



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

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'Donnel Family
10:30am: For all parishioners
6pm: Josette Costa
Requested by John & Dorothy

Monday, March 15

8am: Maurice & Lillian Morency
Requested by Russ & Roberta Morency

Tuesday, March 16

8am: Adriano Machado
Requested by family

Wednesday, March 17

8am: Dorothy Longo
Requested by Barbara Longo Ferreira

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 20

4pm: Jim Sullivan
Requested by Peggy Sullivan

Sunday, March 21

8am: Ann McGinn
Requested by family
10:30am: Helen Hawkinson
Requested by Sean & Laura Buckley
6pm: For all parishioners



Parish Offertory

Weekend of March 6 & 7, 2021

Budget Envelopes: **\$3,996.00** Loose: **\$918.00**

Online: **\$3,515.52**

(Average Online Gift: \$62.78 Number of Users: 56)

Total: \$8,429.52

Monthly Maintenance: **\$1,253.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you were able to join us this past Wednesday for our Lenten Praise and Worship night. It was an evening of peaceful and uplifting prayer. Please join us this coming Wednesday, March 17, as our Lenten Series continues with a **reflection by Deacon John on Saint Patrick**. These Wednesday evenings, which have been very well attended, have given us an opportunity as a parish family to come together in prayerful reflection to prepare ourselves to celebrate more fully the Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Speaking of which, I would like to encourage all of you to commit now to making arrangements in order to join us for the celebration of the **Sacred Triduum**. The rites of the three holiest days of the church year are celebrated from Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday almost as one continuous liturgy. Sometimes, people make the conscious decision not to attend these liturgies because the ceremonies are too lengthy or complicated. I can assure you that our planning as a staff for these carefully-orchestrated celebrations will ensure that no extraneous time will be used. Every moment committed to celebrating with us during the Triduum will be well-spent.

On **Holy Thursday** evening, we will gather at 7pm to celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood and to witness the moving foot-washing ceremony of the Mandatum (meaning, "Mandate," from which the expression "Maundy Thursday" derives), which reminds us of the command Jesus issued to all his disciples to bend down in humble service to our brothers and sisters. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, our church vestibule, which will have been transformed into a chapel of reservation, will remain open until midnight for private prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. On **Good Friday**, we will gather at 7pm to hear the story of Christ's Passion and to venerate his cross. There is no more moving story of self-sacrificial love than the one we will hear retold that night. And on **Holy Saturday**, we will gather in the dark at 8pm for the most solemn celebration of the entire Christian year: the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. (If the thought of an 8pm Mass turns you off, consider how eager we have been in the past to stay up for a 10pm or even Midnight Mass at Christmas!) This liturgy will include the blessing of the Easter fire and the blessing and lighting of the Donald Fitting Memorial Easter Candle. It will also include the blessing of Easter water and the renewal of baptismal promises. Sacraments will not be celebrated at this liturgy, and the story of salvation history will be told in only three readings. In other words, this ceremony will not be as lengthy as in years past. It will likely last no more than 90 minutes. If you have missed the sound of additional instruments at Mass, you will be in for a treat that night. The music will be exceptional, the ministers will be well-rehearsed, and the atmosphere of prayer and devotion can only be enhanced by your presence and participation. These ceremonies, especially the Easter Vigil, are not to be missed!

A word of invitation to all interested middle and high-schoolers! We're gearing up for **the second gathering of ENGAGE**, our new youth program. We will meet on Sunday, March 28, after the 6pm Mass for social time, an activity and a service event. Please join us! And thanks to our young adult leaders for their time and talent!

Lastly, a word of thanks to all those who continue to generously **support our parish financially**. I hope, in the coming weeks, to update you on some important developments regarding our Capital Campaign and our facilities. Your generosity has made it possible to not only keep our facilities functioning and well-maintained, but to also keep our community served through our vital programming! We are blessed!

