



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

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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

The Fourth Week of Easter

Saturday, April 24

4pm: Bill DeStefano
Requested by the family

Sunday, April 25

8am: For all parishioners
10:30am: Gerald Lima
Requested by Justine Correia and family
6pm: Helen Hawkinson
Requested by Pat and Donal Teahan

Wednesday, April 28

8am: John E. Conley, Jr., 32nd anniversary
Requested by family

Thursday, April 29

8am: James Dunbar
Requested by Gregory and Alice Krawczyk

Friday, April 30

8am: Brendan Murphy
Requested by "The Fourth Pew"

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 1

4pm: Ann McGinn, birthday remembrance
Requested by family

Sunday, May 2

8am: Marion McCabe, 6th ann. remembrance
Requested by Nancy and Al Edler
10:30am: Donald Fitting
Requested by Bill and Marilyn Correia
6pm: Fr. Marinaldo Batista, CSP, Month's Mind
Requested by Barbara Longo Ferreira and Olivia Germano

Sabbath@Sundown

Sunday Mass at 6pm in Saint Mary of the Bay
645 Main Street, Warren

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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Spring has sprung at SMB! The season of rebirth and regrowth is in full swing here in our parish community. We are seeing more and more of our parishioners return to church to worship safely with us and each week we seem to see more new faces. **If one of those new faces belongs to you, welcome!** We hope that you'll decide to make SMB your spiritual home. Just introduce yourself to me or Deacon John or one of our greeters at the next Mass you attend. We'd love to be able to tell you more about growing community.

Now a few practical updates:

- We have decided to move forward with the **air conditioning replacement project**, which was delayed from the Fall due to a lack of bidders. After much back-and-forth and a peer-review of the original plans, it has been discovered that with what money remains in our capital campaign account, we will be able to replace the roof at the rear of the church and install a brand new unit that will provide cooling for the entire upper church. The front unit (which is still fully operational) on the front roof (no active leaks) will remain in its place to provide supplemental cooling when both the temps and the crowds are high! The good news is that whereas we thought we were only able to complete half of an overall cooling project, we'll be able to keep the church cool with a single new unit. That project will cost about \$185,000 and should be finished before the dog days of summer have settled upon us.
- With remaining capital campaign funds, we have also decided to replace the **rectory roof**. That situation has become dire as every storm brings with it not only fresh leaks but also the stripping of shingles. That project is long overdue and is at this point an absolute necessity. It will cost about \$22,000 and will begin sometime this month.
- Our Food Pantry now boasts not only a **brand new industrial freezer** but also a **permanent storage space** in the church hall. A wall has been constructed along the ramp leading into the church hall which enables enclosed and tidy storage for our Food Pantry and a more attractive entrance to the hall for parish functions (which we hope we will be able to resume in the not-too-distant future!). The final cost of that project is still being calculated and will be funded by the SMB Food Pantry.
- These projects, and many others that are planned, are only possible because of **your generosity!** Thank you for continuing to support our vital work and ministries.
- Speaking of your generosity, please take a moment to look at the **Catholic Charity Appeal** goal, listed elsewhere in this bulletin. Let's do our best to get as close we can to goal.
- Also, have a look at some friendly reminders about **COVID-related protocols** and please know that we are all doing our best. Sometimes nerves will be frayed and we will need to work harder at being more patient with each other. Many thanks to those who have been just that, and apologies for moments when that patience ran out!
- Dates for **Confirmation** and **First Communion** have been chosen. Reach out to me or Carolyn Mello Pryor if you have any questions. We are so looking forward to these celebrations!

And most importantly, we begin today a mini-message series, "**Sight Without Vision**," that will prepare us for Pentecost. Pentecost is going to be very important this year! We have designated it "**Vision Weekend**." Please read the rest of the bulletin carefully! **(And start now trying to find something red to wear!)**

And I was very glad to participate recently in two town events: the **dedication of the new Warren Dog Park** (congrats to parishioner Tara Thibaudeau for doing such a great job with that project) and the **opening ceremonies for Warren Little League!** It was great to spend time with members of the wider Warren community. Many thanks to those who were kind enough to extend invitations to me to participate!

Until next week,



Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION 2021

Father Joe has received special permission from Bishop Tobin to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish church on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23, at the 6pm Sabbath@Sundown Mass**. Candidates will gather for a retreat on Sunday, **May 16, at 3:30pm** in the church. Emily Sullivan, a senior at Providence College, will offer a presentation and the candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to parents, sponsors and siblings, each family is welcome to invite up to five guests to the Mass on May 23.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021

First Communion will be celebrated on Corpus Christi weekend, Saturday, **June 5, at 10am** in the church. First Communion students will gather on Saturday, **May 15, at 2pm** for a retreat at which they will celebrate First Penance. First Communion students are also asked to be present for a rehearsal on Tuesday, **June 1, at 6:30pm** in the church. At least one parent is asked to attend each of these events with their child. There is no limit on guests.



Stewardship

Weekend of April 17 & 18, 2021

Budget Envelopes: \$2,532.00 Loose: \$2,361.00
 Online: \$2,012.00
 (Average Online Gift: \$49.07 Number of Users: 41)
Total: \$6,905.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$1,093.00

Catholic Charity Appeal 2021

Parish Goal: \$58,900.00
 Amount Pledged: \$35,560.00
 Difference: **-\$23,340.00** Donor Count: 161

Thank you for your generosity!

