



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 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 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

Eighteenth Week 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 7

4pm: Helen Cholewiak, 1st ann. remembrance

Requested by her daughter, Jo-Ann

Sunday, August 8

6pm: For all parishioners



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of August 1
in loving memory of

Patrick Austin McKenna (16th anniversary)

P. Andrew McKenna Jr. (6th anniversary)

at the request of Katherine Gere.

*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 July 24 & 25, 2021

Budget Envelopes: **\$2,577.00** Loose: **\$1,497.00**

Online: **\$2,217.00**

(Average Online Gift: \$52.79 Number of Users: 42)

Total: \$6,291.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you're keeping cool! Thankfully, the **air conditioning project** for the main church is well underway! The old unit and the old roof came off this past week and we will eagerly await the installation of the new unit, which will likely take place sometime in the coming weeks. Between now and then, please be mindful that we need to limit the usage of the single AC unit we have. We don't want to tax that unit too much, as it is not designed to cool the entire church. That means that we'll try to limit usage of the AC to particularly hot and humid days, at least until the new unit is in place. Thank you for your understanding.

I want to take an opportunity thank the **Fitzhugh Family** and the **Fortin Family** for making very generous donations toward new sets of vestments for funerals in loving memory of the deceased members of the Fitzhugh and Day families, and the Fortin and Johnson families. The care and attention we pay to the details of funeral liturgies are important. They say to grieving families that we are intent on honoring their loved ones and providing their guests with respectful and dignified services. Many thanks to the Fitzhughs and the Fortins for helping us send that message loud and clear!

In other news, I'm very grateful to **Carolyn Mello Pryor** for working with our catechists in brainstorming ways to make our Faith Formation program even more engaging. In the coming weeks, Carolyn will send out some information about the program for the 2021-2022 school year. I am excited about what we're offering, especially as we shift toward more family-oriented activities!

Milly Grieve, after pulling off an amazing summer camp, "Ocean Commotion," is now working on two exciting programs for the Fall: a total revamp of the traditional Children's Liturgy of the Word, which we're calling "**SMB Mountain Movers**," and a community storytime, "**Little Bookworms**." There will be an awful lot to share about both of these programs in the coming weeks, but until then, please help us spread the word that SMB is doing everything we can to provide programming that is family-friendly!

Victoria and I have begun auditioning **volunteer instrumentalists** from our parish community and beyond. Again, if you know of someone (guitarist, percussionist, etc.) who would be willing to lend their talent to our weekend worship, please send them our way!

Lastly, **Deacon John** gave a very powerful homily last weekend about food insecurity and hunger in our community. He stated a very bold goal: that SMB put an end to food insecurity and hunger in the East Bay! He said that that goal is attainable. After seeing the dedication of Wendy Baker and her amazing team of volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the goodness of our partners in the community, **I am inclined to agree with him!** May God bless the work of our hands as we seek to feed Christ in the hungry.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

(fatherupton@gmail.com)



**SAINT MARY
OF THE BAY**

You're Invited

PATRONAL FEAST MASS

**170TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF
SAINT MARY OF THE BAY**

*The Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, August 15, 2021
10:30am*



**SAINT MARY
OF THE BAY**

**CALLING ALL
INSTRUMENTALISTS!**

SMB is looking for volunteer musicians to form small ensembles for our weekend services. Contact Victoria for more information: victoriacosta99@gmail.com

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YOU'RE INVITED

*Traditional
Eucharistic
Holy Hour*

**Wednesday,
August 4**



Saint Mary of the Bay
645 Main Street, Warren, RI
First Wednesday of the Month
7pm in the Main Church



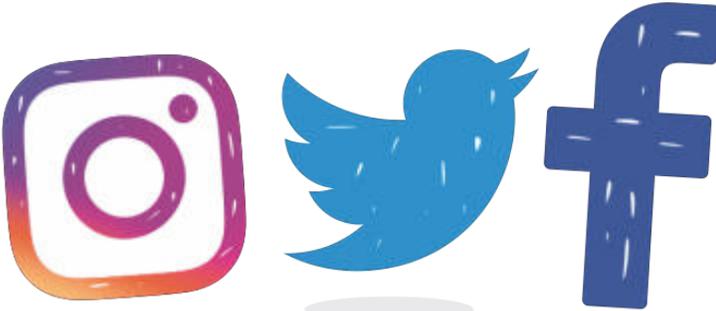
Please Take Note

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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A Joyful Message



Every year, as we turn the calendar page from July to August, I lull myself into thinking that summer will last forever. Driving through the neighborhoods of our town, it's easy to believe that we are enjoying an endless summer. Everywhere we look, nature captures our attention with colorful abundance: the hydrangeas are bursting with blooms, the sunflowers are filling the fields, and everywhere the expanse of green lawns...and let's not forget our vegetable gardens! The hard work of tending our tomato plants is paying off with the ripening reds that we have been waiting for, while the corn grows "as high as an elephant's eye." This is the height of summer fruition that nourishes our soul for those seasons ahead that lack the lush and lavish glory of a perfect summer day.

It can give us cause to ponder the gospel of today from the Book of John, where the crowd is looking for more signs and wonders from Jesus. They've heard that Jesus walked on the water, and he's recently fed thousands with a few loaves and fish. Still, they are hungry for more signs and wonders...something more impressive, perhaps, than what they have already experienced in their lives, or what they might have seen or heard amongst one another concerning this prophetic figure from Nazareth.

On some level this is human nature, yet in our second reading of today, St Paul invites us to live from a better place, a better perspective than simply wanting more, and more. St. Paul asks us to "put away the old self" and to "be transformed by the renewal of your minds." What better way to do this than to bask ourselves in the splendor of God's signs and wonders of summertime in full bloom? Surely, our God is present in the everyday marvels on daily display during this season that we simply call summer.

I know that the month of August will indeed pass away. It always does. But the renewal of our minds is always available to us. In the words of Benedictine nun, Macrina Wiederkehr:

*"There is a table to which we are invited each day.
It offers us sunshine and stars, eagles and angels,
storms and memories, words and silence...
It is the table that Love prepares for us each moment.
It is the table of daily life.
Freely we are invited to come and eat."*

Until next month,
Joy Jennings



SMB Food Pantry

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SMB Food Pantry Proudly Presents:

JENNIFER SMITH



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE PANTRY?

Jennifer and her family have been helping at the pantry for about three years.

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

Competing with other volunteers to see how much I can fit on one handtruck!

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE AT THE PANTRY?

Jennifer started at the pantry helping weekly to unload the Rhode Island Food Bank delivery truck, with her children. She then worked to bag and hand out groceries throughout Covid, while the parish hall was closed and now she works at the pantry every week with her oldest son. Jennifer is also one of many dedicated volunteers who serve on our pantry board to help ensure the pantry runs as best it can.



St. Gabriel's Call



Barbara Fisher, who coordinates Saint Gabriel's Call, is receiving requests from her clients for school supplies. As we approach the close of the summer, please consider picking up some school supplies for this important ministry. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Emilia Everly-Anne** and **Jaxson Lionel**, who were reborn of water and the Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism last month! Please keep them and their families in your prayers. May they walk always as children of the light!

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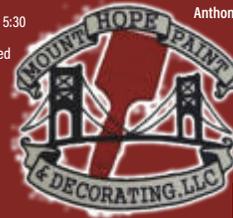
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