



SAINT MARY OF THE BAY, WARREN, RI
invites you to our 2021 Lenten series

WORD AND WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday, February 24, 7pm

Stations of the Cross with Mother Teresa

Wednesday, March 3, 7pm

Joyful Joseph: A Reflection for the Year of Saint Joseph

Wednesday, March 10, 7pm

Lenten Praise and Worship: Uplifting Music to Inspire

Wednesday, March 17, 7pm

Prayer with Patrick: What Saint Patrick Can Teach Us Today

Wednesday, March 24, 7pm

Can Pain Have Meaning? A Reflection on Redemptive Suffering

**EACH EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN CHURCH
AND WILL INCLUDE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION**

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Mass Intentions

Third Week of Lent

Saturday, March 6

4pm: Adriano Machado, Birthday Remembrance
Requested by his daughter, Almerinda Sa

Sunday, March 7

8am: Edmund D. Cappuccilli, 1st Anniversary
Requested by his family
10:30am: Muriel Morris, 1st Anniversary
Requested by her family
6pm: Emily Hitchell
Requested by the Smith Family

Monday, March 8

8am: Helen Hawkinson, Month's Mind
Requested by SMB Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 9

8am: Salvador Stabila
Requested by the Jones and Stabila Families

Wednesday, March 10

8am: Barbara Brochu
Requested by Gregory & Alice Krawczyk

Thursday, March 11

8am: For all parishioners

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 13

4pm: Lily Lescault, Birthday Remembrance
Requested by her husband, Leo

Sunday, March 14

8am: John & Betty Massar
Requested by the O'Donnell Family
10:30am: For all parishioners
6pm: Josette Costa
Requested by John & Dorothy



Parish Offertory

Weekend of February 27 & 28, 2021

Budget Envelopes: **\$2,680.00** Loose: **\$1,216.00**

Online: **\$612.00**

(Average Online Gift: \$21.86 Number of Users: 28)

Total: \$4,508.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is in full swing! Aside from our Lenten series, "Word and Worship Wednesdays," one of the highlights of my first Lent here at SMB as pastor is what Carolyn Mello Pryor and I are calling "**Stump the Pastor.**" By the end of Lent, I will have had an opportunity to meet (virtually through Zoom) with every Faith Formation class to answer questions about the faith. It has been a great experience thus far! Hopefully it has proven helpful and informative for our kids, their parents and their catechists. But for me, it has been great getting to know some of our kids better and to hear their awesome and (often profound!) questions. They've asked about everything from Noah's ark to the bodily Resurrection of Jesus to the relationship between faith and science! Some of their questions have also been very entertaining! I look forward to the remaining sessions and I am incredibly grateful to Carolyn and to our dedicated catechists for soldiering through these uncertain times and for remaining strong witnesses of the faith for our young people.

Speaking of "Word and Worship Wednesdays," I hope you'll join us this coming Wednesday at 7pm for our **Lenten Praise and Worship** night. Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will take place and a visiting priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you weren't able to join us for our Advent or Winter Praise and Worship evenings, you cannot miss this one! The contemporary, soulful music will undoubtedly inspire and invigorate your faith! And being in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time one can spend. Please join us and bring a friend along!

You'll notice some exciting news in today's bulletin! Thanks to the effort and dedication of Milly Grieve, we're happy to announce that our very own **SMB Story Time** is in the works for the Fall! This program will cater to 3 to 5 year-olds and their parents. If you're willing to give us a hand collecting some gently used items for this new program, your help would be most appreciated. Milly will also be on hand this weekend to distribute activity booklets for families to do at home in lieu of in-person meetings.

Lastly, blessed **prayer shawls and prayer bears** will be made available at all Masses this weekend. A word of thanks to those who prayerfully crafted them. Consider a friend or relative or neighbor or co-worker who is going through a difficult situation and could use a prayer. Each stitch is accompanied by a prayer for the person who will receive it, so wrapping oneself in the shawl is like wrapping oneself in the prayers of our community! I know that everyone who receives a shawl or a bear is always most appreciative. Get them while they last!

