peace and civility, for a restoration of authentic dialogue, let us earnestly pray.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe



Parish Offertory

Weekend of January 9 & 10, 2020

Budget Envelopes: \$3,186.00 Loose: \$2,335.00

Online: \$1,522.00

(Average Online Gift: \$42.28 Number of Users: 36)

Total: \$7,043.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Carols at the Manger event last month was a huge success. To see all the pictures, visit us on Facebook or

Instagram: @warrencatholic. Thanks to all those who helped organize the event and thanks to our local businesses for providing drinks and snacks!



A pro-life rally will take place at the State House on Saturday, January 23, from 11am to 12pm. Please join us! For more information, contact Barbara Fisher at 401-323-9723.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in loving memory of **Patrick Austin McKenna** as a birthday remembrance, at the request of Katherine Gere.

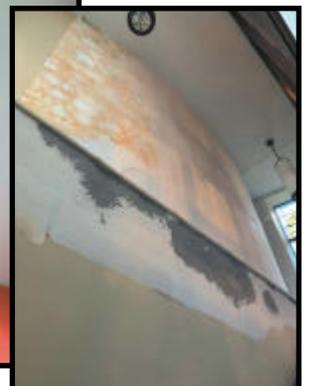
If you would like to request that the sanctuary lamp burn in honor of a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office.



Please Take Note



January is **National Soup Month**. While you enjoy a bowl of chicken noodle, please consider donating a can of soup to help our friends in need. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the entrances to the church or dropped off during pantry hours. **We thank you for your generosity!**



Your maintenance dollars at work! Many thanks to our maintenance staff for undertaking some much-needed sprucing-up in the stairwell leading from the narthex to the church hall! Thank you to those who make these projects possible!



Finally! The report on our Holiday Activities!

As many of you know, who follow us on Facebook and Instagram, we held our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas bags giveaways on November 21st and December 19th, and gave out over 500 bags of food, each accompanied by bags of fresh produce. This year, because of you-know-what, we couldn't hold the usual extravaganzas downstairs in the parish hall. Keeping our guests and our volunteers safe and healthy is our first priority, so we had to come up with a different plan.



A Drive-Through! (I call it a Drive-by, but they tell me that is something different.) As you can see from the photos, we set up a traffic 'chute', guiding our guests from the back parking-lot through check points to the tables set up in the driveway with bags of holiday food and fresh

produce. Our volunteers put the bags in the cars of our guests, and they were on their way. Easy and safe.

We had over 25 volunteers involved in the entire process, which started in August (if you don't count ordering and storing food specifically for the baskets beginning in April. Yes, we start thinking about them then). To them, and to all who helped us, I offer grateful thanks.

To our volunteers, who attended numerous planning sessions; ordered and found storage for the various food items; picked up and sorted donations; stuffed envelopes; facilitated the donations of bags; filled the bags; braved the chill and the ice to direct traffic and distribute the bags; kept the distribution tables loaded and ready; and cleaned up afterwards.

To Phil, Rob, and Mike, for the traffic 'chute' and the set-up and staging of the distribution tables and tents.

To BankRI and Navigant Credit Union for the donations of bags for our holiday distributions.

To Johnson's Roadside Farm Market for their annual delivery of fresh produce for our holiday bags.

To the Warren Department of Public Works for the loan of the traffic cones (used to create an efficient and safe path for our guests and protection for our volunteers).

To the Warren Police Department for keeping our traffic orderly and moving (and keeping us safe. Yes, we depend on that).

To our generous donors in the community, of whom more anon.

And most of all - our grateful thanks to Fr. Joe, and to the parishioners of St. Mary of the Bay, for your enthusiastic and generous support of our mission. We couldn't do it without you.

-Wendy Baker



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SMB Food Pantry Proudly Presents:

MEET TRUDY



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE PANTRY?
Trudy started volunteering at the food pantry because she wanted to keep busy, and we've been keeping her busy for over 6 years!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF BEING ON THIS TEAM?
'I like everyone I work with here, and I go home tired, but it's a good tired. I know I'm doing the Lord's work'

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE AT THE PANTRY?
Trudy works our SMB Food Pantry distribution counter. When our pantry customers come in and fill out their order forms, she is the one who quickly locates and collects the food they have requested, so it can be bagged and ready for them. Trudy is on our Pantry Board and volunteers at the pantry every week and other times, when needed. She keeps us all laughing with her wonderful sense of humor and bright personality!

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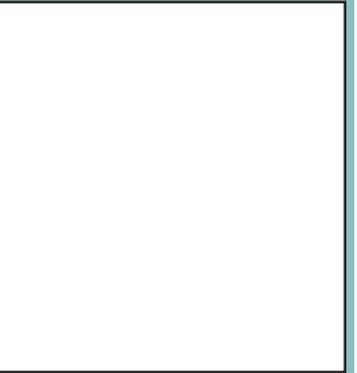
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