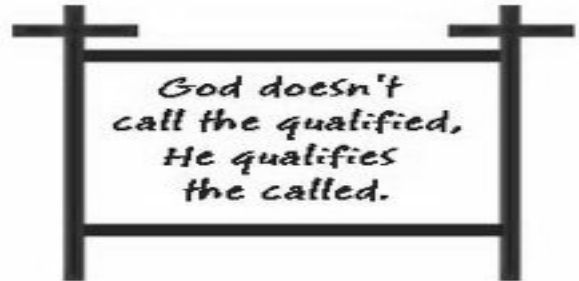




Saturday,	January 7, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Michael Shea by his father
Sunday,	January 8, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Eileen Woods by her family
9:30 a.m.	Maureen Lyons by George & Ruth Barto
11:00 a.m.	Dieter Ahrlich by St. Mary Choir
Monday,	January 9, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Sophie Roman by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Tuesday,	January 10, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Wednesday,	January 11, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Thursday,	January 12, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
Friday,	January 13, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Saturday,	January 14, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Paul J. Kramer (11th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	January 15, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Ed Welcome (12th anniversary) by his wife Judy
9:30 a.m.	Tony Farrar by Henry Davidson
11:00 a.m.	John J. Gurovich (7th anniversary) by his wife Gisele

Calendar

1/10	9:00 a.m.	Foodshare truck—St. Mary parking lot
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room



MINISTRY & COMMITTEE FORUM

All members and officers of every ministry and committee of St. Mary Parish are warmly invited and strongly encouraged to attend the 1st annual Ministry and Committee Forum on Thursday, January 26, 2017 here at St. Mary's from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The event will include an inspirational message, workshop session for 3 important pastoral planning projects, opportunity for questions and answers, and tasty refreshments. See the poster in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space for contact information and to sign up. Every group must be represented. Your participation will enhance your service to our parish. Please join us!

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Parish Support

December 25, 2016

Regular	\$12,655.00
Christmas	\$ 7,505.00
On line-	<u>\$ 1,196.00</u>
Total	\$21,356.00

January 1, 2017

Regular	\$ 8,899.00
New Year's	\$ 4,382.00
On-line	<u>\$ 1,271.00</u>
Total	\$14,552.00



BINGO NIGHT

Ladies of St. Mary's
 Please join us for snacks and prizes!
 JANUARY 17th at 6:00
 in the Gathering Space.
 Contact Sue Shortley
 860-677-0556



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

Madelyn Jeanne Martorelli

Large Print Missalettes

are available for your use at the center aisles of the worship space. Please return them to the podium after Mass so others may use them. Thank you.

From the Town of Avon, Alan Rosenberg, Director of Social Services:

On behalf of the Avon Social Services Department, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you and the generous members of St. Mary's, for the very generous donation of \$1,200 in grocery gift cards to the Avon Food Bank. The families who utilize our Food Bank are so grateful for the kindness of our donors. The generosity of the community restores their hope of something possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like you. Thank you so much and we wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season.

From Services for the Elderly of Farmington, Nancy Walker, Executive Director

The generous donations of \$3,025 from your Christmas Giving Tree Projects contributions to our Meals on Wheels Program was so appreciated. Thank you for remembering and supporting this worthwhile program. This money will be put to good use supporting the participants of the program who have difficulty paying for their meals. It is nice to see that the gift of giving is alive and well in our town. Thanks for this thoughtful gesture. May the true meaning of Christmas bring you peace and happiness the whole year through.

Teaching the Liturgical Year:

An Evening Workshop for Parish Catechists

St. Mary's Youth Ministry program would like to offer all St. Mary's Catechists an opportunity to strengthen your skills as a catechist by attending an evening retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center on January 19, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 pm. The program includes dinner, presentation, discussion and prayer. The cost of the evening is \$40 however; a gift for the new year we will gladly cover the cost for any catechist who would like to attend. Please email Amanda McCaffrey, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, (st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com) with your name, address, email, phone number and the grade you teach.

Thank you for your Christmas flower donations.

In memory of:

Robert Chamberlain

Damiele Cosimo Nicolini, Salvatore Flavio

Helena & Chet Levandoski, Bill Taylor, Mary O'Donnell— Edward

& Michael Kerr, Rosemary Borawski

The Prunk and Gerardi families

Stop, Look, and Listen to this!

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann's in Avon on Sunday, January 8th, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Please join us for this powerful devotion.

Come usher the true King of Kings at the Shrine of St. Anne, 515 S. Main St. Waterbury, Sunday, January 8 at 4:00 PM! A **Boar's Head Festival** featuring dancing, pageantry, exquisite costumes, music by the Shrine Festival Choir & the Waterbury Chorale, Brass Quintet with string and woodwind ensemble and much more! This program will enchant all ages as we celebrate the Christ light of the world. For more information or tickets, please contact the Shrine of Saint Anne office at (203) 756-4439, www.shrineofsaintanneformothers.org or www.waterburychorale.org. Admission is \$15 per person or \$50 for a family of 4 or more.

Social Justice

The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. January 10

TO: **Men of St. Mary, Star of the Sea**

RE: **Retreat**

WHEN: About a month away, register without delay

This year for a New Year Resolution you can keep, and one that will be of benefit to you and those around you, join us on our parish Retreat for 1-1/2 days. Fill in your calendar starting with a supper date on Fri., Feb. 24 and ending with Mass and brunch on Sunday. Check out details and register at HolyFamilyRetreat.org/findyourparishweekend? or call chairman Bob Bonato at 673-5251. You'll come away with new energy and new purpose .

SAVE THE DATE!

1st Annual Food Packing to Feed LOCAL Communities

Kickoff Program "Hunger 101":

Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Mary Church

Packing Event: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Sponsored by Human Needs, Social Justice, Youth Ministry with generous support from the Women's Guild

Email us for more information and

RSVP: joannefishman@comcast.net

All interested parishioners are invited to attend.