



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 28, 2021



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Parish Office

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 27

4pm Roger Laforge

Requested by family

Sunday, March 28

8am: For all parishioners

10:30am: Jason & Marianna Massed

Requested by family

6pm: Dorothy A. Longo, 4th ann. remembrance

Requested by Barbara Longo Ferreira

The Sacred Triduum

Maundy Thursday, April 1

No 8am Mass

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

The church will remain open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday, April 2

No 8am Mass

3pm: Stations of the Cross

7pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 3

No 4pm Confessions

8pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night with Blessing and

Lighting of the Donald Fitting Memorial Easter Candle

Easter Sunday, April 4

8am and 10:30am: Celebration of Mass

No 6pm Mass



Parish Offertory

Weekend of March 20 & 21, 2021

Budget Envelopes: **\$2,397.00** Loose: **\$885.00**

Online: **\$3,297.00**

(Average Online Gift: \$57.84 Number of Users: 57)

Total: **\$6,579.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter today into the holiest week of the Christian year, we recall the culmination of Christ's earthly work in his suffering, death and resurrection. But far more than merely *recalling* these events, we are invited to mystically participate in them anew through the sacred liturgy. As we take palms in our hands this weekend, we are mystically united to those who first waved branches in the air 2,000 years ago and welcomed Christ to his Holy City. As we hear the passion proclaimed, we are challenged to consider that we too might have been among those who greeted Christ with shouts of "Hosanna!" on Sunday but with fickle hearts turned to cry "Crucify him!" the following Friday. We pray that the Lord will purify any fickleness of heart and give us the grace to serve him faithfully and single-mindedly.

I have been downright insistent that you plan on joining us for the three most sacred liturgies of the church year: the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7pm** (with the moving ceremony of the Washing of the Feet, this year experienced by four representative households of our parish community), the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 7pm** (with the veneration of the cross and the distribution of Holy Communion), and the **Solemn Vigil in the Holy Night on Holy Saturday at 8pm** (with the blessing and lighting of the Easter fire, the dedication of the Donald Fitting memorial Easter candle, the narration of salvation history, and the blessing of water and the renewal of baptismal vows, all within the celebration of Holy Mass). There is not much more to say than what I've already said! You will not be disappointed if you make the commitment of time and prayerful attention to these sacred services. **Please note that the "price of admission" for the Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm is a box of crackers or cereal or cookies.** You could also bring any canned good or other non-perishable food item. These gifts for the poor will be presented during Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

As we look ahead to the Triduum, let us prayerfully consider this invitation from the Byzantine liturgy. And I pray that the coming days will provide abundant opportunities for deeper prayer and reflection on the central mysteries of our faith.

*Passing from one divine feast to another,
from palms and branches,
let us now make haste, O faithful,
to the solemn and saving celebration of Christ's passion.
Let us behold him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake,
and let us sing to him with thanksgiving a fitting hymn:
Fountain of tender mercy and haven of salvation,
O Lord, glory to you!*

Until next week,

SMB Food Pantry

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SMB Food Pantry Proudly Presents:

MEET MARY



WHAT'S YOUR ROLE AT THE PANTRY?

Mary was a pleasure to talk with about her time at St. Mary of the Bay Food Pantry. Her excitement about working with our pantry guests and the volunteers here was contagious! She shared how much she loved speaking with pantry guests each week and being a part of their lives as she hands out grocery orders on each Tuesday evening.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE PANTRY?

About halfway through the pandemic Mary joined our team. She moved to the area about four years ago and has been a parishioner at SMB since then.

