



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021



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Parish Office

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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
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

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 23

4pm: Rev. Mr. Charles E. Millard, birthday remembrance

Requested by family

Sunday, October 24

8am: For all parishioners

10:30am: George Seyer

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Borges

Monday, October 25

8am: Ferdinand & Regina G. Thivierge

Tuesday, October 26

8am: Norma Thivierge, 1st anniversary

Requested by her friends and family

Thursday, October 28

8am: Jeannette Butler

Requested by her daughter

Friday, October 29

8am: Ernest Rabideau, Sr., 12th anniversary

Requested by his family

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 30

4pm: Matthew Cholewiak, Sr.

Requested by Jo-Ann Cholewiak & Gail Rubino



Stewardship

Weekend of October 16 & 17, 2021

Budget Envelopes: \$3,476.00 Loose: \$1,669.00

Online: \$2,077.00

(Average Online Gift: \$46.16 Number of Users: 45)

Total: \$7,222.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Do you know the story of the **first nativity scene**? It was 1223 and Saint Francis of Assisi wanted to do something very special to observe Christmas. He had visited the Holy Land and was very moved by his time at the various holy sites where the events of Jesus' life actually occurred in time and space. Saint Francis wanted to bring something of the Holy Land to his own people. He is reported to have said: *"I want to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by."* So on Christmas Eve, he invited the people of Greccio to a cave which had been prepared with hay and borrowed animals from local farmers. Adults present were dressed as the characters in the biblical story and nearby shepherds watched, as they normally did, over their flocks in the fields adjacent to the cave. Thomas of Celano describes the first nativity scene, which was a **living nativity**: *"There Simplicity was honored, Poverty exalted, Humility commended; and of Greccio there was made as it were a new Bethlehem. The night was lit up as the day, and was delightful to men and beasts ... [Francis] stood before the manger, full of sighs, overcome with tenderness and filled with wondrous joy."* Imagine what that first nativity must have looked like! Saint Francis was so moved by the humility and poverty of the Christ child and he wanted his humanity to be on full display for the celebration of the Christmas mystery! There was no better way to do that than with living figures.

As you know, our parish is planning on hosting a very special event on Sunday, December 19, at 2pm inside the upper church. **"Come to the Stable: A Live Creche and Christmas Concert"** will be our attempt to do what Saint Francis did nearly 800 years ago in Greccio. The setting won't be as humble, and we won't have live animals, but we will have living figures! That's where we hope you can help. Parts for adults of all ages are available. There is no script to learn and there are no speaking parts. All costumes will be provided and two rehearsals (12/5 and 12/12) are scheduled. I can't imagine a more memorable way to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the Christmas mystery than a living nativity. I am indebted to Joy Jennings who is coordinating this effort with help from other volunteers and staff. Feel free to reach out to her if you are willing to participate or speak to me after one of the Masses. **Joy can be reached by phone at 401-290-7697 and by email at jennings0502@gmail.com.**

In other news, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us this Wednesday for **Praise and Worship**. And don't forget about **Theology Uncorked** the following week. There's an awful lot going on, so keep an eye on the bulletin and on our social media sites to stay informed. Without your regular support and without our team of generous staff and volunteers, none of these wonderful things would be possible! Thank you!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe



Faith Formation

Our Monthly Faith Formation Gatherings were held last week. We had a great turnout to explore this year's theme of "Miracles" by spending some time with the saints!

We learned that saints are just holy people and that we are all part of the Communion of Saints! Our youngest ones heard a story about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, for whom God turned bread into roses, and then did a little craft. Our 4th and 5th graders spent some time learning about Blessed Carlo Acutis, a very young man who is well on his way to sainthood - and was very into video games! Our older group had a Saints Scavenger Hunt - learning about 6 different saints in a bit of a timed race!

Thanks so much to parents who participated in a discussion of how to explain saints to children and teach our children to pray with the saints.

At next month's "Gathering" we will be working on a Christian Service project together and we are grateful to the entire parish for supporting this with your donations over the past few weeks.

-Carolyn Mello Pryor



Help Needed

We will be collecting items for our November Faith Formation Monthly Family Gathering up until November 14th. You have been very generous (and we have so many toothbrushes!). Thank you.

But we are short of a few things if you haven't already contributed:

- ⇒ athletic socks
- ⇒ bar soap or small liquid body wash
- ⇒ small bottles of hand sanitizer (new to the list)
- ⇒ toothpaste
- ⇒ granola bars

Thank you so much for helping out with our upcoming Christian service project!



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?

-Wendy Baker

YOU ARE INVITED

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us on Wednesday, November 10, at 7pm
as we celebrate Mass for our beloved dead.

A memorial candle will be made available
to the families of those whose funerals were
held at SMB throughout the past year.



You're Invited!

The Warren Churches Association is sponsoring meetings for seniors to share "**Lectio Divina - A Prayerful Reading of Sacred Scripture.**" Participants will read scripture followed by meditation and prayer. We hope that sharing will be a source of joy and healing. **Meetings are held on Mondays at 3pm at the Warren Senior Center (Andreozzi Hall) through November 15.** For further information, please contact Anthony DaPonte at 401-245-9054.



Parish Cemeteries

It's that time of year! Please remove any decorations, seasonal plants or other items you wish to keep from the graves in Saint Mary of the Bay and Saint Jean's Cemeteries. The Fall clean-up will be underway as we tidy our cemeteries and make them ready for Christmas decorations. **The deadline for removal is November 10.** All items will be disposed of after that date. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to Phil Beaulieu, Cemeteries Director, at 401-245-7000, ext. 15.

Sabbath@Sundown

Sunday Mass at 6pm in Saint Mary of the Bay
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Dear Parishioners,

As the season progresses, we experience the beautiful autumnal characteristics of our area: cinnamon and maple fill the shops on Main Street, the foliage at Colt State Park showcases its most vibrant hues, and we finally have a chance to wear our favorite sweaters. As Christians, this time of year also reminds us of our call to live as disciples of Christ. November, in particular, is a time at which the Church clearly draws us to our primary vocation: holiness. This week's Gospel reminds us of our call as followers of Christ—to walk humbly and faithfully, and to serve the Lord in all we do. Like the blind man, we should not only cry out to God for help, but must also have faith and confidence in His will.



One of the most remarkable experiences of faith is the knowledge that we are never alone in our striving for holiness. Each November, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day, a celebration of those who have attained the glories of heaven. Whether through quiet contemplation or martyrdom, missionary work or gardening, desert asceticism or friendship, each of these saints devoted his or her life to the glory of God. Like the saints, we are called to know, love, follow, and serve God with our entire selves— hearts, souls, minds, and strengths (Mark 10:27). As members of the Body of Christ, we also devote November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We are united with them, and are reminded of our own hopes of deification. In each of our actions, we have the opportunity to bring God glory.

As we prepare for this solemn period and meditate on this call to holiness, **I invite you to come to Praise and Worship this Wednesday, October 27th, at 7:00pm.** Praise and Worship at SMB is a period of Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by meditative music.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of October 24 in loving memory of

Matthew Cholewiak Sr.

at the request of Jo-Ann Cholewiak.
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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament allows us to encounter Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. The Lord invites us to know Him through this encounter. Though the seasons change, He remains the same.

"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you" (Mark 10:49).

In Christ,
Victoria

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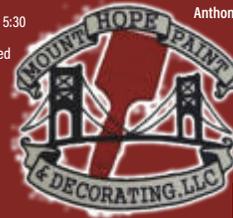
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