Until next week,

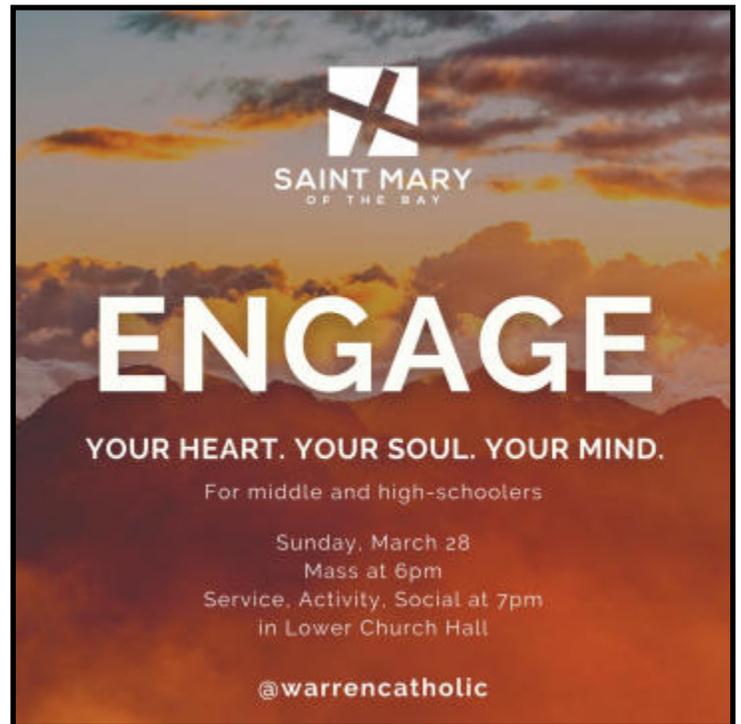


SMB MOUNTAIN MOVERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 able to provide interested families with the necessary materials at their convenience. Just reach out to her to request a packet. 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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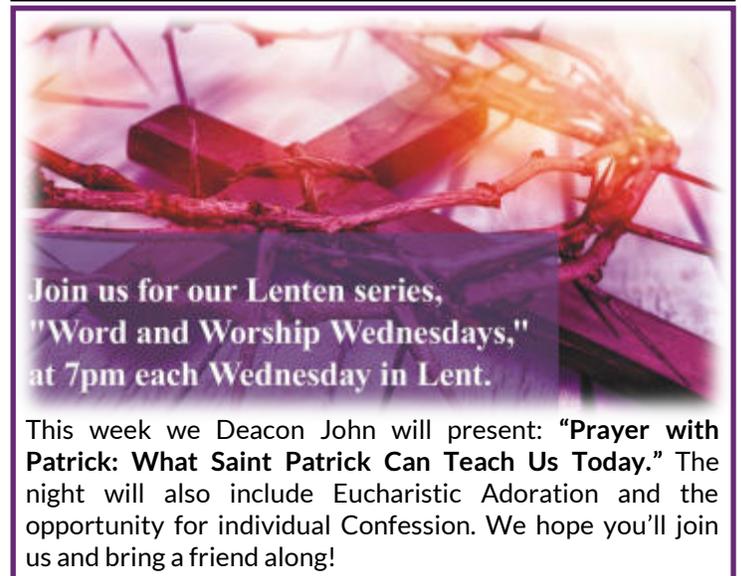
ENGAGE

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For middle and high-schoolers

Sunday, March 28
Mass at 6pm
Service, Activity, Social at 7pm
in Lower Church Hall

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Join us for our Lenten series,
"Word and Worship Wednesdays,"
at 7pm each Wednesday in Lent.

This week we Deacon John will present: "Prayer with Patrick: What Saint Patrick Can Teach Us Today." The night will also include Eucharistic Adoration and the opportunity for individual Confession. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend along!

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp last week burned in loving memory of **Gilbert S. Almeida** at the request of his loving wife, Madeline and family.
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

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.



E A S T E R T R I D U U M

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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