



Corpus Christi
June 6, 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

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Saturday, June 5

4pm: For all parishioners

Sunday, June 6

8am: Barbara DeRiso

Requested by Stephen & Theresa DeRiso & family

10:30am: Francis Jamiel, 5th anniversary

Requested by wife & family

6pm: Bertha Lial

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffry Hawkins & Ralph

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 7

8am: Ferdinand J. & Regina G. Thivierge

Tuesday, June 8

8am: Barbara DeRiso

Requested by Dr. & Mrs. Julian Sanna

Wednesday, June 9

8am: Gregory Krawczyk

Thursday, June 10

8am: Nancy-Etta Muccino

Requested by Family & Friends

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, June 13

10:30am: For all parishioners

Sabbath@Sundown

Sunday Mass at 6pm in Saint Mary of the Bay
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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!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we are given an opportunity to reflect on the greatest treasure we possess this side of heaven: Jesus' abiding presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. We will observe Corpus Christi by concluding every Mass with the **Rite of Exposition and Benediction**, an ancient ceremony that reminds us that Jesus is truly present to us in the Blessed Sacrament—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—under the appearance of bread and wine. As Pope Emeritus Benedict reminded the young people gathered for World Youth Day in Cologne in 2005: *"the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."*

As we celebrate Jesus' presence in the Eucharist this weekend, we also rejoice with the children who received this precious gift in their **First Holy Communion** at a celebration on Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Many thanks to those who helped prepare them for the big day, especially Carolyn Mello Pryor and our devoted catechists.

In other news, we are blessed at SMB by the diaconal ministry of **Deacon John Pryor**. He has shown our community how much the vocation to the permanent diaconate can help advance the work of the Church. In that light, I am pleased to announce that Bishop Tobin has recently authorized the recruitment and formation of a new class of permanent deacons. I know that there are men in our community who are eligible for this important form of ordained service. Among the requirements are these:

- be a practicing Catholic layman who will be at least 35 years of age at the time of ordination and be not older than 61 on January 1st in the year of recruitment
- have a high school diploma or equivalent
- be a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the church
- have a familiarity with Catholic Theology
- should be actively involved in ministry at either the parish or diocesan level
- if married, be in a stable marriage of at least 5 years (at the time of application) and have the support and agreement of his wife and family to pursue a diaconal vocation
- if unmarried (being single or a widower), to be living in a lifestyle consistent with the call to the ordained ministry in the celibate state within the Catholic Church.

If you meet these criteria and feel that God may be calling you to a life of ordained service, please speak to me or to Deacon John. Deacon John, in fact, has been asked by the diocesan director of the Diaconate Office to participate in the formation of the new class of deacons. That is a great credit to him and to his exemplary service as a member of this Sacred Order.

Speaking of Deacon John, we look forward to his teaching in his **"Ask the Deacon"** column, which resumes this week. This week's column is important, as I have noticed a decline in requests for Mass intentions. There is no greater gift we can give our beloved dead than having Mass offered for the repose of their souls. Deacon John explains why this is the case. Please call the parish office to book a Mass or two for your deceased loved ones.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

fatherupton@gmail.com

**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.



Thank You!

Many thanks to **Christy Bergeson** and our friends at **Wilbur-Romano Funeral Home** for donating a brand new American flag for the rectory lawn, just in time for Memorial Day!

And thanks are also due to **Philip Beaulieu** for donating the flags at the Columbarium at Saint Jean Cemetery in memory of his parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Philip A. Beaulieu Sr.**



Help Needed

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday mornings to help collect food rescue items from Shaw's in Barrington and deliver them to SMB Food Pantry. We also need volunteers to help set up tables for weekly food distribution in the parish hall from 8-9:30 am on Tuesday mornings. You will need your own vehicle and ability to lift 20-25lbs. Please call the pantry if you are interested at (401) 245-7000 ext. 19. Thank you in advance!

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THE FLAGS OF THE NATIONS

Many thanks to those who donated the flags of the nations! The flags of Brazil, Spain, Argentina (Pope Francis' home country!) and Mexico are still available to be memorialized.

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Italy

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in memory Domenic R. Coccio Sr.

Germany

Given by George and Patricia Gemp
in memory of the deceased members of the
Gemp and Peters Families



Ask the Deacon

Deacon John, why should we have Masses offered for the dead?

In a prior column, we discussed that the Church honors the memory of the dead. November is the month in which we remember, in a particular way, the dead. We pray for our departed loved ones because we believe that our prayers, sacrifices, and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, provide assistance to the souls in Purgatory.

According to Catholic Straight Answers, "the offering of Masses for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed is linked with our belief in Purgatory. We believe that if a person has died fundamentally believing in God but with venial sins and the hurt caused by sin, then God in His divine love and mercy will first purify the soul. After this purification has been completed, the soul will have the holiness and purity needed to share in the beatific vision in heaven."

We pray for our loved ones and each other. We pray to help each other on the path of salvation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best prayer that we can offer to the departed souls undergoing purification. We are part of the communion of saints, which includes the church triumphant in Heaven, the church militant on earth, and the church suffering in Purgatory. We are all connected because we belong to the Church, the body of Christ. Of course, we want to help each other. We are family!

In 1902, Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* ("Mirror of Charity") emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers, and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."

One may wonder, "What if the person's soul has already been purified and gone to heaven?" We do not know the time or the hour of God's judgment. So, it makes sense to remember our deceased brothers and sisters, commending them to God through prayer and sacrifice. According to Catholic Straight Answers, "However, if indeed the departed soul has been purified and now rests in God's presence in heaven, then those prayers and sacrifices offered benefit the other souls in purgatory through the love and mercy of God."

Having a Mass offered for the repose of a person's soul is beneficial and comforting. Most importantly, we should always remember our own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass, and through our own prayers and sacrifices help them in their gaining eternal rest.

-Deacon John

Send your questions to deaconjohnpryor@gmail.com!



Special Collection

Saint Mary of the Bay will welcome **Sister Nemesia Licayu, F.A.S.**, a member of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, to speak at all Masses the weekend of June 19 and 20. Sister's visit is our opportunity to participate in the annual **Mission Co-Op Appeal**, sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. Sister Nemesia will be asking for our support for her community's mission work in the northernmost tip of the Philippines, particularly for a Charity Hospital that caters to the health needs of the marginalized. The second collection that weekend will benefit the work of Sister's community. Sister, welcome to SMB!



Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph will be hosting a "**Stump the Pastor**" night with Fr. Joe on Wednesday, June 16, at 6:30pm in the main church. All men of the parish are welcome to join us! As Fr. Joe has done with the Faith Formation students and the Women's Bible Study, he will be taking any questions pertaining to the faith. These nights have proved informative and enjoyable in the past, and we hope that all men of the parish will take advantage of this opportunity to spend time in fellowship and to learn more about the richness of our faith!



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