



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 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
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

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 6

4pm: Bernard Ciotti, 6th anniversary
Requested by his wife

Sunday, November 7

10:30am: James Hozempa, 6th anniversary
Requested by Aggie Hozempa
6pm: Jason Massed, birthday remembrance
Requested by the Massed Family

Monday, November 8

8am: Jason Massed, birthday remembrance
Requested by his parents

Tuesday, November 9

8am: Bertha Paiva & Eudora Gustofson
Requested by the family

Wednesday, November 10

NO 8am Morning Mass
7pm Mass of Remembrance: For all those buried from
Saint Mary of the Bay in the past year

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 13

4pm: Roy Coe, 7th anniversary
Requested by his wife

Sunday, November 14

8am: Jose Manuel DaCosta
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rodrigues
10:30am: George Seyer
Requested by Jim & Camille Manchester
6pm: Delores E. Johnson
Requested by Raymond & Annmarie Johnson



Stewardship

Weekend of October 30 & 31, 2021

Budget Envelopes: \$2,714.00 Loose: \$1,488.00

Online: \$1,162.00

(Average Online Gift: \$34.18.18 Number of Users: 34)

Total: \$5,364.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

November is a dying month! The bright colors of autumn are giving way to gray and the once attractive leaves are now brittle on the ground gathering in inconvenient heaps. Nature seems to be undergoing a kind of death. So it is fitting that during this dying month, the Church invites us to focus our attention on our beloved dead. Our Christian faith teaches us that just as the winter heralded by November gives way to the rebirth and regeneration of spring, so too, we know that the darkness of death gives way to the light of resurrection.

There is no better gift we can give our deceased loved ones than to have Mass offered for them and to keep them in our daily prayers. We believe that our prayers and sacrifices here on earth benefit our beloved dead who are still being made ready for kingdom. Throughout the month of November, the **Book of the Dead** will be displayed prominently in our parish sanctuary under the Donald Fitting Memorial Paschal Candle, and those whose names are inscribed therein will be remembered at all of our weekend liturgies. Please feel free to inscribe as many names in that book as you wish. And feel free to call the parish office any time to book a Mass.

Speaking of our beloved dead, we hope that you will join us this coming Wednesday at 7pm as we gather for our **Annual Mass of Remembrance**. A candle for each person buried from St. Mary of the Bay over the past year will be lit and distributed to their relatives after the Mass. Please note that as we are encouraging our entire parish family to come together for that special gathering, there will NOT be an 8am Mass on Wednesday, November 10. Thank you for your understanding.

On another note, at some Masses you will begin seeing adults assume a more visible role as **altar servers**. Deacon John has been working with that group and we are looking to expand it. If you are an adult and might be interested in assisting at the altar, please talk to me or Deacon John after Mass. Of course, we are also always happy to invite any young person who has received First Communion to also volunteer to serve at the altar, we're just looking to expand the number of people who help keep our liturgies well-executed and prayerful.

Until next week,



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!

-Carolyn Mello Pryor



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.



Thank You!

We are immensely and prayerfully grateful to the St. Mary of the Bay parish family: Father Joseph Upton, the Knights of Columbus and their volunteer coordinator Stephen Cavaliere, and the many volunteers and parishioners who made our Autumn Rose Sale a blessed success. Your generous contributions of over \$500 enable us to continue providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, parenting classes, baby clothing, diapers, and more to those in need. May God bless your charitable hearts!

-Mother of Life Pregnancy Center

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.

Women's Bible Study: Walking with Purpose

SAINT MARY OF THE BAY

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Thursdays in the lower church hall at 7pm

Newcomers welcome!



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.



A Joyful Message



As we begin the month of November, it's a traditional time for us to remember those who have gone before us. We start the month with All Saints' Day, followed by All Souls' Day. The leaves are turning golden, ready to let go...and we carry the remembrance of our loved ones who have also let go... letting go of this life to make their way to the next. This year, I'm recalling a particular person I recently met in my rounds as a Eucharistic minister...

On Saturday mornings, I head toward St Anne's Hospital in Fall River, MA, where I offer communion to the patients there. My first stop is the chaplain's office, where I find a list waiting for me, of patients who wish to receive communion. The list gives their names and their room numbers, so I can begin my rounds from ward to ward. But sometimes the head chaplain might come looking for me along the hospital hallways. He's visited a patient who's just been admitted...a patient who wishes to receive the Eucharist. I take down their information, and add them to my communion list.

That's how I came to meet "John," located on the second floor in the Pavilion of the Sacred Heart. I paused at his door before I entered, taking in the tone and feel of the moment. He had no visitors, and no family at his side, and he didn't notice me there. He had turned his head toward the light, where the bright sun was streaming in through the windows. But when I walked in, I sensed he'd been expecting me. John was a large man. I could tell he was tall, even though he was lying in bed under the covers. He looked to be about 60. His skin was pale and translucent, his eyes were large and dark. Our conversation was soft-spoken and brief. A tube of oxygen had been inserted in his nose, and I asked him if he had trouble swallowing. He said "no". I lifted a host out of my pyx container, while reciting, "This is Jesus, bread for the journey, strength for your healing. The Body of Christ, John". He seemed very peaceful as he quietly received the Eucharist. I bowed my head as I began to recite The Lord's Prayer, and his lips

followed along in a whisper. That's when I noticed the purple bracelet on his wrist. I'd never seen that sort of bracelet before...it contained three letters, "DNR". I knew what those three letters stood for: Do Not Resuscitate. Instinctively, I knew that John was not long for this world. He would soon pass away.

I felt the distinct privilege of being able to offer communion to someone who had arrived at this moment...to be in communion with him during this sacred rite of passage. It was a moment that passed quietly, without drama, yet I felt our encounter had been meaningful and memorable.

Within the Church's liturgical season, November offers us a yearly reminder to release into a mystery that is greater than we can ever grasp...a celebration of heaven and holiness, and all that which is to come. The words of author and poet, Sr Joyce Rupp, come to mind to honor those who have gone before us, passing over to Eternal Life:

*"Merciful and Compassionate One,
We commend to you our loved ones who have died.
May your mercy and your tenderness
surround them and welcome them Home."*

Until next month,
Joy Jennings



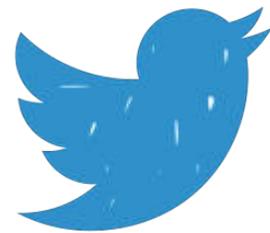
Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of November for the good health and intentions of

Barbara Fitting

at the request of her family.

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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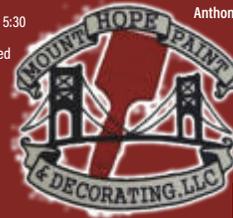
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