



# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021



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### Parish Office

645 Main Street  
Warren, RI 02885  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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

*Nineteenth Week 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

**Thursday, August 12**

8am: Bill Daponte  
*Requested by his family*

**Friday, August 13**

8am: Lillian E. Jamrog, 25th anniversary  
*Requested by her daughters, Joan and Carol*

***Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary***

**Saturday, August 14**

4pm: Mary Olson, 3rd anniversary  
*Requested by her family*

**Sunday, August 15**

8am: For all parishioners  
10:30am: Antonio & Gloria Nunes  
*Requested by family*

## Sabbath@Sundown

Sunday Mass at 6pm in Saint Mary of the Bay  
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# Stewardship

**Weekend of July 31 & August 1, 2021**

Budget Envelopes: **\$3,290.00** Loose: **\$1,859.00**

Online: **\$2,675.52**

(Average Online Gift: \$54.60 Number of Users: 49)

Total: **\$7,824.52**

**Peter's Pence: \$992.00**

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# Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Our second reading today is taken from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (although some scholars claim it was written by a disciple of Paul in his name). Regardless of authorship or date, it is clear that many of the intended recipients of the letter would have been recent converts, and the author is trying to show the difference that being Christian makes in our relations with one another. Part of the letter we'll hear read during Mass this weekend contains this beautiful advice: ***"All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."*** Profound advice for any Christian community!

If we truly belong to Christ, then we belong to each other and that means that we treat each other differently. We don't view one another with suspicion or mistrust. We don't presume ill-will or malice. We don't give in to gossip or detraction. We don't triangulate or set up camps against one another. When feelings are hurt or mistakes are made, we give the benefit of the doubt. We don't hold grudges or resentments. We don't withhold our generosity when things aren't going our way. Instead, we forgive and show mercy, even when we have suffered wrong.

At SMB, we want to continue to be a community that newcomers and seekers will see as embodying a true Christian spirit, one that is as attractive as it is authentic! In other words, when we choose to act in accord with the advice of our second reading today, we become better equipped to embrace our true mission as a parish, which is to bring the gospel to our local community. And as rancor and reviling continue to establish themselves as the norms for secular public discourse, authentic Christian charity will appear more and more as a distinctive and welcome alternative.

Again, the process of culture-shifting in any parish is not smooth sailing! For any missteps on my part or that of Deacon John, for any misperceived slights or offenses, we seek your pardon. As always, we remain open and eager to receive constructive criticism and honest feedback. And we remain exceedingly grateful to be able to serve this community! I know that God will do greater things in and through SMB, even as our parish has already been experiencing such great momentum and energy!

In other news, while we look *ahead* to our patronal feast celebration next weekend at the 10:30am Mass (which is also our 170th anniversary), it is good to look *backwards* too! Wendy Baker, our indefatigable food pantry director, is also one of our parish historians! Check out the wonderful history she has compiled for this week's bulletin and look forward to learning more about our past throughout the remainder of the summer in subsequent columns.

Lastly, keep in prayer those who are approaching the completion of their preparation period for an Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Next Sunday will be a very special day for those who are making that Act for the first time and for those, like myself, who are renewing it. Learning from Mary how to welcome Christ into our hearts, she will also teach us how to share him with others.

Until next week,

(fatherupton@gmail.com)



## Beginnings

By 1850, there were almost 450 Catholics in Bristol County and nearby Swansea, about 8% of the county population. Most of them were foreign-born, with the greater part from Ireland or of Irish descent. A small contingent of German Catholics lived in the town of Bristol, and worked at the sugar refinery there. An even smaller group were the "native American" Catholics, the term used at the time for those who were born here, as opposed to the "foreign-born".

In mid-August, 1851, Bishop Bernard O'Reilly and Father Hilary Tucker traveled from the cathedral in Providence to Warren. On Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Job Smith, the customs official of Warren, sold an irregular rectangle of land near the town border for \$475 to "Bernard O'Reilly of Providence." "Mr." O'Reilly promptly mortgaged the land back to Mr. Smith for \$225 (plus interest), to be paid within a year. On that same day, Fr. Tucker solemnized two marriages in Bristol.

The Bishop had plans for his parcel of land on the southwest corner of Main and Luther Streets, which was centrally located within a 4-mile radius of most of the Catholic population of the county. A new church building was started immediately, and the new parish assigned to Fr. Tucker, a native Midwesterner with a penchant for forming and funding communities of the faithful. Fr. Tucker gave his parish the name of St. Mary of the Bay, and wrote in the front of his parish registers, "August 15, 1851. St. Mary of the Bay. Warren, Bristol, Barneytown and Barrington."