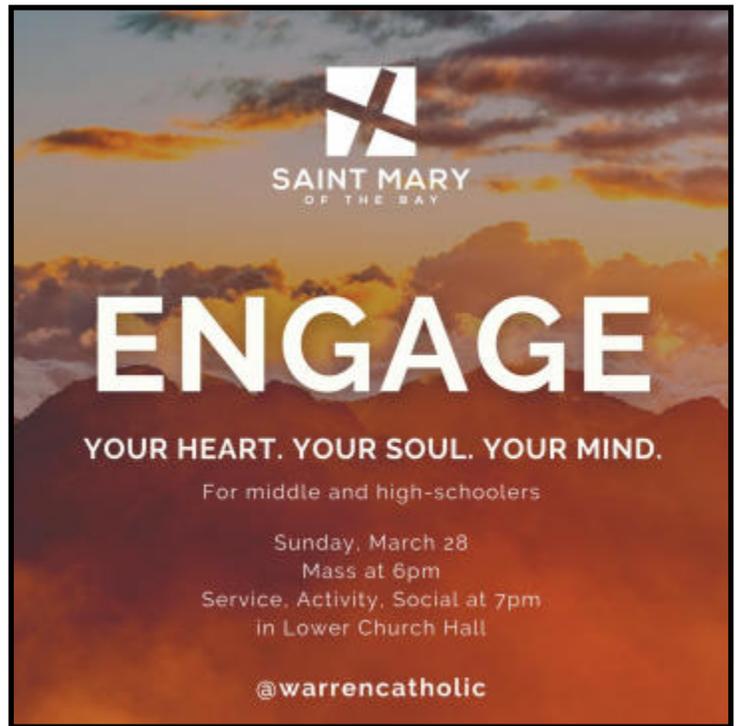
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF BEING ON THIS TEAM?

"I have been volunteering my whole life, but I am so excited about being at SMB Food Pantry, because of the people. The volunteers here are amazing! I also love getting to know the guests better each week".

Above, check out the **March volunteer spotlight!** Mary is one of our many dedicated volunteers who help to keep our clients fed and our operations running smoothly! Thank you, Mary!

There are lots of exciting updates in the Food Pantry! Thanks to grants, we have been able to purchase a **new freezer** for food storage (which required some light electrical work and reorganizing in one of our storage areas, the former stage) and **new shelving!** We are in the process of **building a wall** around the ramp into the church hall to provide for a more secure and spacious storage area for dry goods. Many thanks to those who have helped us complete these projects. Thanks to the generosity of so many during these uncertain times, including the **RI Community Food Bank**, we have been able to invest funds into critical infrastructure so that when we emerge from the COVID-crisis, we will be stronger than ever! Expect a more complete report on these developments in the near future.

Below, **Cheryl Caggiano of Navigant Credit Union**, presents Fr. Joe and Wendy with a \$2,500 check in support of our Food Pantry! **Many thanks to Cheryl, to Navigant, and to Gary Furtado for their generosity!** This donation will go a long way in helping us keep our clients well fed and our programs operating smoothly! To all of our volunteers and donors, a hearty thank you and blessed Easter!




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ENGAGE

YOUR HEART. YOUR SOUL. YOUR MIND.

For middle and high-schoolers

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

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Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume after Easter and will finish Chapter 3 of the Bible Study text on April 8. The following week, Father Joe invited us to a "**Stump the Pastor**" night. This will be held in the church on **Wednesday, April 14, at 7pm.** Members of the Women's Bible Study and any women of the parish are invited bring their questions about anything related to our faith or anything you always wondered about but never knew the answer to. Let's see if we can stump Father Joe! This format has been very popular with our Faith Formation students and will hopefully be as enjoyable with us adults!



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Please Take Note

The church will continue to 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!



Seasonal Corner



“Bishop Theodulph is said to have been confined for a time by Louis the Debonair, son and successor of Charlemagne, in a prison at Angers, during which time the hymn, “Gloria, laus” is said to have been written. The story states that the bishop sang the new hymn from his dungeon window as the emperor was passing to the cathedral on Palm Sunday, in the year 821, and that as a result the bishop was liberated from his captivity. The hymn is still used in the church as a processional hymn on Palm Sunday.”

-Daniel Joseph Donahoe

*Gloria, laus, et honor tibi sit,
Rex Christe Redemptor:
Cui puerile decus prompsit
Hosanna pium.*

*All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer King:
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

-Theodulph, 9th cent.

“It is ourselves we must spread under Christ’s feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ’s grace, with the whole Christ—“for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”—so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.”

-Andrew of Crete, 8th cent.

“One who has surrendered to it knows that the way ends on the Cross—even when it is leading through the jubilation of Gennesaret or the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.”

-Dag Hammarskjöld



EASTER TRIDUUM

April 1, 2021 - Maundy Thursday

7pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper

*The Chapel of Resevation 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)

Join us for the Paschal Triduum this week! 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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