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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

Fifth Week 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

Monday, February 8

8am: Regina Thivierge, Month's Mind

Requested by Bill and Simone Davis

Tuesday, February 9

8am: William Butler

Requested by his daughter

Wednesday, February 10

8am: Billy and Joyce Parham

Requested by Gregory and Alice Krawczyk

Thursday, February 11

8am: The Deceased Members of the Cavallaro and Ward Families

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 13

4pm: John V. DeGoes, birthday remembrance

Requested by wife and family

Sunday, February 14

10:30am: For all parishioners

6pm: Miriam F. Crotty

Requested by Jo Ray



Parish Offertory

Weekend of January 30 & 31, 2021

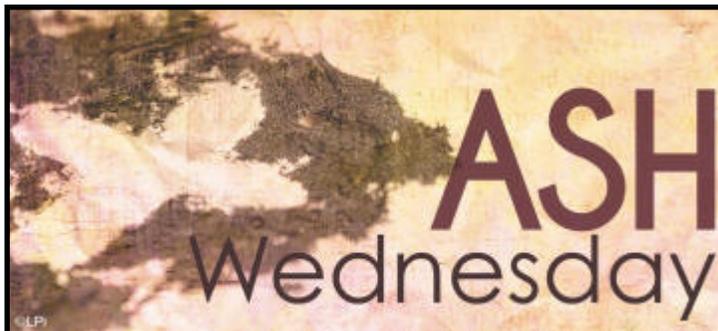
Budget Envelopes: **\$2,336.00** Loose: **\$2,513.00**

Online: **\$847.00**

(Average Online Gift: \$28.23 Number of Users: 30)

Total: \$5,696.00

Thank you for your generosity!



February 17, 2021

Masses with Imposition of Ashes

8am, 12:05pm and 7pm

Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes

4pm

On January 12, 2021 the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a "Note" with the following modifications for the imposition of ashes:

1. The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return";
2. the faithful process to the priest to receive the ashes
3. the priest, wearing a face mask, distributes the ashes without saying anything;
4. the ashes are distributed by "sprinkling" them on each person's head (not by smearing them on the forehead in the form of a cross).

After consultation with the USCCB and the Congregation for Divine Worship, it has been made clear that this variation is meant to be applied without exception. It is intended as an exceptional measure for the duration of the pandemic and hopefully for this year only.

As an outward sign of our interior disposition and need for repentance, ashes are imposed on the head according to ancient custom. Please note that the reception of ashes is not required, and you may opt not to receive them. Additionally, the custom here in the United States and in other countries to "rub" ashes on the forehead in the form a cross is not a universal practice and has been suspended for this year in light of the pandemic.

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WINTER MESSAGE SERIES

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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, "Receive." We will focus on the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Rite. Invite a friend to join us next weekend for the conclusion of the series, "Go." Deacon John will focus on the Final Blessing and Dismissal.



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. 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!



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!



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp this week burns
in loving memory of **John V. DeGoes**
at the request of his loving wife, Jeanne.

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.



2020 AT THE PANTRY: YEAR IN REVIEW

By the numbers:

- In 2020, we fed 11,875 individuals (on average that is close to 1,000 individuals every month);
- We served 2,734 households;
- We signed up 296 new households.
- In 2020, we received 9,298 pounds of food and non-food items through donations;
- We rescued 12,332 pounds of food and non-food items from local supermarkets;
- We ordered 162,270 pounds of food and non-food items from the RI Community Food Bank;
- Total pounds received, handled, stored, and distributed: 183,900 (my back aches just thinking about it)

WHAT A YEAR!

2020 started out as usual. The hectic pace of the holiday season was over; we settled down to our normal routine, helping between 120 - 150 households each week with food, clothing, and referrals to other agencies that could help with basic needs.

And then the Covid hit the fan.

- In March, with the church closed, and mandates reducing the number of people allowed in an enclosed area, we moved outside to the garage, where we worked out of one bay, with a tent covering the opening.
- We cut our crew down to the least possible - two people distributing food at the tent, two people running between the parish hall and the tent, replenishing supplies.
- With a reduced crew, we had to reduce our hours of operation.
- Our guests were served at the tent. Masks were required, social distancing observed, and contact kept to the bare minimum.
- Instead of "client choice", we offered our guests pre-packed bags of food, along with meat and produce. While the use of pre-packed bags limited contact between the guests and the volunteers, the fact that many of our guests have special dietary needs meant that food was being wasted.
- We worked with the Warren Senior Center and the Warren Housing Authority to deliver food to those who were homebound or quarantined.
- At the end of July, we went back to 'client choice' with a menu-type order form, from which our guests could select the foods they wanted. While they were

choosing meat, produce, and miscellaneous items at the tent, their orders were filled downstairs and brought up to them.

- By the end of August, it was too hot to work outside, and Fr. Joe approved our request to move back into the parish hall. We rearranged the traffic pattern to accommodate distance requirements. Masks are still required, and we work to keep the contact between our guests and our volunteers to a minimum.
- Our guests still select canned and packaged food through an order form, and then visit widely-separated 'stations' to choose meat/dairy, produce, bread, and desserts, ending at the station where they pick-up their order. Little by little, we have been adding other stations for miscellaneous non-food items like toiletries and paper goods. We have also built up our crews, with 17 volunteers handling operations on the days we are open.
- For the Thanksgiving and Christmas bag giveaways, we still maintained distance by utilizing a 'drive-through' in the church parking areas.
- Through all of this, we have crossed our fingers (and ourselves), hoping that everyone would stay healthy and safe. Had only one volunteer tested positive, we would have been required to close.
- It's been a long year, and one in which we had to reinvent the wheel over and over again. But we can proudly say that, unlike so many food agencies in Rhode Island, we NEVER shut down. We have been open and operating all through this crisis, and this is due solely to our trust in God, to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, and to the support and prayers of our friends.

Thank you. We couldn't do it without you.

-Wendy Baker



In our most recent Zoom get-togethers, we talked about listening for and responding to the call of God in our lives. The stories of the call of the apostles started some good conversations. Our children are so in-tune with what Jesus wants of them. They shared stories of helping other students at school through injury and disability, helping family members and neighbors, and even making donations of food and clothing to those less fortunate. One of our 5th graders was just thrilled that he had made his mom so happy by helping her cook and do laundry as she tries to juggle working and his distance learning. It really is a joy and an honor for me to be able to spend time with the children (and of course, the catechists) via Zoom. When the children are in the classrooms, I have very little interaction with them. So for me, at least, this has been a bit of a silver lining!

-Carolyn Mello Pryor

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