



Saturday,	December 17, 2016
4:30 p.m.	Peter Maysa (4th anniversary by his family)
Sunday,	December 18, 2016
7:30 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife
9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Amico & Bove family by their family
11:00 a.m.	Mary & Jack Gray by daughter Jackalyn Gray
Monday,	December 19, 2016
7:45 a.m.	For the health of Nat Anderson by Bob Sienko
Tuesday,	December 20, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gutkowski by their daughter Judy
Wednesday,	December 21, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Mike Griswold by his family
Thursday,	December 22, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Friday,	December 23, 2016
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Saturday,	December 24, 2016
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
10:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Duggan & Kelley families by John & Tammis Duggan
Sunday,	December 25, 2016
8:00 a.m.	Philomena Navaratne by her family
10:00 a.m.	Lucy Laing by John & Tammis Duggan

Calendar

12/20 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room



There will be no confessions Saturday, December 24 and December 31.

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24
4:00, 10:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
8:00, 10:00 a.m.**

**New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31
4:00 p.m.**

**New Year's Day, January 1
8:00, 10:00 a.m.**

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
 Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Parish Support December 11, 2016

Weekly	\$9,827.00
On-line	<u>\$1,301.00</u>
Total	\$11,238.00
Retired Fund for Religious	\$3,268.00
On-line	<u>\$ 128.00</u>
Total	\$3,396.00

Mary answered a resounding yes to God's call to bear His Son. ARE YOU BEING CALLED to help St. Mary parish develop a Right to Life program? St. Mary seeks a parishioner who is devoted to the Catholic belief in the God-given right to life from conception to natural death. You can develop a program using many available resources, customizing for our growing parish community. Please consider taking on this very important Ministry. If interested, please contact Lynne Murphy by e-mail lynne.murphy@sbcglobal.net or phone (860)673-9551.

Parish Prayer Line

If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at (860) 673-2945.



St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

Zachary & Graziella Llewellyn & family, Burlington
Michael & SueAnn Uccello, Canton

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the Sacrament of baptism:

Nicholas James Grim
Olivia James Slomski

Let us pray that the new Administration when revising the Health and Human Services health care mandate reinstates the Church's inalienable right to exercise its First Amendment right to freedom of religion. 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 newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

The rectory and religious education offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in accordance with the Archdiocesan holiday policy and will re-open on Tuesday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.



Who, What, Where, and When...

The Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State Street, New Haven has opened its 12th annual **Christmas exhibit**. The show features crèches from Germany as well as many from the museum's collection, including a hand-carved cedar nativity scene from Mexico and its popular 120 square foot Baroque Neopolitan (Italian) diorama. Open daily. Free admission & parking. Call 203 865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org

St. Ann Social Justice Committee will hold its annual **Winter Reading Used Book Sale** on Friday, 1/6 5:00—8:00 p.m. (\$5.00 admission for adults); Saturday, 1/7 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. (free admission) and Sunday, 1/8 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. (free admission), St. Ann Church, Fr. Bennett Hall, 289 Arch Rd., Avon. Proceeds benefit St. Ann Scholarship Program..



Announcing the Birth The Witness of the Candymaker

How can a candy treat be a birth announcement? Many years ago a candymaker had an idea. He wanted to show, through the candy he made, that Jesus Christ was born among us, lived and died to save us all. So, through the use of color and shape, he created a piece of candy that told the story of Jsus from Christmas to Easter. He created the candy cane.

Color

The white stripes on the candy cane stand for the fact that Jesus was sinless and pure. The three small red stripes stand for the scourging Jesus endured before he died. The large red stripe stands for Jesus' blood shed on the cross.

Shape

The candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's staff, reminding us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Turn it upside down, and it is a letter J the first letter of Jesus' name.

We can learn a lot from the candy cane-both to look at it and see Jesus, and, like the candymaker, to share the story of Jesus in whatever we do.