



Sunday of the Word of God
January 24, 2021



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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 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

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30

4pm: Sue Aubin

Requested by Kathi Francis

Sunday, January 31

10:30am: For all parishioners

6pm: Deceased members of the Cavallaro & Ward families

Requested by the family



Parish Offertory

Weekend of January 16 & 17, 2020

Budget Envelopes: \$2,272.00 Loose: \$1,063.00

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(Average Online Gift: \$52.30 Number of Users: 40)

Total: \$5,427.00

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Sabbath@Sundown

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

Dear Parishioners,

I was very excited last week to introduce our winter message series, "Made to Worship." I wanted to draw your attention to a few points covered in our first message. The scripture scholar G.K. Beale—whose work, *We Become What We Worship*, was partly an inspiration for last week's message—has said that *we resemble what we revere unto our ruin or our restoration*. It seems as though Israel struggled with idolatry throughout its history, worshipping images and gods of human making. Psalm 135 makes the chilling declaration that Israel would *become* what she worshipped! "The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths but they cannot speak; they have eyes but they cannot see. They have ears but they cannot hear; nor is there breath in their mouths. *Their makers will come to be like them*, and anyone who trusts in them" (Ps 135:15-18). Isn't this true of our lives? Don't the idols we allow ourselves to become preoccupied with change who we are and how we relate to God and each other? Haven't we sometimes made an idol out of money or material comfort or popularity? Haven't we sometimes worshipped the media, a celebrity, a friend group, or even a political ideology? The truth is that God has fashioned of every human heart an altar and when we fail to give God the worship that is due him, the altar doesn't go away! It's just given over to a false god into whose image we ourselves are re-made. The good news is that when we give God his proper place on the altar of our hearts, then we begin to resemble him! The seventeenth-century poet and clergyman George Herbert (d. 1633) composed a poem, "The Altar," which he insisted be printed in the shape of an altar table. It's a striking poem, and it invites us to consider just what idols we've allowed to take God's place in our hearts. I've included it below for your reflection. Next week, we'll review Deacon John's message, "Listen."

Until next week,

PS - I hope that you'll join me and Deacon John today (Sunday) for an ecumenical service for Christian unity at Radiant Church here in Warren. The service starts at 1pm.

The Altar

BY GEORGE HERBERT

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart and cemented with tears:
Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;
No workman's tool hath touch'd the same.

A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.
Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame,
To praise thy name:

That if I chance to hold my peace,
These stones to praise thee may not cease.
Oh, let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.



Faith Formation

We had some fun with our monthly Zooms in December. Thank you to all our participating families who are helping their children focus on what “giving” really means and the importance of the gift of Jesus! We shared stories of generosity and love and it was very clear that our youngest parishioners clearly understand sharing and the importance of time spent with loved ones (even if it is enjoyed at a distance).

This past week we started our Zooms for January. Focusing on “the call” from God that we all experience in our lives. I am looking forward to sharing with you some insights from our youngsters!

-Carolyn Mello Pryor



Help Needed

A group of dedicated parishioners volunteer their time on Thursday mornings after the 8am Mass to do light cleaning (dusting, vacuuming, sweeping) in the church. This unseen but necessary work keeps our church clean and attractive and allows our maintenance staff to focus on bigger projects. Please consider lending a helping hand. If you would like to help but aren't free on Thursday mornings, please reach out to the organizer of this ministry, Beth Penkala, at 401-529-3236 or by email at bethpenkala5@gmail.com. Consideration can be given to another timeframe if necessary. Thanks to Beth and her team for their hard work!



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!**

SAINT MARY OF THE BAY, WARREN, RI
WINTER MESSAGE SERIES

MADE TO WORSHIP

Worship • Listen • Give • Receive • Go

January 16 & 17 - February 13 & 14

At all weekend Masses

A message series on our need to worship God
and the perfect form of worship, the Mass

