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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:15am
Saint Alexander
 Saturday Vigil at 4pm
 (Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Holy Days as Announced



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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we welcome **Msgr. Paul Theroux** to Saint Alexander to celebrate Mass while I am enjoying some time away with priest friends in advance of the busy Lenten season. I enjoyed serving with Msgr. Theroux for three years at Saint Francis in Wakefield. Before retirement, he most recently served as pastor of Holy Apostles in Cranston. Welcome, Msgr. Theroux!

What are you doing this week? I hope that on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, you'll join us for the next installment of **Theology Uncorked** in the lower church at Saint Mary of the Bay. This week, we will welcome a special guest speaker, Angela Howard McParland, who works for the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. She will be addressing a very timely topic: care for creation in light of our Catholic faith. As you likely know by now, we gather monthly for a wine and cheese reception, followed by a theological talk and discussion. (There are snacks and refreshments aside from wine and cheese, too!) It's always so nice to see so many faces from Saint Alexander join us for these informative, engaging and enlightening evenings. If you haven't been before, why don't you consider joining us for this installment?

It's hard to believe that **Lent** is just about a week and a half away! It's never too early to start thinking about you might observe this holy season. The observance of the season of Lent derives from the practices of the early Church surrounding those who were preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

Even though most of us have been long-"initiated" in the Catholic Church, Lent is an opportunity to get back to the basics and to discover again the primacy **of our faith** and its **richness**. It's a bit more complicated than just "giving something up"! I look forward to celebrating Lent for the first time with all of you at Saint Alexander!

Until next week,


Fr. Joe

**THEOLOGY
UNCORKED**

*A wine & cheese reception with
theological talk and discussion*


FEBRUARY 14, 6:30PM

Laudato Si and Integral Ecology:
Faith and the Care of our Common Home



Guest Speaker:
Angela Howard McParland
Justice Resource Manager,
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

SAINT MARY OF THE BAY
645 Main St., Warren, RI



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**Hope
& Cope** SAINT MARY
OF THE BAY

A faith-based support group for those struggling
with addiction, those with loved ones affected by
addiction, as well as for those in recovery and
anyone struggling with mental health...

Feb
12

Meets at 7:15pm in the Church Hall after the
Monthly 6pm Sunday Mass for Recovery

CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED

Check upcoming dates on FB & IG:
@warrencatholic
645 Main Street, Warren, Rhode Island

GOOD



"Do not take a false oath,
but make good to the
Lord all that you vow."

MATTHEW 5:33B

∞ **MASS INTENTIONS** ∞

February 12, 2023

9:15am: Robert & Adalina Foley
Requested by the family

February 19, 2023

9:15am: In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Requested by Alice Medeiros

∞ **LIVING THE SCRIPTURES** ∞

Today's Readings:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

From today's First Reading:

*No one does he command to act unjustly, to none
does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)*

Consider: **The Jewish sage Sirach speaks of
the wisdom in being obedient and loyal to
God's will and commandments. How can you
exercise obedience and loyalty to God this
week?**

From today's Second Reading:

*Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious,
hidden, which God predetermined before the ages
for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)*

Consider: **Paul instructs the Corinthians about
the power of the Holy Spirit who guides
believers to a mature faith and to
understanding God's wisdom. In what ways
do you experience the Holy Spirit in your
life?**

From today's Gospel:

*"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not
enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)*

Consider: **As Jesus continues with his Sermon
on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics
in the daily life of his Jewish audience (the
Law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths),
only now filtered through God's point of
view. How can Christians today live daily life
according to these standards?**

We're Back!

St. Alexander's

Sauce-y Pasta Supper

Fund Raiser

Saturday, April 15

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Chefs: our very own Lisa and Tony Demers

Committee

Pat Dugan

Anthony Urban

Jayne Balasco

Susan and Mark Daniels

Lisa and Tony Demers

Lisa and Doug Duchene

Maureen Dugan

Mary Johns

Sue and Bill Pattie

Allie Threadgill

Mark your calendars for an evening of
friends and great food!

We will be contacting you for your possible help on our
many subcommittees.

Questions: Contact Pat Dugan

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