



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23, 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

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

Monday, January 24

8am: Steven C. Balasco, Month's Mind
Requested by the SMB Food Pantry

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 29

4pm: Gabrielle Hanley, 3rd Anniversary, and all Deceased Members of the Hanley and Paquin Families
Requested by the family

Sunday, January 30

8am: For all parishioners
10:30am: Karen Cartin, 10th Anniversary
Requested by her family



Stewardship

Weekend of January 15 & 16, 2022

Budget Envelopes: **\$2,683.00** Loose: **\$4,972.00**
Online: **\$2,362.00**
(Average Online Gift: \$52.49 Number of Users: 45)
Total: **\$10,017.00**

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**



Faith Formation

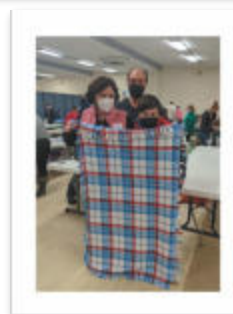
Our January Monthly Gathering was so much fun! We focused on the healing miracles of Jesus, specifically the healing of the man with leprosy (the story in which Jesus first forgave the man's sins, then healed his body), and the healing of the paralyzed man whom his friends lowered through a roof so that he could see Jesus - so much faith.

After talking about Forgiveness and Healing we worked on a project to bring healing, in a small way, to people we love who are not well. Most of us know people who live in nursing homes, or who cannot leave their homes due to chronic illness - and struggle to find a way to comfort them. So, our Faith Formation families made lap blankets out of fleece to bring to their loved ones who need some healing. The care and kindness put into making the blankets, and the stories of the people to whom the blankets would be given, really touched my heart.

A few families are fortunate enough at this point in time to have no one to give the blanket to - so they donated them so that we can bring them to a local nursing home.

If you would like to make a healing blanket for someone you know who is in need of some healing, we have some fleece left over (and there is NO sewing involved!). Just let me know and I will give you everything you need - while supplies last!

-Carolyn Mello Pryor





Help Needed

Organ Donor Sought

On behalf of a long-time parishioner, I would like to ask any of you who have blood type O to consider being tested to be a kidney donor. As you probably know, donors with blood type O are in high demand because they are considered universal donors – meaning they can donate to any blood type. Right now our fellow parishioner is facing at least a 7 year wait for a kidney. If you have O blood type and would consider being tested as a donor, please contact me at 401-245-7000, extension 21, or by email at smbfaithformation@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Carolyn Mello Pryor



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Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January 23 for the intention of:

Good health for my daughters

at the request of Alice Luciano.

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.



RAISE YOUR HAND IF...

- ◆ **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...

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!

Mass Intentions

FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS

What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?



An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "Mirae caritatis" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and

emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."

In his encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," our beloved late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, taught, "In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice" (No. 43).

Please keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, i.e. the Mass: "Indeed she prays for his soul, and requests refreshment for him meanwhile, and fellowship with him in the first resurrection; and she offers her sacrifice on the anniversaries of his falling asleep" (On Monogamy, X). Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus (c. 235) explicitly mentions the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not

abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) stated, "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance.

Given this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead.

The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e. "for whom the Mass is offered."

The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass.

These fruits are both extensively and intensively finite, since each of us is finite. Therefore, the more a Mass is offered, the more benefit is conferred. For example, all things being equal, 10 Masses offered for the repose of a soul confer 10 times the benefit of one Mass.

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention; usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Reference:
<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/mass-intentions.html>

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