



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 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: smbmountainmovers@gmail.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
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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

Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 25

4pm: Mildred Millard, Birthday Remembrance
Charles & Mildred Millard, Wedding Anniversary
Requested by family

Sunday, September 26

8am: Biagio Deltoro
Requested by his sister, Julie
10:30am: Samuel Hackley, 23rd Anniversary
Requested by family
6pm: Joao L. DeCamara
Requested by wife & children

Tuesday, September 28

8am: Doris Rabideau, 10th Anniversary
Requested by her family

Friday, October 1

8am: Robert Stringer, Month's Mind
Requested by the Stringer Family

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 2

4pm: John Tupaj
Requested by his sister, Mary Miller

Sunday, October 3

10:30am: Gloria Nunes, Birthday Remembrance
Requested by her family

Stewardship

Weekend of September 18 & 19, 2021

Budget Envelopes: **\$3,399.00** Loose: **\$1,389.00**

Online: **\$2,147.00**
(Average Online Gift: \$46.67 Number of Users: 46)

Total: \$6,935.00

Priests' Retirement: \$1,296.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, we welcomed well over 500 people to our parish community for weekend Masses, including many newcomers. (By way of comparison, this weekend last year, we welcomed only 322 people to our church for worship.) There was such great energy at all of our weekend services. We witnessed a very successful launch of SMB Mountain Movers, our church experience for kids. And we hosted (safely and carefully) our first social gathering as a parish community since before COVID, Holy Doughnuts, after our 10:30am Mass. It was a great weekend! Thanks are due to those who organized that event, those who baked and set up and cleaned up afterward. It was a team effort!

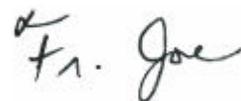
As a reminder, Mountain Movers will be held every Sunday during the 10:30am Mass unless otherwise noted. Please gather with your children in the upper church for the beginning of the Mass. They will be invited forward for a blessing and dismissal. Those who have already received First Communion will return to the church during the offertory, while the smaller kids will remain downstairs for the duration of the Mass. Families can reunite in the church hall when Mass is concluded. I cannot thank Milly and her team enough for their hard work and dedication to this effort. We are blessed by their commitment to our parish families and youth! And mark your calendars now! The next Holy Doughnuts will be held after the 10:30am on Sunday, October 10.

All women are welcome to join us this coming Wednesday at 7pm for an informational session regarding SMB Women's Bible Study. One needn't be a member of our parish—or even Catholic—to be invited! Invite your neighbors, co-workers, relatives, friends. All are welcome. The Women's Bible Study has proven to be a valued opportunity for the women of our parish to grow in communion with each other, with the Church and with God. Please consider extending an invitation to someone to join us on Wednesday. And refreshments will be served!

This weekend we will host the first of our monthly Family Faith Formation gatherings. Please see Carolyn's update elsewhere in the bulletin. Carolyn has developed a very fine program for this year and I am excited to see what she has in store for our families! Many thanks to Carolyn and our catechists for their dedication to this important ministry.

Lastly, we are excited to launch a new program in adult education, "Theology Uncorked!" On the first Tuesday of the month throughout the academic year, we will host a wine and cheese reception followed by a theological talk and discussion. On October 5, at 6:30pm, we will gather in the church hall for wine and cheese, after which I will give a presentation, "Ten Reasons to Celebrate our Catholic Faith." I hope you can join us for a night of fellowship and learning. Topics and guest speakers will be announced throughout the year.

Until next week,





Beginnings



St. Mary's church had burned down in November 1881, and as soon as the insurance was "amicably adjusted", the parish set about making plans for a new building. A building committee was appointed and met several times in the first months of 1882.

In March, the committee met to consider plans submitted by the Providence-based architectural firm of William R. Walker & Son. Walker had established himself as an architect after the Civil War, and through his political connections had obtained many public and private

commissions, such as the Ogden Mills House in Newport, the Equitable Building in Providence, the First Baptist Church in East Providence, and Robinson Hall at Brown University. St. Mary's Church would be his first commission in Bristol County; he later designed the George Hail Free Library and the Warren Town Hall, the Walley and Oliver Schools in Bristol, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in West Barrington.

Walker's design for St. Mary's was in the popular Stick Style, which takes its name from the vertical and horizontal board strips on the outside walls which mimic an exposed half-timbered frame and bring the image of the underlying posts and joists to the façade. The new edifice would have a strong vertical emphasis and a complex roof plan, with an asymmetrical front and deep porches ornamented with millwork.

Preparatory work began in the last week of April, but had to be suspended as the builders waited for the bricks to be used in the construction of the basement. The bricks arrived in late June, and "rapid progress... is observable," said the Warren Gazette, predicting hopefully that the parishioners would be able to worship in their new church early in the fall. However, work was suspended again in September waiting for the stained-glass windows from a company in Boston. In late September, the twelve-foot high, 450-pound gilded cross was swung into place atop the spire, and in early December, with the windows finally in place, the work of frescoing the interior began.

The edifice cost \$10,300 to build; the windows were an additional \$850, and the organ \$2,000. The insurance payment was \$10,045 - hardly enough to cover the total expenditure. Parishioners canvassed the town for donations, and held concerts and fairs for the benefit of the building fund.

