



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 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: 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
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

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 10

10:30am: For all parishioners

Monday, October 11

8am: George Seyez, Month's Mind
Requested by SMB Food Pantry

Wednesday, October 13

8am: Gregory Krawczyk

Friday, October 15

8am: Jeannette Butler
Requested by her daughter

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 16

4pm: Anna Netto
Requested by Jo-Ann Cholewiak

Sunday, October 17

8am: For all parishioners
10:30am: Leonard Mello
Requested by his wife
6pm: Manuel & Leticia Germano
Requested by Olivia Germano



Stewardship

Weekend of October 2 & 3, 2021

Budget Envelopes: \$4,657.00 Loose: \$1,903.00

Online: \$3,005.52

(Average Online Gift: \$56.71 Number of Users: 53)

Total: \$9,565.52

Seminarian Education Fund: \$1,223.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend's message was all about the need for authentic communion and not mere connectedness. We considered that even though technological advances have made it possible to connect in countless ways, mental health experts are noticing that many people in our society feel more alone than ever before.

There are myriad ways as believers we can experience authentic communion with God (isn't it something that the source and summit of the whole of the Christian life is the sacrament called "Holy Communion"?) and with each other. I didn't have the time to discuss it last weekend, but one of the ways—I think—that we can work at building authentic relationships with one another is through the practice of *attention*.

You may have heard me say before that one of my favorite thinkers is Simone Weil. Born into an agnostic Jewish family in France in 1909, Weil was drawn to social activism and eventually to the Catholic faith. While she never formally converted, she is considered today by many not only a great philosopher but also a great mystic. Weil died in 1943 at the young age of 34.



She once wrote: "*Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.*" What a profound claim! I don't think we can ever have authentic communion without the disciplined practice of fixing our attention on the other. It's amazing what we can miss when we arrive at an encounter with preconceived notions or an agenda. Authentic attention permits us to meet the other on their own terms, not ours. Attention opens a space for the other to be themselves and engenders in us generosity of spirit.

Now imagine if—in our families, in our work settings, in our parish community, in the random encounters we have in the course of an average day—we really practiced the art of attention. It's not easy to do! But what if we consciously set aside distractions in our personal encounters and fixed our attention on the other? Imagine if we became more intentional at paying attention first to God (Weil also said "*Attention taken to its highest degree is the same thing as prayer. It presupposes faith and love. Absolutely unmixed attention is prayer.*"), then to those around us. How different would our interactions be? How much more patient and understanding would we be with each other? How much more forgiving and empathetic? How much more convicted in our commitment to living the truth of our faith in charity, since paying attention also means knowing when to admonish and challenge?

There is no doubt that the noise of distraction is getting louder and louder. It seems as though we can no longer hear each other over all the noise! And superficial connections, especially through technological means, are no substitute for real communion. Maybe Weil can help nudge us in the right direction, taking at least one step closer to the communion for which we were all made, simply by paying closer attention...

Until next week,

F. Joe



Faith Formation

We had so much fun at our September Monthly Family Gatherings! The Wedding Feast at Cana gave us an opportunity to be grateful for miracles of kindness and to dance together very loudly! (We made noisemakers.) Thanks to all the families who were able to join us for really making it special.

Our first Confirmation gathering went very well. What a great bunch of kids! It sounds to me like they will be having some very good, deep discussions about their faith and about being really prepared for Confirmation. We are using Decision Point, a Confirmation preparation program by Matthew Kelly whom many of you are familiar with. Feel free to have a look at this wonderful program online – all the videos are available for free and there is even an app to make it very easy for families to watch the videos together between classes. I enjoy the videos myself – I watch them all every year that we use the program! Just go to DynamicCatholic/Confirmation and they are very easy to navigate to.

A great big “thank you” to all our catechists who are so very generous and flexible. It’s funny how they always thank me for what I do and yet I couldn’t do much of it without their help and support.

