



Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

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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

Easter Week

Easter Sunday, April 17

8am: For all parishioners

10:30am: Leonard Mello, 1st Anniversary

Requested by his wife

No 6pm Mass

Wednesday, April 20

8am: Michael Ring, Birthday Remembrance

Requested by Anne-Marie Ring

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 23

4pm: Bill DeStefano

Requested by his family

Sunday, April 24

8am: Vivian Lombardi, 1st Anniversary

Requested by Louis Lombardi

10:30am: Billy Johnson

Requested by the Fortin Family

6pm: Evelyn Wilson

Requested by Raymond Wilson

Sabbath@Sundown

Sunday Mass at 6pm in Saint Mary of the Bay
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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

This holy and blessed day is the first of the week, the king and master of all days, the feast of feasts and the season of seasons. On this day we bless Christ forever and ever.

O faithful, come on this day of the glorious resurrection: let us drink the wine of the new vineyard, of the divine joy, of the kingdom of Christ! Let us praise him as our God forever and ever!"

These words from the Orthodox liturgy of Easter Sunday remind us of the singular importance of this day. This is truly the day Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia! For forty long days, we have abstained from the use of that exclamation of joyful praise: Alleluia! Now we let it echo loudly in our church and in our hearts! (And we look forward to our Mountain Movers next weekend unfurling their Alleluia banner which was "buried" right before Lent!)

Easter reminds us every year of the power of light over darkness, the power of love over hate, the power of life over death! In the risen Jesus, we find the strength that helps us to keep believing and hoping and loving even in the valley of the shadow of death. We are reminded today that no matter how dark the night might seem, there is always a bright morning to look forward to. That is not mere wishful thinking. For Christians, it is certain hope! Because of the empty tomb, darkness and hate and death never get the last word! Alleluia indeed!

As we renew our baptismal promises this morning, we recommit ourselves to following Jesus. There is no life apart from him, and if he is truly risen, then everything is changed! As Saint Paul tells us, if Christ has not been raised, then our faith is in vain. But because he is risen, we live differently! Our entire lives are meant to become a sign of the dying and rising of Jesus, and are meant to point others toward our heavenly destiny. So let us renew our baptismal promises today with joyful determination to truly be an "Easter people"!

If you are new to our community or even if you are just visiting, know that all are welcome here. SMB is a vibrant and growing community committed to being the eyes and hands of Christ in the world! Please take the time to visit our parish website (stmaryofthebay.org) or any of our social media platforms (@warrencatholic) to see what we're all about! Please reach out to me if you'd like information about registering in our parish. We would love to have you as part of our family!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! A blessed Easter to you and yours! I leave you with words taken from the Orthodox liturgy of Easter Sunday.

Now that we have seen the resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. We bow in worship before your cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify your resurrection, for you are our God, and we have no other, and we magnify your name. All you faithful, come: let us adore the holy resurrection of Christ, for, behold, through the cross joy has come to the world! Let us always bless the Lord, let us sing his resurrection, for by enduring for us the pain of the cross, he has crushed death by his death!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe



Faith Formation

Our Confirmation Candidates participated in a retreat a few weeks back at St. Mary Parish in Bristol. The theme was "St. Joseph's Witness" and focused on St. Joseph as a role model for all Catholics of courage, obedience, unconditional love, faithfulness and hard work.

The retreat was presented by our Diocesan Office of Catholic Youth Ministry and it was so well received. We all had a great time! I must admit that while I always look forward to our Confirmation Retreat, this one was one of the best I have attended. Our Candidates certainly were engaged and enthusiastic.

Please pray for all our Candidates as we enter the home stretch toward Confirmation!

-Carolyn Mello Pryor



MISSION STATEMENT

To keep youth on track by providing tools & resources to be successful in school and after graduation.

VISION STATEMENT

To invest in real relationships that work on positive choices, hard work, social and academic challenges, while exposing opportunities to create productive members of the community.

NRPA/OJJDP GRANT

The Warren Parks and Recreation Department received a NRPA/OJJDP grant to create the Warren Youth mentoring program. This program will empower youth in our community to make positive life choices that enable them to maximize their potential. The mentoring program connects adult volunteers with young adults in one to one or group settings.

Requirements for mentors: One year commitment, 21 years or older, Clean criminal history/record, Clean driving record, Weekly connections with mentee (4 hours minimum per month), Willing listener & attentive to mentee needs, Patient, flexible, tolerant, & respectful of individual differences, Adhere to program policies & procedures.

Requirements for mentees: Parental approval, Warren Resident, Commitment of 1 year, Be respectful & openminded, Willing to participate, Considerate of Mentor's time, Recommendation from school, parent/guardian, coaches, community organizations

For more information, contact Tara Thibaudeau at warrenyouthmentorprogram@gmail.com

For mentor and mentee applications, visit: www.townofwarren-ri.gov



Memorial Gifts

Many thanks to those who recently made memorial gifts. Your support of the parish is most appreciated, especially in these uncertain times.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Given in loving memory of the deceased members of the **Perry-Terry and Toti-Hawkins Families**
by *Anthony & Susan Terry and Jeffrey & Linda Hawkins*

2022 Memorial Paschal Candle

Given in loving memory of the deceased members of the **Furtado and Morris Families**
by *Gary & Bethany Furtado*



Please Take Note

George P. Flynn & Anna M. Flynn Designated Scholarship

This four-year scholarship is open to all students in good standing who are active parishioners of St. Mary of the Bay Church and have received their Catholic confirmation, entering (as freshmen) a four-year college/university. The application form is available on our website: www.stmaryofthebay.org. Please complete the application, along with the required essay and return it to the Parish Office by July 1 with a copy of your high school GPA report.

Historically, the annual award has been approximately \$1000 for each year of college.

If you have any questions, please call 401-245-7000 x14 and leave a message.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are



afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The

resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

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