



Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021



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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

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 22

4pm: John E. Figueiredo

Requested by Raymond and Annmarie Johnson

Sunday, May 23

8am: Joseph McGinn, birthday remembrance

Requested by the family

10:30am: For all parishioners

6pm: Antonio and Gloria Nunes

Requested by the family

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 29

4pm: Kathleen Hackley, 1st ann. remembrance

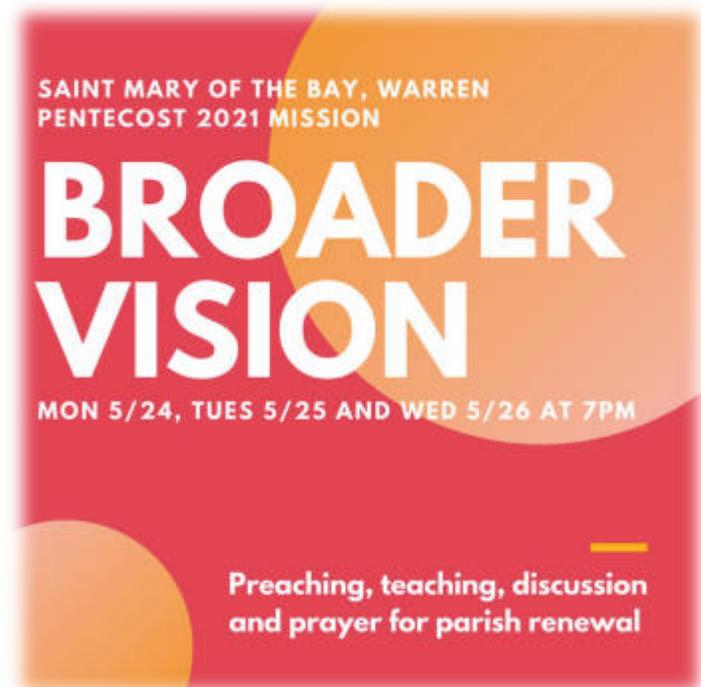
Requested by family

Sunday, May 30

6pm: For all parishioners

Please Take Note

The church is open from 7:30am to 3pm from Monday through Friday for private prayer and devotion. The church is also open each Sunday from 7:30am until after the 6pm Mass. Please stop in to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament!



SAINT MARY OF THE BAY, WARREN
PENTECOST 2021 MISSION

BROADER VISION

MON 5/24, TUES 5/25 AND WED 5/26 AT 7PM

Preaching, teaching, discussion
and prayer for parish renewal

Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Vision Weekend is finally here! As we observe the birthday of the church at Pentecost, we ask for God's Spirit to empower us to embrace our mission in Warren and beyond! God has already blessed our parish community with many graces. Staying focused on our mission will help our community to remain strong and continue to grow. **Did you know that since July, nearly thirty new households have registered in our parish?** I truly believe that people who are seeking to belong to a church community today want to be part of a something greater than themselves. And this weekend, we'll be able to reflect together on how growing in commitment to our mission will help propel our parish into the future and help build up the Kingdom of God in our little corner of the vineyard! Many thanks to all those who have helped to prepare our church and property for this special weekend, especially **Phil, Rob and Carolyn**, who serve our parish so generously and tirelessly.

Speaking of those who serve our parish so generously, I am constantly amazed at the dedication of our volunteers. **John Pinhero** of Barrington noticed the rectory railings needed refinishing. He took them home and redid them for us. **Kitty Pimental** was so happy to have Mary's Closet blessed this week after working so hard to organize that space, which will provide clothing, shoes and other household items to those in need. I look out the rectory window and see **Beth Penkala** and **Diana Letourneau** weeding and cleaning the beds around the church. I see the **Marques** and the **Silvias** and all of the other volunteer cleaners in the church dutifully going about their work. I see the constant dedication of **Wendy Baker** and her team of helpers, working to keep the hungry in our community fed. I am greeted each morning in the office by our helpful office volunteers: **Peggy Pevin, Roberta Morency, Linda Drance, Kate MacDougall and Sandra Jannitto**. Our greeters at church and our other liturgical ministers take their roles seriously and keep things running smoothly on Sundays. Our **Women's Bible Study** leaders and **Men of Saint Joseph** leaders maintain small groups to help form meaningful connections between parishioners. **Milly Grieve** is working so hard with her helpers on our children's programming. Our **catechists** and **youth ministry leaders** are working to engage our young people. **Kara Campanella** and her helpers keep our church noble and beautiful for worship. Our trustees, **Bill Estrella** and **Theresa DeRiso**, along with our **Finance Council** and our **Building Committee**, ensure that our material resources are well administered and that we remain committed to transparency and accountability. Even our **Mass liners** are cleaned and ironed by dedicated volunteers! I could go on and on and on. It really does take a village! To all of our generous volunteers, please know that your work and your dedication to our community is seen, it is valued and it is appreciated. Thank you for taking ownership in your parish community. This day, the birthday of the Church, belongs in a special way to all of you.

