



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 6, 2016</b>
4:30 p.m.	Robbie Brisco
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 7, 2016</b>
7:30 a.m.	Debbie Rogers (1st anniversary) by Katherine R. Rogers
9:30 a.m.	Kathleen Jarret by the Greiner family
11:00 a.m.	Thomas, Dorothy, Michael & Sandy Crowe by family
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>February 8, 2016</b>
7:45 a.m.	Matthew Wolf (23rd anniversary) by Barbara Wolf
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>February 9, 2016</b>
7:45 a.m.	Mary Bianchi (17th anniversary) by the Turski-Sheintop family
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>February 10, 2016</b>
7:45 a.m.	Rosemary Marek by Keith Jakobowski
6:00 p.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>February 11, 2016</b>
7:45 a.m.	Edward Murphy, Jr. by his brother
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>February 12, 2016</b>
7:45 a.m.	Ted Eddy
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 13, 2016</b>
4:30 p.m.	Amelia Kowalczyk by her children
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 14, 2016</b>
7:30 a.m.	Lorraine Marcello by her family
9:30 a.m.	Antoinette Russo by her family
11:00 a.m.	Gordon Hamel by his wife

**Calendar**

2/8	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Gathering Space
2/9	9:00 a.m.	Foodshare truck-St. Mary Parking lot
2/11	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism Mtg.—Hart House
2/13	4:30 p.m. Mass	Choir

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Gordon Hamel*

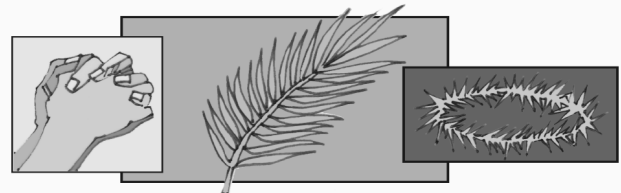
This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.



**February 10**

7:45 A.M.	Mass and Distribution of Ashes
6:00 P.M.	Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Fridays during Lent  
7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross



## Penitential Disciplines of Lent

"The Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require Gospel commitment and integrity of life which, through self denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, #125).

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and abstinence during the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
3. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means eating only one full, meatless meal. Two other smaller, meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



**Readings for the Week of February 7, 2016**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**Parish Support January 31, 2016**

Weekly \$8,296.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.



At the 4:00 Mass next Saturday, the **Rite of Sending** will be celebrated. At that time, the RCIA candidates will be blessed and affirmed by the community in preparation for the Rite of Election next Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

**Special Lenten Series for Parents**

How can you create your best Lent ever? Do you want a Lent filled with just giving things up or would you rather have a Lent of gaining something? Using the Rediscover Jesus book Monsignor Motta generously gave the parish at Christmas, we'll discover how to put the message of the book into action. You can choose to attend either on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings when child care will be provided. Contact Amanda McCaffrey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at [860-716-4978](tel:860-716-4978), [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com).

**Dear Father,**

It is with gratitude and sincere appreciation that I thank you on behalf of the retired Religious Priests, Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Your donation to the annual appeal will assist retired religious, those who taught in our schools, those who served in our hospitals, and those who gave of their talents in countless programs and ministries. Funds will be distributed through grants to help with the rising costs of retirement and health care.

*Sr. Marriette Moan, Vicar for Religious*

**From Hispanic Health Council**

The Hispanic Health Council is deeply grateful to your church and your members for your generosity during the Christmas Season. With leadership from Pat and Paul Robotham, members of St. Mary's create holiday joy for our struggling families year after year and fill a gap for families who often must work multiple jobs just to provide food, clothing and shelter for their children. Without your help, Christmas would be a far more stressful time for these families. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all you do to support the Hispanic Health Council.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Our parish bulletins are available on our website: [www.stmary-unionville.org](http://www.stmary-unionville.org)

**The next pre-baptism class** will be held Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hart House for those who have not previously attended. Please call the rectory to register. Baptisms may be scheduled after attendance at the class. The next class will be held in April.

**College Retreat: Into the Heart of Mercy**

Feb. 12-14 at Holy Family Retreat, West Hartford  
 This renewing retreat for college students will explore God's mercy, which is at the heart of Jesus' teaching. The retreat includes: dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, original music, free time to rest and walk the labyrinth, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. Offering: \$75; scholarship are available. For information contact Amanda McCaffrey, 860-716-4978 or [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com). Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/collegeretreat](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/collegeretreat).

The Knights of Columbus is having its **Annual Family Lenten Friday Fish Fry February 19 from 5 to 7 pm** at 302 New Britain Ave. Unionville. A second night will be in March same time same place. The February menu will be Fish and Chips for \$10.00 or Mac & Cheese at \$6.00 cole slaw, soft drink, coffee+, with children under 7 free. Tickets are being are sold in advance with a limited number available at the door. Takeout orders are available. Call Maurice Goldberg 860-677-2922 or Dick Slattery 860- 673-5420 for questions or to reserve tickets. Tickets will be sold after Mass the weekend of February 13 & 14 during the coffee hour.

**Request for Tax Information**

If you require a "Statement of Contributions" for 2015, please complete and return this form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed or placed in the weekly collection. E-mails requests are acceptable and may be sent to: [rectory@stmary-unionville.org](mailto:rectory@stmary-unionville.org). **Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted.** Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via regular mail daily. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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