PENTECOST 2021: Vision Weekend

May 22 & 23
All weekend Masses

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church, join us as we consider what *being* the Church can look like in 2021 and beyond. The Spirit provided the power to the early Church to accept its mission in the world, and on Pentecost Sunday, we will pray boldly for the power to do the same!

What to expect at SMB on Pentecost weekend:

- ◆ A small red flag for each household on the parish lawn
- ◆ The flags of the nations displayed in the church
- ◆ The celebration of Confirmation at the 6pm Sabbath@Sundown Mass
- ◆ An open invitation to join us for a "Pentecost Mission" the following week
- ◆ All parishioners are encouraged to wear red!
- ◆ And most importantly, a message from Fr. Joe that will cast vision for the future of our parish and the Catholic community in Warren and beyond!

PENTECOST MISSION: "A Broader Vision"

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
in the Octave of Pentecost
May 24, 25 and 26 at 7pm

Two nights of preaching and teaching (Monday and Tuesday) followed by an evening of prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of our parish community (Wednesday)

Pentecost Praise and Worship
Wednesday, May 26, at 7pm
with Eucharistic Adoration

All parishioners are encouraged to attend!



Sight Without Vision

A message series to prepare for Pentecost

APRIL 24-25

MAY 1-2

MAY 8-9

MAY 15-16

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."
-Helen Keller



SMB Food Pantry

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SMB Food Pantry Proudly Presents:

MEET LEANN

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE AT THE PANTRY?

Leann started helping us at SMB Food Pantry by organizing and running our free flea market (Mary's Closet). She would help set up, fold, and clean up our clothing, home goods and kitchen supplies. When the pandemic hit, and we were unable to reliably open "Mary's Closet", Leann stepped in and helped wherever she was needed. Currently she continues to cheerfully assist us on Wednesdays by handing out breads and baked goods to our pantry guests.

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

"It's so nice to socialize with the guests who come here, on a personal level. I also really enjoy the people I volunteer with."

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE PANTRY?

Leann has been volunteering at St. Mary of the Bay Food Pantry for over three years. She generously gives her day off with us by working Wednesday mornings here.

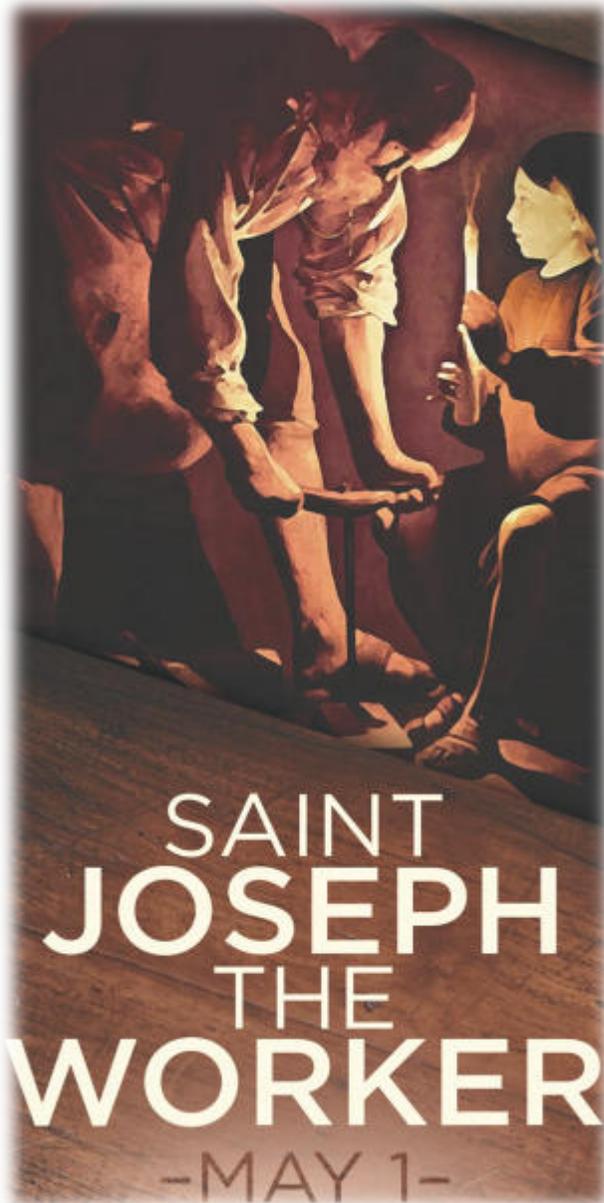


COVID-19

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, please be advised that **masks** continue to be required for entering and exiting the church, as well as for the Communion line. We also ask that you wear your mask for the duration of the Mass, unless a health condition prevents you from doing so. **Hand-sanitizing stations** remain at the entrances, and all must enter the church through the Main Street entrances.

Every pew is now **open** for seating, although **markers** are still present on each pew to help families maintain a six-foot distance between them. Please exercise your best judgment in choosing a pew that will enable you to maintain enough distance between your household and others. **Markers** are still present in the aisles to assist with distancing and the **communion procession** will continue to be modified for the foreseeable future.

Please note that we have **strictly followed** all protocols and will continue to do so. Sadly, we must also note that the most recent guidance we have received is that it is still **not safe** at this time to resume a parish choir. We ask your patience in observing these protocols, and hope that you will help us keep SMB a safe place to worship! Thank you for making the effort to be with us and we hope you will come back next week!



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-MAY 1-

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