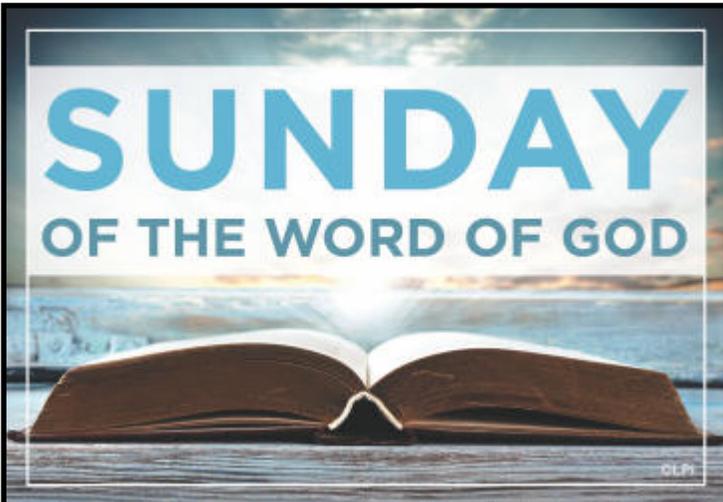
Our message series continues this weekend with the next installment, “Listen.” Deacon John will focus on the Penitential Act and the Liturgy of the Word. Invite a friend to join us next weekend for the upcoming message, “Give.” Fr. Joe will focus on the Preparation Rites.



Music Ministry

Victoria Costa, our parish music minister, has been working with Father Joe and Deacon John on selecting music that corresponds to our winter message series. We will sing a common psalm throughout the series, a setting of Psalm 145 by Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek. Each week we will be reminded of the purpose for which we have been made, to worship the living God. We will sing: **“I will lift up your name: praise to my King and God, for you are holy. Oh, I will lift up your name: praise to my King and my God on high!”** We will also hear “Here I am to Worship” by Tim Hughes each week. The refrain summarizes our purpose each week at Mass: **“Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that you’re my God. You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.”** Victoria has put together a playlist on Spotify which can be accessed through any of our social media accounts. The music we sing each Sunday at church can help you to pray throughout the week and will ensure that you remain focused on the weekly message. Thanks to Victoria for working with our parish clergy to ensure that our weekend experience is always prayerful, reverent and uplifting!

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In his *motu proprio* of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis declared that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity...A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.”

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns in loving memory of **John Pimental** at the request of Lee Ann Chace.

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.

Parish Cemeteries

If you placed items on graves in St. Jean or St. Mary of the Bay cemeteries, please remove them this week as our staff will be undertaking a clean-up from the holiday season. Items not removed this week will be disposed of. Thank you for helping us keep our cemeteries clean and attractive. And thanks to Phil and Rob for all they do to ensure that your loved ones rest in a dignified and well-maintained place of prayer and remembrance.



walking with purpose

SMB Women's Bible Study Welcomes YOU!

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at St. Mary of the Bay. Our study program, **Keeping in Balance**, takes us on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. All women welcome - no experience necessary.

Weekly group sessions are starting in February and will include both in-person and zoom gatherings. For more information, contact Milly Grieve, millygrieve@yahoo.com or 401-529-0409 or visit Walking with Purpose online at www.walkingwithpurpose.com. We hope to see you!



- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a baptized Catholic but has not received any or all of the other Sacraments of Initiation...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a baptized member of another Christian denomination who has expressed curiosity or interest in the Catholic Church...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is not baptized and would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Christian...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a young adult (middle-school, high-school or college-aged) who “missed” the Sacrament of Confirmation for one reason or another, even because life just became a little too hectic...

As we look ahead to the beginning of the Lenten season, St. Mary of the Bay welcomes you to be part of an accessible process of formation in exploration of the faith and preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. This process, commonly known as RCIA, will be flexible for all (no hoop-jumping and no red-tape) and will take into account the unique histories and backgrounds of all involved. This allows for a more a flexible timeline of preparation and reception than traditionally observed. Those who participate in this process would receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021.

Contact Father Joe by phone at 401-245-7000 (ext. 11) or by email (fathertupton@gmail.com) for more information about this process. A personal invitation from you to someone who falls into any of the above categories will go a long way! Thank you for helping us get the word out!

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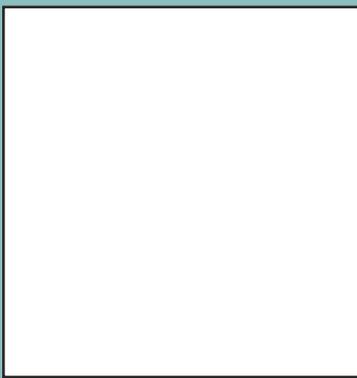


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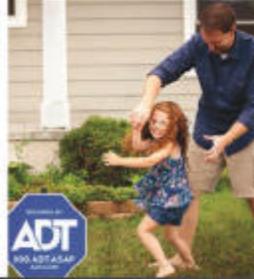
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