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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,

We were excited this morning to witness the Celebration of Baptism during the 9:15am Mass! Congratulations to this new child of light!

As we settle into the month of May, please consider taking advantage of the morning Spring series at Saint Mary of the Bay, "Seeking Simplicity: Path to the Soul," with Spiritual Life Coordinator Joy Jennings. And this coming Tuesday, we will welcome Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman for the final installment of this season of Theology Uncorked. The topic is fascinating, the speaker is engaging and the drinks and fare will be top-notch as always. We'll see you there! And don't forget about our parish meeting this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church hall of Saint Alexander.

There are a few opportunities to give back this month, as well. Please help our Saint Mary of the Bay and Saint Alexander Faith Formation families collect school supplies and backpacks. We know it's early, but we want to avoid the end-of-summer school supply rush and make sure that Barbara at Saint Gabriel's Call has all of the supplies she needs for her clients come August. Speaking of Saint Gabriel's Call, Barbara is looking to expand her summer stock. All items can be dropped in the narthex of Saint Mary of the Bay.

In other news, May is a time of special devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary. The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins asks why this particular month is dedicated to honoring Mary. His line of questioning suggests possible answers: "Is it only its being brighter / Than the most are must delight her? / Is it opportunist / And flowers finds soonest? / Ask of her, the mighty mother: / Her reply puts this other / Question: What is Spring?— / Growth in every thing." We honor Mary during the month of May not only because the days are brighter and the flowers are quick to find, near at hand. It is because May is the month of new life, and by Mary's "yes," Christ our Life was brought forth into a world steeped in death. The child Mary consented to carry would defeat death by his rising, extending to us the hope of an eternal springtime!

Lastly, as you are likely well aware, it was announced this past week that Pope Francis has approved Bishop Tobin's request for retirement. Upon acceptance of that request, Bishop Henning automatically became the 9th Bishop of Providence. We pray that Bishop Tobin enjoys good health, joy and relaxation in his retirement; and that Bishop Henning will know the support of God's grace and of his new diocesan family as he formally begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Until next week,

RE-SCHEDULED!

SAINT MARY OF THE BAY

May 9
6:30pm
Church Hall

Theology Uncorked

A wine & cheese reception with theological talk and discussion

When Bad Things Happen to Good People

Job and Suffering in the Jewish Scriptures

Rabbi Howard Voss-Altman 

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SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US FOR A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CANONICAL MERGER OF SAINT ALEXANDER AND SAINT MARY OF THE BAY PARISHES

PARISH LEADERSHIP WILL BE JOINED BY DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES

 6:30PM

10 MAY, 2023

Saint Alexander Lower Church Hall

YOU'RE INVITED

Traditional Eucharistic Holy Hour

CANCELED DUE TO PARISH MEETING

Saint Alexander Church
221 Main Street, Warren, RI
2nd Wednesday of the Month
7pm in the Main Church



∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

May 7, 2023

9:15am: Barbara Godek

Requested by David & Betty Hoague

May 14, 2023

9:15am: Evelyn Daniels

Requested by Mark & Susan Daniels

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/

1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

From today's First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Consider: **We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden?**

From today's Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Consider: **Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God's word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?**

From today's Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." (Jn 14:6-7)

Consider: **Jesus assured his disciples that "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." How do you think you imitate Jesus?**