-Carolyn Mello Pryor



Help Needed

The entire parish community is invited to help us prepare for the November Faith Formation Monthly Family Gathering. As you know, our theme for the year is “Miracles” and in November we will look at the amazing miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. From a small act of kindness (we don’t even know who donated the loaves and fish) miracles can happen!

So we ask for a small act of kindness from everyone. Would you consider making a donation? We are in need of the following items:

- ⇒ bottled water (individual size bottles)
- ⇒ boxes of granola bars
- ⇒ new athletic socks
- ⇒ new washcloths
- ⇒ bars of soap
- ⇒ small toothpastes
- ⇒ individually packaged toothbrushes

You can drop-off your donations outside the Faith Formation Office – exit the church through the double doors nearest the piano and go down to the first landing.

I think we may all be surprised by what will happen when we gather together to make a small miracle happen! Stay tuned for more info...

Thanks so much!

-Carolyn Mello Pryor

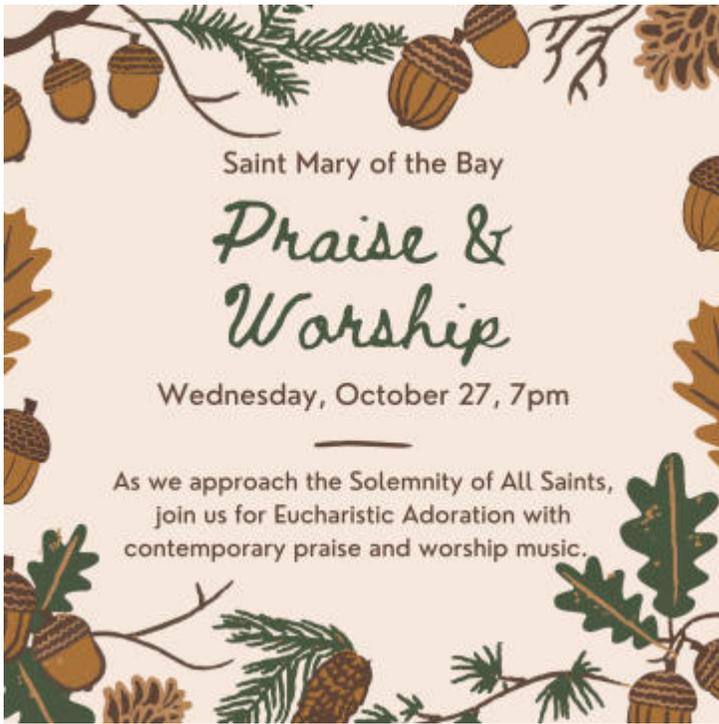
SMB MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH PRESENT:

STUMP THE PASTOR

All men of the parish are welcome to bring their questions concerning the faith to a Q&A session with Father Joe.

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Wednesday, October 20 | 6:30 PM
 Saint Mary of the Bay Upper Church
 645 Main Street, Warren
 FB, Insta, Twitter: @warrencatholic



Saint Mary of the Bay

Praise & Worship

Wednesday, October 27, 7pm

As we approach the Solemnity of All Saints, join us for Eucharistic Adoration with contemporary praise and worship music.



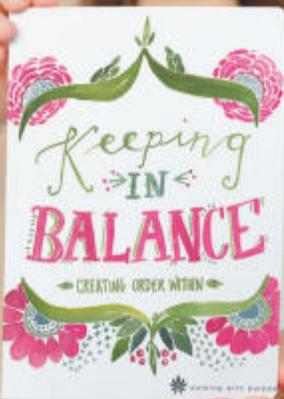
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SMB Food Pantry



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?

Our deepest sympathies to our volunteers Susan Roque on the loss of her sister, and Carol Baggott on the loss of her father. Requiescat in pace!

-Wendy Baker





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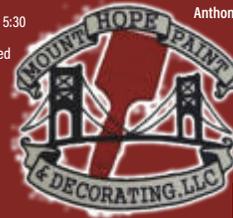
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