The ground for the church was consecrated on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The *Warren Star* reported that, "The ceremony of consecrating the ground on which is to be erected the Roman Catholic Church, took place on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large number of spectators. A short address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Tucker, the Priest now stationed in this town. The foundation walls of the church are laid, and the building is to be immediately erected. Messrs. Hoar and Drown are the contractors."

The wooden building was a rectangle, 36 feet wide by 66 feet long (or about half the size of our current parish hall), in the Gothic style, and would seat 300 people. Work continued through the rest of autumn and early winter, and on Sunday, January 11, 1852, Bishop O'Reilly dedicated the church "to the worship of Almighty God under the patronage of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God."

Before the church was finished, another 100 Catholic souls had been added, most of them in Warren. By 1860 over 1,100 Catholics (about 12% of the population) lived in Bristol County, and a second church had been built in the town of Bristol as a mission of St. Mary's, Warren. -*Wendy Baker*



The church at the corner of South Main Street and Luther Street. The S. Maxwell house next door became the first rectory. The Pardon Hiscox parcel is the site of the present rectory. From the 1851 Henry F. Walling map of Bristol County, RI.



## Faith Formation

You may be wondering why we have started using the name "Faith Formation" instead of the former name, "Religious Education." The primary reason for this change is to help our community embrace the idea that learning and growing in our faith does not begin in first grade and end with Confirmation. **Faith Formation** reflects the lifelong process of ongoing conversion which requires lifelong growth. So it is our goal to provide opportunities for *everyone* to deepen their faith, regardless of their age.

This year, for our families with children, we will provide a way for parents, as the primary teachers of the faith, to easily share their faith in the family setting with at-home materials. We will host monthly gatherings for children and parents to help support their ongoing faith development. And for those families with children who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, we will provide Sacramental Preparation which we hope will lead to a deeper understanding of those sacraments, renewed appreciation of our faith, and an ongoing commitment to continued growth and Christian service.

We are so grateful for our dedicated group of catechists and volunteers but we are always happy to include new people with a fresh perspective and a love for our faith. If you would be interested in working with our children and families, please contact me.

*Faith Formation* information and registration packets have gone out in the mail to families who have participated in the past. If you are a new family and need a packet, please see Father Joe or Deacon John after Mass or contact the Faith Formation office by phone at 245-7000 x21 or by email at [SMBFaithFormation@gmail.com](mailto:SMBFaithFormation@gmail.com).

God bless!  
*Carolyn*



## 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 in the St. Gabriel's Call basket.



## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of August 8 in loving memory of  
**John V. DeGoes**  
at the request of his wife, Jeanne.

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.



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



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Each week, Victoria creates a Spotify playlist with the songs for the weekend liturgies. As we continue to introduce new music and new styles into our repertoire, you may want to check out the songs in advance to make your participation in the liturgy easier. Visit our Facebook or Instagram pages to get the link each week:

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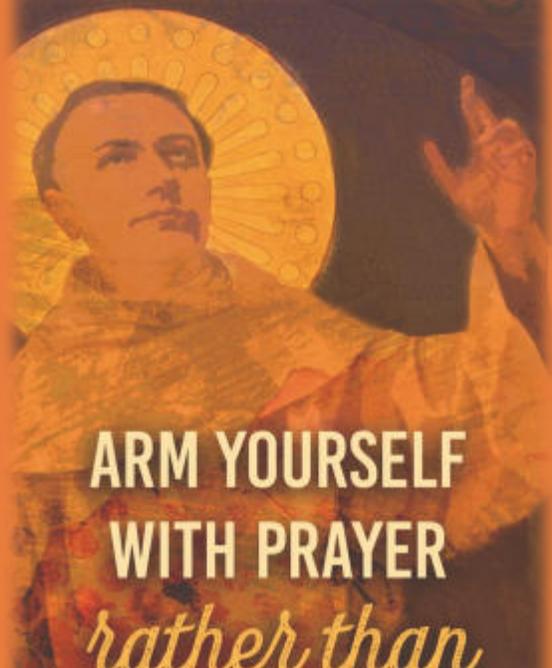


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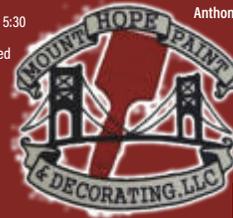
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