In other news:

- ⇒ I am excited to be able to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this evening at our weekly Sabbath@Sundown 6pm Mass. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers. Last week, we were able to gather for a retreat with the candidates. I'm grateful to **Carolyn** and **Kathy DeRiso**, as well as **David Cuellar** and **Emily Sullivan**, for helping to run the retreat.
- ⇒ Congratulations to our own **Victoria Costa**, who graduates from Providence College this weekend. She is a blessing to our community. Please offer a prayer for her and look forward to her return to us next weekend.
- ⇒ The **screen project** is moving along (slowly). We were hoping to repurpose existing equipment to actually enable the projection of lyrics, sermon notes, etc., but a new computer had to be purchased. We're waiting on the arrival of that equipment.
- ⇒ I met with **Fr. Bob Hawkins** last week and we discussed his being reintroduced into a regular rotation of Mass coverage, including weekends. I know that you all enjoy his presence and his preaching and he has proven to be a good friend to SMB. You'll start to see Fr. Bob more often. I'm very grateful for his help.
- ⇒ I have decided to retain the **Sabbath@Sundown** 6pm Mass throughout the summer. We had considered suspending it, but there seems to be enough interest to keep it year-round. I'm grateful to **Fr. Chris Murphy**, Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary, and to Fr. Bob, for helping to share responsibility for those Masses throughout the summer.
- ⇒ Please carefully review the **new COVID guidelines**, listed elsewhere in today's bulletin.
- ⇒ Lastly, I hope you're planning on joining us for our **Pentecost Mission**, which will be held this coming week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, each night at 7pm. "Broader Vision" will provide us with an opportunity to flesh out the vision we will reflect on this weekend.

There's so much more going on and just not enough space!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

SAINT MARY OF THE BAY, WARREN, RI



PENTECOST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, AT 7PM
FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONTEMPORARY PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC
AND PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of May 23
in loving memory of
the deceased members of the Fiyod Family
at the request of Barbara Smith.

*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.*



Stewardship

Weekend of May 15 & 16, 2021

Budget Envelopes: **\$4,201.00** Loose: **\$1,015.00**
Online: **\$1,697.00**
(Average Online Gift: \$44.66 Number of Users: 38)
Total: \$6,913.00

Ascension: \$503.00

Catholic Charity Appeal 2021

Parish Goal: **\$58,900.00**
Amount Pledged: **\$52,317.00**
Difference: **-\$6,583.00** Donor Count: **190**

Thank you for your generosity!



Congratulations!



Congratulations to little **Rosalyn** (top left) and little **William** (top right) who were baptized recently in our church. May they walk always as children of the light and may God keep their families always in his care. Congrats are also due to **the Ward family** (pictured immediately above), who were recently awarded as Family of the Month by the Bristol Council Knight of Columbus. Thank you, Ward family, for all that each of you does to help build up our parish community! And congrats to our volunteers who officially opened **Mary's Closet** this week in the church hall. The newly organized space (pictured below) will provide clothing and household goods to our Food Pantry clients and anyone in need. Mary's Closet will operate during regular Food Pantry hours. All are welcome!



**George P. Flynn & Anna M. Flynn
Designated Scholarship**

This four-year scholarship is open to all students in good standing who are active parishioners of St. Mary of the Bay Church and have received their Catholic confirmation, entering (as freshmen) a four-year college/university. The application form is available on our website: stmaryofthebay.org.

Please complete the application, along with the required essay and return it to the parish office by July 1 with a copy of your high school GPA report. Historically, the annual award has been approximately \$1000 for each year of college.

If you have any questions, please call 401-245-7000, ext. 14, and leave a message.



COVID-19

**Bishop Tobin Rescinds the
Dispensation from the Sunday Obligation**

As of June 6, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, all Catholics will be obliged, as in the past, to attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) and Holy Days of Obligation. This is welcome news! Please note the following from Bishop Tobin's letter to the diocesan church: *"It is important to emphasize that, since the pandemic is still lingering in our midst, some individuals are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and perhaps should not attend Mass to protect their health and safety and that of others. These include the elderly and frail, those who have underlying health conditions, and those who have been advised by their health care providers to avoid public gatherings. As always, Catholics are dispensed from the Sunday obligation for other grave reasons such as illness, caring for the ill, the unavoidable obligation of employment and travel that disrupts their schedules."*

**Updated COVID-19 Procedures
at St. Mary of the Bay**

- ⇒ We have returned to 100% capacity, as of May 21.
- ⇒ Fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a facemask indoors or outdoors. Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a facemask indoors. Please know that there will be unmasked people in church, perhaps even most. Please continue to wear your mask if you wish, even if you are vaccinated.
- ⇒ Parish social gatherings are permitted at 100% capacity as of May 21.
- ⇒ Hand-sanitizing stations will remain at the entrances to the church.
- ⇒ We will continue to enter the church through the front entrance only.
- ⇒ Holy Water will be made available again.
- ⇒ The tape and other distancing markers have been removed from the church, although the new procedure for Holy Communion will remain in place, as this helps prevent grouping. Please exercise prudence in maintain a three-foot distance between households.
- ⇒ We will continue to ensure that the church is cleaned regularly and that proper ventilation is maintained.
- ⇒ While we are not permitted to resume the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass, we will resume the practice of presenting the bread and wine during the offertory.
- ⇒ Guidance on choirs is still unclear. We hope that over the summer, the staff and leadership team will be able to consider more carefully the role of music ministry within the wider mission of our church.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to implement Diocesan guidelines, guidance from civil officials, and other best practices.

Annual Memorial Day Mass

*Saint Jean Cemetery
Monday, May 31, 8am*

Join us at Saint Jean Cemetery on Vernon Street in Warren for the Celebration of Mass as we observe Memorial Day.

Mass will not be celebrated at 8am at Saint Mary of the Bay on Memorial Day except in the event of inclement weather.

Please bring a lawn chair.

Memorial Day

Sabbath@Sundown

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