

Saturday, July 2, 2016

4:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary Neulinger by her family

Sunday, July 3, 2016

7:30 a.m. Angela Sienko by her family 9:30 a.m. Mary O'Leary (20th anniversary)

by her husband John & family

11:00 a.m. Francesca DiSiervi

by John & Tammis Duggan

Monday, July 4, 2016

7:45 a.m. Edward Wassik by his family

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

7:45 a.m. Carrie Flynn Wednesday, July 6, 2016

7:45 a.m. Helen Motta
Thursday, July 7, 2016

7:45 a.m. Dr. Albert Shaheen

by Nelson & Ann Waters

Friday, July 8, 2016

7:45 a.m. Shirley Foryan

by the Waters & Hancock families

Saturday, July 9, 2016

2:00 p.m. Wedding—Andrew DeSantis—

Jennifer Kane

4:30 p.m. Sebastian "Mike" Motta

Sunday, July 10, 2016

7:30 a.m. Bob Slabinski

by his wife Marilyn & family

9:30 a.m. Ellen & Richard Metcalf

by Cathleen Metcalf

11:00 a.m. Jim Nicksa by Ryanne & Christopher

#### Readings for the Week of July 3, 2016

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/Lk

10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/Mt 10:16-

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Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-

37 or Ps 19:8-11/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

#### Parish Support June 26, 2016

 Weekly
 \$7,605.00

 On-line giving
 \$1,300.00

 Total
 \$8,993.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

#### Calendar

7/5
 7:00 p.m.
 Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
 12:30 p.m.
 Social Justice—Gathering Space
 7:00 p.m.
 Golf Committee Mtg.—Gath. Space

# Religious Education News

#### Thinking Ahead to the Fall

If you or someone you know might be interested in helping to pass on our faith to the younger members of our parish as a catechist, Hart House hall monitor, or as a presenter in our "Think First — Stay Safe" child safety program, please contact Deacon Tom Sutak (860) 675-8522.

### **Home Study Students**

Home Study materials (Student Unit Tests and Home Learning Guides) are <u>overdue</u> to the Religious Education Office. Students whose unit tests and home learning guides are not returned will cannot be assigned to a formal class or the home study curriculum for the 2016/2017 Religious Education year.

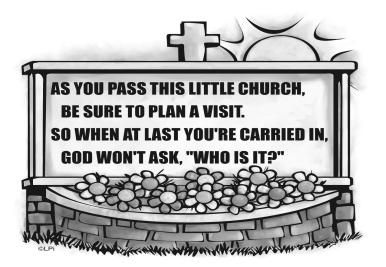
### **Religious Education Registration**

Time is running out to register for the 2016/2017 Religious Education year. Registration forms are located in the entrances to the Gathering Space and in the box on Hart House front porch. Completed forms may be mailed to the Religious Education Office or dropped in the weekly collection basket. Forms left in the rectory street side mailbox without postage will be discarded by the USPS.

All students (new and returning) must register to be included in the program which begins in September.

#### **Catechists**

If you have not returned your **Catechist Guide and Attendance Register** as yet please do so as soon as possible. Students **cannot** be promoted to the next higher grade until these items are received.



# **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

Pope Francis has stated that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Each individual must be free, alone or in association with others, to seek the truth, and to openly express his or her religious convictions, free from intimidation and external compulsion. Genuine worship of God bears fruit not in discrimination, hatred and violence, but in respect for the sacredness of life, respect for the dignity and freedom of others, and loving commitment to the welfare of all. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

# Vocation Discernment Nights for Young Men Ages 16 - 35

Have you figured out yet what you want to be when you "grow up"? More importantly, have you figured out **why**? We invite you to join us for an informational gathering where there will be a short talk with practical suggestions for "discerning" the call that God has in store for you, some time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a chance to hear from some of our seminarians, and an opportunity to ask questions. There's even free pizza, so why not swing by? To reserve your spot, use the form on our website: <a href="www.hartfordpriest.com">www.hartfordpriest.com</a>, call 860-761-7457, or email vocations@aohct.org.

Sessions (both are 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.):

Monday, July 11, St. Mary Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington

Monday, August 8, St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd., Southington

Are you looking for a more disciplined walk in faith, whose chief objective is to draw closer to Christ through His Mother Mary?

Try the *Legion of Mary*. Legion duty requires the attendance of a weekly meeting where we pray together, study a portion of the Legion Handbook and report on our works- - one or more hours of service per week we offer to Our Blessed Mother, to bring her Son to fellow parishioners. For more information please contact Kathy Dossot (860) 673-3163

# Blessing for Independence Day

There is a saying, "To those whom much is given, much is expected." That saying is from "Uncommon Wisdom of John F. Kennedy: A Portrait in His Own Words." That saying should sum up our thoughts as we celebrate the founding of our country. As we look at our history, we may easily see that much has been given to this country, and many have sacrificed to make sure we have kept those gifts. However, our faith informs us that a gift reaches its ultimate good only when it is given away freely. We have many gifts, and our country has a long tradition of giving many gifts to other nations. Moreover, sometimes it seems as if those gifts are not appreciated. Nevertheless, we continue to give. Let us pray for this great country of the United States of America: God our Father, from whom all good gifts come, we are thankful for rest and food. Grant that, in all we do or say, we keep your goodness always in our thankful hearts. We entreat you to bless all those who work to keep us safe, and ask your blessings on all those who work to share our blessings with others around the world. We ask all this in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus. Amen.



The rectory and religious education offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day and will re-open on Tuesday, July 5 at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.