



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday,	February 27, 2016
4:30 p.m.	Lionel & Dorothy Therriault by Jay & Fran McCaffrey
Sunday,	February 28, 2016
7:30 a.m.	Jack McGovern by his sister Marilyn
9:30 a.m.	Yorky & Helen Fabian by their daughters Cindy & Lisa
11:00 a.m.	Mrs. Mary Neulinger by her family
Monday,	February 29, 2016
7:45 a.m.	John L. Shortley by his family
Tuesday,	March 1, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Betty Flynn
Wednesday,	March 2, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Thursday,	March 3, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
Friday,	March 4, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Saturday,	March 5, 2016
4:30 p.m.	Ella Johnson
Sunday,	March 6,, 2016
7:30 a.m.	Genave Wolf (8th anniversary) by Barbara Wolf
9:30 a.m.	Alma Dube by her family
11:00 a.m.	Amelia Hanna by the Diver family

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2016

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Parish Support February 21, 2016

Weekly	\$8,245.00
On-line giving	<u>\$1,578.00</u>
Total	\$9,823.00

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

2/29	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Program—Gathering Space
3/1	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg.—Gath. Space
3/6	11:00 A.M.	Mass Choir

Mondays

Reconciliation—6:00 –7:00 p.m.

Fridays

Stations of the Cross—7:00 p.m.

The Old Testament for the 21st Century

Do you find the Old Testament scary? Obscure? Off-putting? This four-session program is designed to “de-code” its message, making it more accessible for us in today’s world. Sessions are on Mondays in Lent, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. In the gathering space.

Feb. 29 Covenant

March 7 Prophets

March 14 Contemporary Scholarship re Divine Vengeance; and Women in the OT

The sessions are interactive, with small-group and general discussion as well as some presentation. The program author and facilitator is Joan Kennedy,

Confirmation Classes—If you are an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received your First Holy Communion but have not been Confirmed, please contact the rectory (860—673-2422). Classes for Confirmation will begin at various locations the week of March 1. There are 6 classes over a period of 6 weeks. Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.



Women’s Guild Members - Our meeting on March 8 will be a **Bingo Night**

BINGO from 7-9 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Light refreshments will be served, and cash prizes will be given. Each bingo card will be \$2. Please RSVP to Betty Faitella at 860 485-0551 by March 4th.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place this Friday after the 7:45 Mass until noon. There should be at least three adorers for every hour. Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space; your phone number should be included in the event of a cancellation or a funeral. If you are unable to attend, please call Bob Murphy at (860) 673-9551.



Council Matters

St. Mary's Parish Council seeks 4 energetic and dedicated parishioners who are interested in joining us for a 3-yr term beginning in July. The 12-member Parish Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor; our mission is to act as a communication link between the Pastor and the Parish community. Nominations will take place the weekend of March 12 - March 13. Do you want to be involved? Do you know someone else who would want to serve? You may nominate up to 4 persons, each of which must be confirmed parishioners of St. Mary's and at least age 16 - including yourself. Nominees with the most nominations will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve, and the top 4 will go on to be candidates for Election Weekend April 23 - April 24. This is your parish, this is our parish - let's make it the best it can be! Thank you.



Save the Date! - Soup and Bread

Save the Date! - Soup and Bread St. Mary's Human Needs Committee will host a Soup and Bread meal with proceeds to benefit Catholic Relief

Services next Sunday, March 6th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The tickets are \$7.00 for adults; children 6 and under free (can be purchased at the door). If you would like to help by preparing soup for 8 – 10 people or providing bread or dessert, please call Alice Crozier 860-673-4282.

This year's **Girl Scout Sunday** is scheduled for **March 13 at 9:30 Mass**. Although Girl Scouts of America is a secular organization, they encourage girls to take a spiritual journey in their faith through earning of different recognitions and pins. All Girl Scouts are invited to participate in the Girl Scout Sunday Service. Please contact Olivia Germano at 860-678-0597 to register your daughter's attendance and order the patch.

Social Justice Series for Young Adults - Feb. 29 6-8pm— Holy Family Retreat Center (dinner included) The Office for Catholic Social Justice & Youth Ministry Team at Holy Family have organized an event as part of the Social Justice Series for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Using the Catholic Relief Services Community Reflections for Lent, we will explore Pope Francis' invitation to a spirituality of "integral ecology", which will lead us to "the heart of what it is to be human". To register visit: catholicsocialjustice.org/registration or email info.ocsjm@aohct.org, then email st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com to let us know you're going and we'll will cover the cost. Contact Amanda McCaffrey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry for more details.

CALLED TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME-BIBLICAL ROOTS OF "LAUDATO SI". Sister Barbara Bozak will be giving a presentation at the Catholic Biblical School of the Archdiocese of Hartford, on March 6- 12:00PM-4:30PM at St. Thomas Seminary, 476 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield. To register lease call Mary D. 860-233-5734. Call Clara if you would like to carpool 860-673-0756.

The Knights' of Columbus - **Annual Family Lenten Friday fish fry March 18, from 5 to 7 pm at 302 New Britain Ave., Unionville**. 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 next weekend.

Are you looking for new ways to Evangelize this Lent?

CD's, books or pamphlets from the Lighthouse Catholic kiosk are available for less then \$5. You can help educate, support, energize or bring back a fallen away Catholic. Here are some ideas :

1. CDs fit in envelopes so they can easily be sent. (Add to birthday, graduation, and anniversary cards.)
2. CDs fit inside gift bags so can easily be added to a gift.
3. CDs fit inside a glove compartment so can taken on trips to share at the right moment.
4. CDs fit inside purses so can be taken to share during the right conversation.
 1. Give to Godchildren and to those for whom you are a confirmation sponsor.
 2. Give to relatives (siblings, children, parents, grandchildren.)
 3. Give to colleagues or high school graduates.

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. **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.

Name

Address