



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 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 the chapel accommodates both anonymous and face-to-face confessions.

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. Private baptisms may also be arranged.

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

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 24

4pm: Ernest & Elizabeth Socha
Requested by their children

Sunday, July 25

8am: For all parishioners
10:30am: Orlando & Gloria Valenti, birthday remembrance
Requested by the Valenti Family

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 31

4pm: Patricia McGuinn
Requested by Mary Liz Connor

Sunday, August 1

8am: Patrick Austin McKenna, 16th anniversary, &
P. Andrew McKenna Jr., 6th anniversary
Requested by family
10:30am: John DeGoes, 7th anniversary
Requested by wife & family



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

While things generally slow down for the summer, our parish hosted two major events recently that brought our community closer together in different ways.

On Tuesday, July 13, we gathered for **Praise & Worship by the Bay** at Mount Saint Joseph in Bristol, RI. The rain held off and families were able to take in the beautiful views while enjoying a picnic supper. At 7:15pm, we exposed the Blessed Sacrament for a period of Eucharistic Adoration. Victoria and an ensemble of gifted (and young!) musicians led us in song. Nearly a hundred people in total joined us for the memorable evening. Thank you to all who came, and many thanks to Victoria for her hard work in pulling together all of the logistics. We hope to host another similar evening in early Fall, perhaps sometime in September. As you know, we chose July 13 because it was the first day of a 33-day preparation process for an **Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. Over 30 of our parishioners have committed themselves to that process of personal prayer and devotion, and will make their own personal Acts of Consecration along with the parish-wide corporate Act of Consecration on the **170th anniversary** of our parish's founding, August 15, 2021. Please keep them in your prayers!

A few weeks back, our parish also hosted a summer camp for kids in grades K-6, "**Ocean Commotion**"! I cannot tell you how deeply impressed I was by the commitment of our generous volunteers. They worked for hours to decorate our hall, to plan crafts and snacks, bible lessons and skits, and they committed to being present throughout the week to be with our campers. It was a huge undertaking but it paid off in spades! Nearly 30 children from our parish community and beyond participated! Everyone involved had an amazing time, both campers and volunteers alike. None of this would have been possible without the vision and dedication of Milly Grieve, our director of children's ministries. Many, many thanks to Milly and her team!

I truly believe that expanding our **children's ministries** in the Fall will contribute to the growth of our parish community. Kevin Costner isn't the only one hearing, "*If you build it, they will come!*" If we give clear evidence to families in our area that we are investing in them and seeking to meet their needs in whatever way we can, then I am certain more and more families will want to be a part of what we're doing at SMB!

Lastly, I'm happy to announce that one of our parishioners, Joy Jennings, will write a monthly column for our parish bulletin entitled "**A Joyful Message**." Joy is a long-time retreat presenter and spiritual director, and she enjoys writing of the various ways God speaks to us through the everyday experiences of our lives. During the COVID-19 crisis, Joy dedicated time to compose powerful and moving reflections that were distributed through an email list. When I read Joy's reflections, I felt that her insights should benefit a wider audience. I am grateful to her for taking the time to compose a column monthly, and I know that her voice will be helpful to all of us as we seek continued growth in our relationship with God.

Until next week,

Father Joe

(fatherupton@gmail.com)

Sabbath@Sundown

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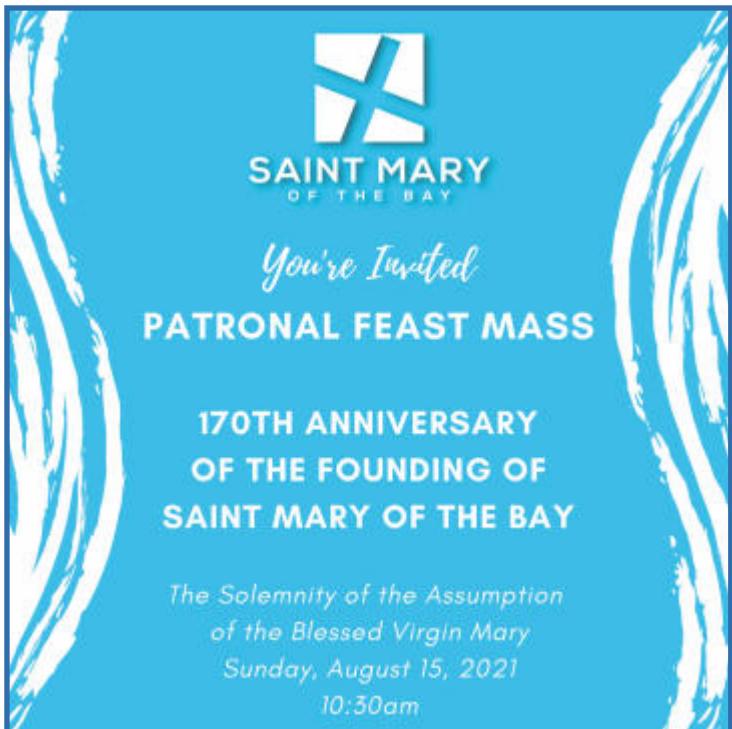
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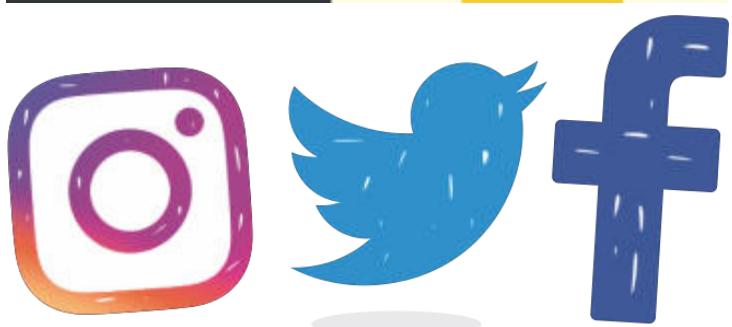


With regard to Mass intentions:

⇒ One of the best ways we can honor our beloved dead is to have Mass celebrated for the repose of their souls. At Saint Mary of the Bay, there has been a designated offering for daily Masses and another for weekend Masses. From now on, there will be no fixed fee, but those who call to book Masses may make a free-will offering. We never like to hear, "How much does a Mass cost?" There is no price one could ever affix to the celebration of the Mass and it is not our practice to charge a fee for access to the sacraments. So from now on, our policy at SMB will be to welcome a free-will offering, but not to charge a fixed fee. Speaking of having Mass offered for a loved one, please note that in order for the intention to be published in the bulletin, you must schedule the Mass two weeks prior to its celebration. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee that the intention will be published.

With regard to the Anointing of the Sick:

⇒ Please note that given the scarcity of priests, their time and availability are limited. Long gone are the days when two or three priests lived in a rectory and someone was always "on duty" for the Sacrament of the Sick. Please do not wait until your loved one is drawing their last breaths to call for a priest. It is most appropriate to call as soon as someone begins receiving palliative care, or as soon as someone's health begins to decline significantly, or as soon as it becomes clear that death is imminent. If you wait too long, you may not be able to contact a priest in time. This is not an indication of a lack of pastoral charity, but a lack of active priests. The sacrament is meant to spiritually strengthen those who are seriously ill, as well as to prepare them for a holy death.



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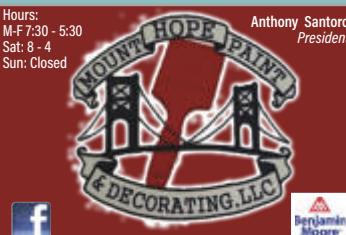
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