The first Mass in the new church was celebrated on February 4, 1883, when Fr. John Riordan of New York opened a ten-

day mission, with the forty-hours adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning the following Sunday. By mid-March, a new organ, constructed by Charles Adams of the firm of W.K. Adams & Son, was completed and set up, and "... the powers of the organ were thoroughly tested...Wednesday evening in the presence of a considerable number of interested spectators" reported the Gazette. Another "very enjoyable concert" was given three weeks later.

A little over two years after the fire, the new church was dedicated on Sunday, November 25, 1883 by Bishop Hendricken, beginning with the blessing of the church, in which the Bishop, priests, and acolytes marched in procession around the entire exterior of the building. Mass was celebrated by Fr. William Rogers of Stamford, Connecticut (a nephew of St. Mary's pastor, Fr. McCallion), assisted by Fr. Nobert of St. Jean Baptiste and Fr. Gleason of St. Mary's, Bristol. A new church choir of thirty voices under the instruction of Professor Victor Hammerel had been formed the year before, and together with Dr. Eugene Henri of the Cathedral presiding at the organ performed a highly praised musical portion of the service.

The new St. Mary's Church would serve the Catholic community of Warren (those not affiliated with a national church such as St. Jean Baptiste) for the next 87 years, until it was destroyed in 1970 to make way for a more imposing edifice.

-Wendy Baker



SMB Food Pantry



We are starting to collect items for our **holiday bags**. This year, we are looking for donations of **Brownie Mix**. We would like to collect 350 boxes of brownie mix before November 7th. Can you help?

We would like to thank **Debbie Parker** of the Baptist Church in Warren for her help and generosity in donating clothing racks, clothes, and household goods for Mary's Closet. Her kindness to us and our clients is much appreciated.

Thank you to **Susan Roque** for coordinating our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on September 7th. Sue handled everything from food to decor (with a little help from Dee Proulx), and did such an outstanding job that the comment I heard most is, "Great idea! We should do this again." Well done, Susan!

-Wendy Baker



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 26 in commemoration of the 61st Wedding Anniversary of

James & Ruby Stanley

at the request of John & Peggy Passante.

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.



Faith Formation

Last week we officially “kicked off” our Faith Formation with a special blessing of our own catechists on Catechetical Sunday – a special day of appreciation for and commissioning of catechists across our country. Our parish is truly blessed with an amazing group of dedicated people who serve our entire parish by sharing their faith with our youngsters and their families.

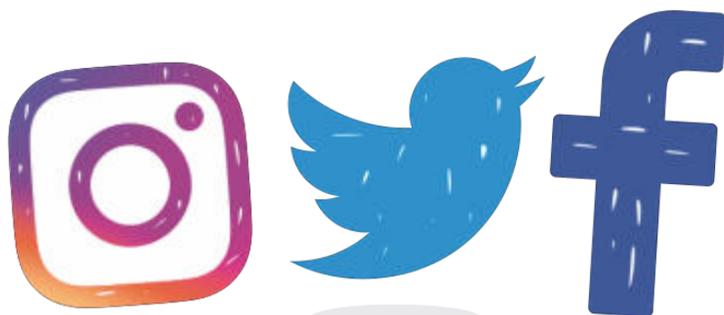
The weekly packets for this weekend were made available last weekend to all families who are registered. Each packet contains a “Gospel Weekly” for each child in the family, which is a short magazine centered around the weekend’s Mass theme. Families can use the materials during the week to prepare for Mass on the following weekend. The weeklies are engaging and very timely, designed to help children understand the world around them through the eyes of faith. Each weekend the packets are on a table outside the Faith Formation office which can be accessed by exiting the church by the double doors closest to the piano and going down the first flight of stairs.

Each month we will host a Faith Formation Gathering for all our families. Families can choose between a Sunday morning gathering or a Wednesday evening gathering - this month our gatherings will be on September 26 at 9:30am and September 29 at 7pm. The theme for the gatherings is “Miracles” – each month we will focus on one of the miracles of Jesus and have some fun exploring the story in various ways (I don’t want to give too much away, but this month we will be doing some “movement” as we learn about the Wedding at Cana!).

Our 2nd graders will begin formal preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist in January. Beginning in October our 8th graders will be spending time together about twice a month preparing for Confirmation.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and we are always happy to welcome new families to our program. In the same way, we are always happy to welcome new catechists and helpers! If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact me or Fr. Joe.

-Carolyn Mello Pryor



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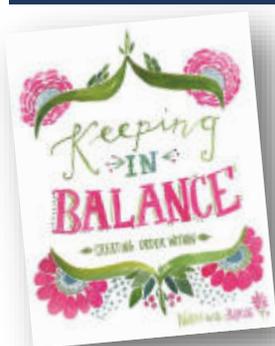
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Bible Study



All women—not just parishioners—are welcome to an informational session **Wednesday, September 29, at 7pm** in the upper church to learn more about SMB Women’s Bible Study, which will be resuming in the Fall. Expect testimonials, information about the program and refreshments!

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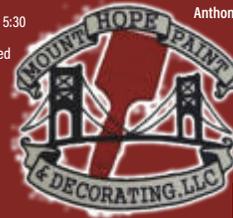
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