



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022



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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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 15

4pm: Deacon Robert W. Bambrick

Requested by Louise, Scott & Ali Marcus

Sunday, January 16

8am: Patrick McKenna, 38th Birthday Remembrance

Requested by his parents

10:30am: Vincent P. Lunney, Sr.

Requested by his family

6pm: Deacon Robert W. Bambrick

Requested by Louise, Scott & Ali Marcus

Thursday, January 20

8am: For all parishioners

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 22

4pm: Barbara Valente, 9th Anniversary

Requested by her family

Sunday, January 23

10:30am: Steven C. Balasco, Month's Mind

Requested by the Staff of Saint Mary of the Bay

6pm: For all parishioners



Stewardship

Weekend of January 8 & 9, 2022

Budget Envelopes: **\$6,307.00** Loose: **\$1,391.00**

Online: **\$1,607.00**

(Average Online Gift: \$44.64 Number of Users: 36)

Total: **\$9,305.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



SMB Food Pantry



We are running short of canned beef ravioli. Can you help? For the time being, the pantry has enough brown bags for our clients. Thank you for being so generous. We'll let you know when we need more. -*Wendy Baker*



Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to thank everyone who joined us on January 4 for **Theology Uncorked**. We had a great crowd despite the chill. A word of thanks to Rob Whitaker for taking care of set-up and Jo-Ann Cholewiak for preparing the snacks. I've been so pleased with the response to the program and am looking forward to the next installments. Mark your calendars now! We will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm for the remainder of the academic year: February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3. I hope in the new year to welcome guest speakers. More on that in the coming weeks!

Many thanks, too, to Barbara Fisher for coordinating a **Day of Prayer for the Protection of Human Life** on January 5. We welcomed many pray-ers to our church for day-long Eucharistic Adoration. Thanks to Deacon John for closing out the day with the Rosary and Benediction.

I hope that you will join us next Sunday, January 23, at 1pm for an **Ecumenical Prayer Service**. Anthony Daponte, who represents our parish on the Warren Council of Churches, has organized the ceremony. Fr. John Kiley, a senior priest of the Diocese of Providence who works with ecumenical affairs at the diocesan level, will serve as preacher for the event. We will be joined by members of other Christian communities here in Warren. It will be an opportunity to welcome guests to our church and to pray for Christian unity. Please make every effort to attend.

At the doors of the church this weekend, you'll find a listing of all of the **Christmas flower memorials**. Many thanks to all those who made offerings for flowers. Your help in beautifying our church for Christmas is most appreciated! And many thanks again to Kara Campanella and her team for the outstanding job they did with the decorations.

As we have now settled back into the **season of Ordinary Time**, let's be careful not to think of the Christian life as ordinary! It is an extraordinary adventure of faith that helps us to live in the midst of great uncertainty, grounded in the grace of God. With such little else to be certain of in times like these, as believers, we live with extraordinary faith in the goodness of our God who never fails us, even if he sometimes surprises us!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

A Message from Phil Beaulieu...

To all the parishioners and priests of Saint Mary of the Bay and the former parish of Saint Jean Baptiste, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve this great parish community of Warren for thirty years. I will always be grateful to all who supported me through good times and bad. I have always tried to the best of my ability to take care of all the needs of the families from our parish and our cemeteries, especially in their time of need. As I now begin to start a new chapter in my wife's and my life, please always remember us in your prayers. I am only a phone call away if you need me. May God bless you all.

*Sincerely,
Phil*



- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a baptized Catholic but has not received any or all of the other Sacraments of Initiation...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a baptized member of another Christian denomination who has expressed curiosity or interest in the Catholic Church...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is not baptized and would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Christian...
- ◆ **You or someone you know** is a young adult (middle-school, high-school or college-aged) who "missed" the Sacrament of Confirmation for one reason or another, even because life just became a little too hectic...



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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January 16 in loving memory of:

Patrick McKenna

at the request of Katherine Gere.

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.

St. Mary of the Bay welcomes you to be part of an accessible process of formation this Lent in exploration of the faith and preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in April. This process, once commonly known as RCIA, will be flexible for all (no hoop-jumping and no red-tape) and will take into account the unique histories and backgrounds of all involved. This allows for a more a flexible timeline of preparation and reception than traditionally observed.

Contact Father Joe by phone at 401-245-7000 (ext. 11) or by email (fatherupton@gmail.com) for more information about this process. A personal invitation from you to someone who falls into any of the above categories will go a long way! Thank you for helping us get the word out!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

PSALM:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he
wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

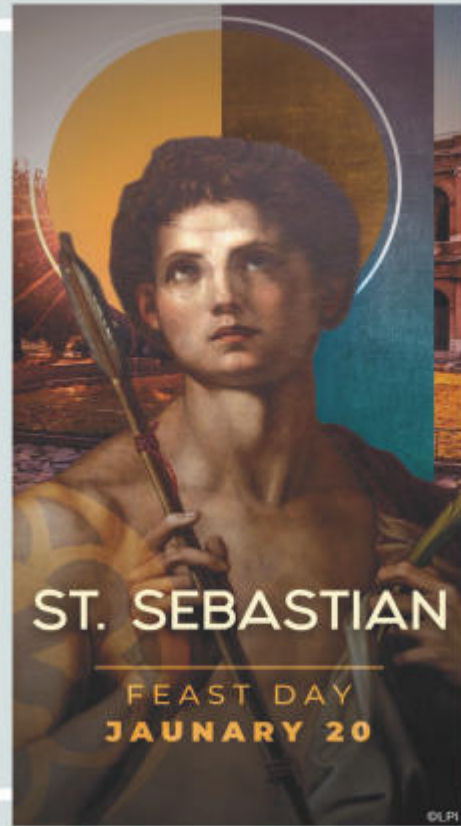
GOSPEL:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent,
Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin



Saint of the Week

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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