



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 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 Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30

4pm: Sue Aubin

Requested by Kathi Francis

Sunday, January 31

8am: James and Mary Hellen Gregory

Requested by Leo Lescault

10:30am: For all parishioners

6pm: Deceased members of the Cavallaro & Ward families

Requested by the family

Wednesday, February 3

8am: Carolyn Daponte

Requested by the family

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 7

8am: For all parishioners

10:30am: Orlando Valenti, 35th anniversary

Requested by the Valenti family

6pm: Josette Costa

Requested by John and Dorothy



Parish Offertory

Weekend of January 23 & 24, 2020

Budget Envelopes: **\$3,312.00** Loose: **\$1,820.00**

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(Average Online Gift: \$49.92 Number of Users: 36)

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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue through our **winter message series**, "Made to Worship," I invite you to reflect on what Deacon John shared with us last week: "God speaks to us a word that is old, but always new." Deacon John also said that whenever God speaks, "it is always good news. It might not be *easy* news, but it is always *good* news." It is so very important for us to have a familiarity with the scriptures. If you don't already so, please take some time each day to read the bible. One easy way to begin this practice is to read the appointed Mass readings for each day, which can be found at www.usccb.org. Think of what we do before the priest or deacon reads the gospel at Mass. We make a small cross on our foreheads, our lips and our hearts. The prayer that accompanies that ritual gesture is: "May the Word of God always be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." Let's make that ritual gesture a lived reality!

In other news, we are making progress on our **permanently-mounted projector and new screen**. We hope to be able to finalize a date for installation before Lent. The screen will enable us to project the lyrics of songs, prayers and readings, and even homily notes to aid participation in the liturgy.

Deacon John and I joined a handful of parishioners last Saturday at a **rally for life** in Providence. One hundred and fifty or so people gathered that very cold morning to pray and to witness to the dignity of life, from conception to natural death. Let us continue to pray for the legal protection of the unborn. "*For your know my innermost self. You knitted me together in my mother's womb*" (Ps 139:13).

And a word of very special thanks to the parishioners who worked together to gift me with a **Water Rower** for Christmas! My coach Tony Daponte keeps reminding me that our physical health is so important for our spiritual health. He couldn't be more accurate. I am happy to report that the Water Rower is getting good use now in the rectory! I am so grateful to those who contributed. It really was one of the best gifts I've ever received. If you don't know anything about the Water Rower, it's made right here in Warren! Check out the very impressive operation at www.watterrower.com.

Lastly, to conclude the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Deacon John and Tony Daponte and I joined other Christians for a prayer service at Radiant Church in Warren. Pastor Larry offered a wonderful message inviting us to consider the fact that on the night before his death, Jesus prayed for unity among his believers. I hope that we will be able to find new ways in the coming year to work with other believers in our town to advance the message of the Gospel.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe



walking with purpose

SMB Women's Bible Study Welcomes YOU!

The SMB Women's Bible Study is a group of women who meet regularly to grow in our Catholic faith and connect with other women in our parish through sharing and learning together. We are using the Walking With Purpose Program, and are about to start a new book, Keeping in Balance. This guide will take us on a journey through Scripture, as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. All women are welcome. No prior experience needed.

Weekly group sessions meet on Wednesdays at 7pm starting on February 3rd. Two separate gatherings are offered: one meeting in the church in-person (following Covid guidelines) and another using virtual zoom meetings. No preregistration is required – you can join at any time, and can shift between groups. 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!

Parish Cemeteries

We respectfully ask that you now consider an important matter, when you can do so calmly and thoughtfully. Pre-planning your funeral by selecting a site at one of your two **Catholic Cemeteries: St Mary of the Bay Cemetery or St Jean Baptiste Cemetery**, both located on Vernon St., can be done now. Our Cemeteries are part of our Parish Family.

They offer a means for loved ones to pray and pay respect to the deceased in a dignified and holy environment. Our Parish Cemeteries are here during your time of need; faithfully serving past, current, and future generations of our parishioners and their friends and families.

Making these decisions in advance is a financially wise and loving decision. Working with today's pricing as opposed to tomorrow's can represent significant savings for you and your family.

The pre-planning of burial needs can be difficult for families. However, our Cemetery Staff can answer all of your questions and offer guidance in a pressure free environment. Access information at your convenience now to assist you in making a well thought out decision. Buying your cemetery plot ahead of time saves on higher costs later.

More than 50 percent of Americans aged 50-74 pre-plan their burial needs. Start the process now to lock in your savings! Imagine the peace of mind you can have knowing that it's all taken care of! To assist you with your needs, please contact:

**Parish Cemeteries Manager,
Mr. Philip Beaulieu 245-7000 ext.15**

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WINTER MESSAGE SERIES

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A message series on our need to worship God
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Our message series continues this weekend with the next installment, "Give." We will focus on the Offertory and the Preparation Rites. Invite a friend to join us next weekend for the upcoming message, "Receive." Fr. Joe will focus on the Eucharistic Prayer.



Please Take Note

Parish Outreach has continued its vital ministry to our local community during this winter season. Your generosity supports the work of our Parish Outreach committee to offer rent and utility assistance, groceries and other necessities, among many other services, to those in need. We are blessed at SMB to have a vibrant food pantry, a dedicated ministry to moms and babies in need, and of course, a committed team of parishioners devoted to general outreach. They accomplish so much for our community. And all thanks to your generosity! Call the parish office if you or someone you know is in need.



Ask the Deacon

Deacon John, what is the "Year of Saint Joseph" all about?

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The Holy Father has established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."



In our parish, we will mark this year with a variety of celebrations and devotions to include the following:

Monthly Holy Hour: Beginning on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7pm, we will offer a Holy Hour on the first Wednesday of each month, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction. During these Holy Hours, we will also reflect on Saint Joseph, foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ and virginal spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: On March 19, 2021, Mass will be celebrated and will include the recitation of the Litany of Saint Joseph.

Men of Saint Joseph: Our parish has an active Men of Saint Joseph chapter. The Men of St. Joseph is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet regularly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. The purpose of the Men of St. Joseph is to inspire and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes. During the year dedicated to Saint Joseph, the men of our chapter will ensure that flowers are placed at the statue of Saint Joseph, with Jesus in his arms, throughout this special year. In addition, our monthly meetings will continue to emphasize the fatherhood, humility, strength and courage of Saint Joseph. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Men of Saint Joseph, please contact Tony Razza at razzatrans@aol.com

In the weeks ahead, we will be sharing more information with you about how our parish will mark this special year dedicated to St. Joseph. If you would like to get involved, please contact Father Joe or Deacon John.

Send your questions to deaconjohnpryor@gmail.com.

As Deacon John said, throughout the coming year, the statue of Saint Joseph at the rear of our church will be honored with candles and flowers to mark our observance of the Year of Saint Joseph. Feel free to visit the statue to offer a prayer.



RAISE YOUR HAND IF...

- ◆ **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 (fatherupton@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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