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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**

### The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

### Saturday, June 11

4pm: Barbara DeRiso
Requested by Stephen & Theresa DeRiso

### Sunday, June 12

8am: Vivian Lombardi Requested by her son, Louis

10:30am: Daniel & Carolyn Crowley

Requested by the family 6pm: For all parishioners

### The Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday, June 13

8am: Francis Jamiel, 6th Anniversary Requested by his wife and family

### The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

### Saturday, June 18

4pm: Michael Laroche, 1st Anniversary Requested by his family

#### Sunday, June 19

8am: Edward Gagne, Jr.

Requested by his son, Edward Gagne III

10:30am: Antonio Nunes Requested by his family

6pm: For the intentions of Joseph Paolo

Requested by Jo-Ann Cholewiak



### **SMB Food Pantry**



Thanks so much for your donations of potato chip canisters for Summer Camp. We need only 20 more to reach our goal! Keep them coming! Local farmers have been generously donating eggs to our pantry. We can help them

keep their costs down by returning to them clean, gently-used egg cartons. Any size and material (cardboard, plastic, styrofoam). They will be filled and given out to our pantry guests. This is real recycling! -Wendy Baker

# Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners.

Many thanks to our music ministers for providing us with a prayerful opportunity this past Wednesday to reflect on the ten elements of a shared vision for the future of our parish community, while connecting those elements to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was an uplifting evening of prayer, song and reflection. We hope that these ten elements will become more familiar to us in our planning and strategizing as we look ahead to the Fall.

Today, we are honored to welcome the Warren Fire Department at our 8am parish Mass as they gather before the annual Firefighters' Memorial Parade. The town of Warren is blessed by the generous service of these selfless men and women who are daily willing to place themselves in harm's way for our safety. Along with our brave police officers and other first responders, we salute them and pray for their protection and wellbeing in the discharge of their duties.

In other news, I was pleased a few weeks back to meet with our Trustees and Finance Council to review our current financials and to finalize a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. As of the writing of this column, our parish is enjoying a comfortable surplus after depreciation and we are looking again at a budget for next year that leaves us comfortably in the black after depreciation. That is a testament to your generosity and to the prudent guidance I have received from our Trustees, our Finance Council and our generous parish staff. I am also very grateful to all those who contributed to the 2022 Catholic Charity Appeal. As you can see, we are now just nearly \$3,000 over goal! Because of our participation in the Parish Share program, monies raised over goal are returned to the parish. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity!

Other items of interest discussed at the Finance Council meeting included an update from the Real Estate Committee, which is moving along on a proposal to sell the Parish Outreach Center, the small modular home opposite the ball field (the field, by the way, remains in the possession of the parish and will not be made available for purchase), and an update from the Building Committee which included some unexpected news about necessary repairs and upgrades to the heating system in the church and the cooling and ventilation system in the church hall. Details on all of those projects will be forthcoming as our Building Committee works at assessing priorities and obtaining bids. Stay tuned. The good news is that we still have Capital Campaign monies available for major projects, and while those monies will not cover the entirety of the projects listed above, they will certainly help put us in the right direction. Only your generosity has made this possible. Thank you!

Next week, as we close Vision Season with the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we will conclude the weekend Masses with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. And what better way to prepare for Corpus Christi than to join us this coming Wednesday at 7pm for "Become What You Receive," an experience of Eucharistic Adoration with contemporary Praise & Worship Music? Saint Augustine not only said of the Eucharist that we are meant to become what we receive, but he also said that if we are to receive at all, we must first be willing to adore. Join us!

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

# Around the Diocese

As the diocesan-wide celebration of our 150th anniversary concludes this month, consider representing Saint Mary of the Bay at the formal closing of the sesquicentennial in Providence. Join the Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, D. D., Bishop of Providence, celebrant and homilist, for a special Celebration of Mass marking the closing of the Diocese of Providence's 150th anniversary year in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio (the Ambassador of the Holy See), His Excellency, Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, D.D., J.C.D. and other honored guests. Reception to follow. Security will be provided.



#### 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: <a href="www.stmaryofthebay.org">www.stmaryofthebay.org</a>. 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.





### Stewardship

#### Weekend of June 4 & 5, 2022

Budget Envelopes: \$3,510.00 Loose: \$1,780.00

Online: \$2,531.84

(Average Online Gift: \$97.38 Number of Users: 26)

Total: \$7,821.84

### **Catholic Charity Appeal**

2022 Parish Goal: \$58,900.00 Amount Pledged: \$61,823.00 Difference: +2,923.00



### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of June 12 in loving memory of:

### **Violet Higgins**

at the request of Barbara Longo Ferreira.

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.



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

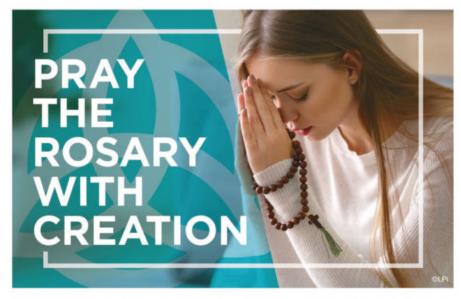
### **ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

In creative celebration of the Most Holy Trinity, pray a rosary with creation. Find a quiet place outside or sit near a window. Contemplate the amazing Divine Gift that is before you. Admire it. Study it. Become one with it. Ask for the guidance of Brother St. Francis as you pray: "You, Holy Father, are King of heaven and earth. You are three in one, God above all gods. You are good, all good, and supreme good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are joy. You are hope and happiness." Admire the wonder and majesty of God in all that is around you. Ask for wisdom and understanding.

Begin each decade with the Our Father and conclude with the Glory Re

Decade one: Contemplate God the Father. As you pray each bead with a Hail Mary, get lost in the grandeur of all that you see. Imagine the thousands and thousands of years of history that is before you. Envision a time when nothing existed. What is nothing? Lift your eyes, heart, and soul to the power and magnificence of the universe, its expanse and its endlessness. You are one with it all. God's creative power.

**Decade two:** Contemplate God the Son. Behold the squirrels, birds, and



critters all conducting life's business. They have heartbeats just like yours. Praying each bead, become one with the incarnate divine life that flows through you and flows with the smallest of creatures. It is holy innocence and blessed life. Tenderness. Compassion, Mercy. Reverence. All want to be held, have a home, and be loved. God in all things. Emmanuel.

Decade three: Contemplate God the Holy Spirit. The changing of times and seasons happens often without notice. It is all within God's care and guided. We all belong. Behold the living, dying, and rising to new life. You are one with all time from beginning into eternity. **Decade Four:** Contemplate God as One.

**Decade Five:** Contemplate God as three. All different while remaining one. The divine dance is being danced before you. Rest in what you see. Become what you see. We are all connected: God of the Holy Trinity, creation, our brothers and sisters, the animals, and the plants.

The rosary you have prayed celebrates the circle of connectedness and the intimate relationship we share with all things: a glimpse of the Trinity.

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - In 16:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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