Until next week,



SMB MOUNTAIN MOVERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Milly Grieve serves as Coordinator of SMB Mountain Movers, our children's ministry. Because of the current health challenges we have not been able to meet as a group in person during the 10:30am Sunday Mass to share the Gospel message. **But Milly is making booklets available to families that contain Gospel teachings and activities for each week.** She will be available this weekend after the Masses to provide interested families with the necessary materials. We are planning to return to our in-person children's ministry in September. For more information, feel free to contact Milly by email at millygrieve@yahoo.com or by phone at 401-245-7000. Thank you, Milly, for your service to our parish community!

Parish Cemeteries

The staff of Saint Mary of the Bay and Saint Jean Cemeteries respectfully requests that you **remove any decorations or flowers from graves by March 15.** After that date, any remaining items will be disposed of. In advance of Palm Sunday and Easter, we will be undertaking a Spring cleaning of both cemeteries. Thank you for helping us to maintain a reverent and dignified atmosphere for our beloved dead and for those who continue to grieve their loss. And thanks to our staff for their diligent work!

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Lenten Praise & Worship

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 7PM

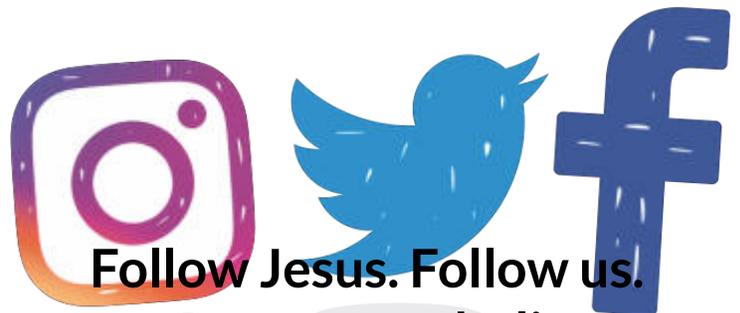
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Please Take Note

Throughout the season of Lent, the church will remain open from 7:30am to 3pm from Monday through Friday for private prayer and devotion. The church will also be open all day each Sunday until after the 6pm Mass. Please stop in to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament!

Story Time



**SPRING CLEANING?
THINK OF SMB!**

We have exciting news!

We are excited to announce that in the Fall, we will introduce a weekly story time for 3-5 year olds here at SMB!

If you feel the need to clean out the toy room, we are looking for some specific donations of gently used items:

- Preschool wooden puzzles
- Preschool hand-on learning toys
- Preschool storybooks

On weekends, you can leave items in a designated container near the main entrance. During the week, you can drop off items at the parish office during regular hours.

Thank you for helping to make our children's ministries grow!

For more information, contact Milly Grieve, Coordinator of SMB Children's Ministries by email at millygrieve@yahoo.com or by phone at 401-245-7000.



EASTER TRIDUUM

April 1, 2021 - Maundy Thursday

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
*The Chapel of Reservation will remain open until
midnight for private prayer and devotion*
(No 8am morning Mass)

April 2, 2021 - Good Friday

3pm: Stations of the Cross
7pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(No 8am morning Mass)

April 3, 2021 - Holy Saturday

8pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
(No Confessions, No 4pm Mass)

Please mark your calendars now and plan on joining us for the Paschal Triduum. These are the three most sacred days of the year for Christians, and the celebrations on each day almost form a single, continuous liturgy. The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is the most solemn celebration of the entire liturgical year. People are often willing to stay up late for a Mass at night on Christmas Eve, but are less willing to come to the Easter Vigil! We strongly urge you to plan on participating this year. It will be the culmination of our parish observance of Lent and shouldn't be missed except for a serious reason. We will open the Easter Vigil with these words: "Dear brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, scattered throughout the world, to come together to watch and pray." May we heed that invitation of the Church and gather together as one community of faith to mark the most sacred of nights and the central mystery of our salvation.

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