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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



**TRUSTEES & AUDITORS**

Nancy Urban, Trustee  
John Saviano, Trustee  
Patricia Dugan, Auditor  
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***Padre's Ponderings***

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that your celebration of Christmas was a blessed one and that your New Year is off a good start!

I wish to express my gratitude to all those who had any part in preparing for or celebrating our Christmas liturgies. We were pleased to welcome so many guests to our Christmas Eve Mass and again on Christmas morning. Thanks are especially due to all those who helped decorate our church so beautifully. That was truly a labor of love! Thanks also to Sr. Gail and our gifted music ministers who lifted our hearts and spirits in joyful song. Lastly, thanks to those who helped by serving or reading or preparing in any other way. My first Christmas at Saint Alexander was a blessed one!

I hope that in the New Year, we will be able to have another open, parish-wide meeting to discuss the future of our parish community. Our last meeting was well attended and I believe we began discerning a path forward. Hopefully, we have all had some time to think about the matter and I look forward to providing a forum for further discussion. Be on the lookout for that date.

This week, I hope you'll consider joining the Warren Catholic community at Saint Mary of the Bay for the next installment of Theology Uncorked on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. We will welcome Brian Bennett, a master's degree candidate in mental health counseling, to discuss the intersection of mental and spiritual health. That is certainly a timely topic for the New Year! Additional information can be found on the reverse.

And this coming Wednesday, we look forward to hosting our monthly traditional Eucharistic Holy Hour here at Saint Alexander at 7pm. If you haven't had an opportunity to join us for one of these prayerful and reflective evenings, please consider joining us this week. Spending more time in prayer, and especially in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, should certainly be among our New Year's resolutions! We hope to see you there on Wednesday. And thanks to all those who continue to prepare for and celebrate those monthly gatherings, especially Deacon John and Ant Urban.

Until next week,

## ∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

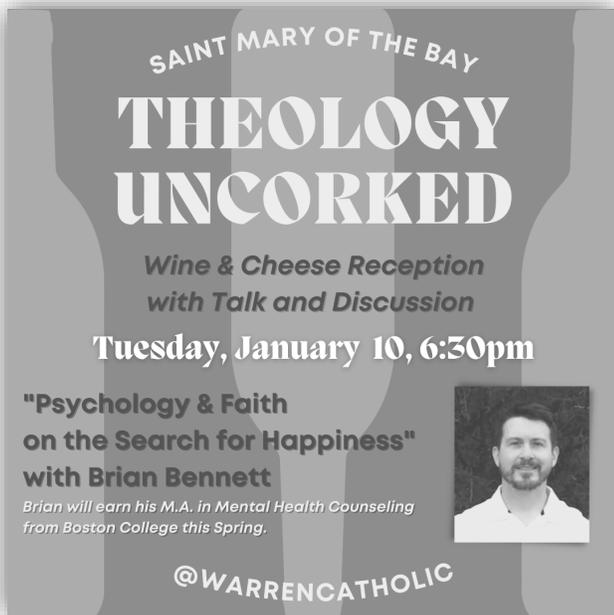
January 8, 2023  
9:15am: Norman Lunde

January 15, 2023  
9:15am: The Lamarca Sisters

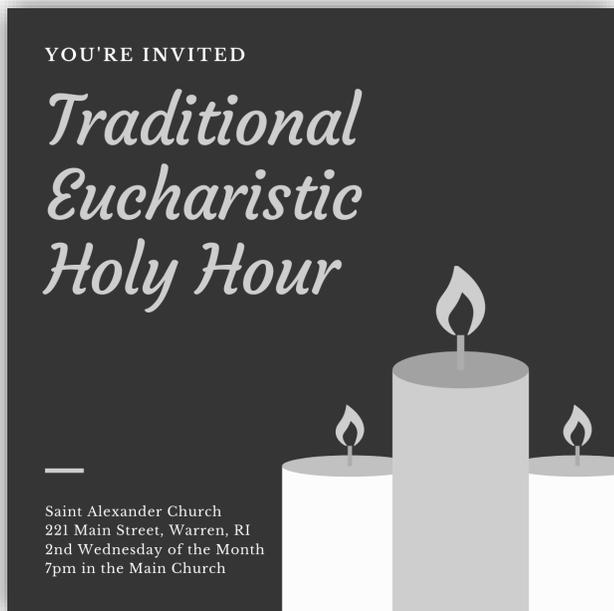
## ∞ STEWARDSHIP REPORT: NOVEMBER ∞

Offertory: \$3,726.00  
Outreach: \$50.00    Votive Offerings: \$224.00  
Maintenance: \$1,700.00

*Many thanks for your generosity!*



SAINT MARY OF THE BAY  
**THEOLOGY  
UNCORKED**  
Wine & Cheese Reception  
with Talk and Discussion  
Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm  
"Psychology & Faith  
on the Search for Happiness"  
with Brian Bennett  
Brian will earn his M.A. in Mental Health Counseling  
from Boston College this Spring.  
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YOU'RE INVITED  
*Traditional  
Eucharistic  
Holy Hour*  
Saint Alexander Church  
221 Main Street, Warren, RI  
2nd Wednesday of the Month  
7pm in the Main Church

## ∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:  
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### From today's First Reading:

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)*

Consider: **Nearly five hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah foresaw a time when all the nations of the world would see the glory of the Lord shining upon the people of Israel. How do you think the birth of Jesus reveals to the world the glory of God?**

### From today's Second Reading:

*It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)*

Consider: **Paul wrote of the "mystery" that was revealed to him, namely, the Gentiles and the Jews (all believers) were "coheirs" and "copartners," equal members in the body of Christ. How can we celebrate this wonderful message of inclusivity with others?**

### From today's Gospel:

*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)*

Consider: **Matthew includes the story of the visit of the magi to teach us how the birth of Jesus fulfills the prophecies of Isaiah (first reading) and the prophecies of Micah (Mi 5:1), the prophetic text that Matthew quotes. Who are some people today you think need to hear about Jesus?**



**HOMAGE**  
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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
MATTHEW 2:10-11A