

# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 20, 2017</b>
4:30 p.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 21, 2017</b>
7:30 a.m.	Bob Slabinski by his wife Marilyn
9:30 a.m.	Helen Motta
11:00 a.m.	Vilma Gerger by Mrs. & Mrs. Jose Marques & grandchildren
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>May 22, 2017</b>
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>May 23, 2017</b>
7:45 a.m.	George Wolf by Barbara Wolf
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>May 24, 2017</b>
7:45 a.m.	Betty Flynn
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>May 25, 2017</b>
7:45 a.m.	Edward Cruess, Sr. by Elaine Cullinan
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>May 26, 2017</b>
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 27, 2017</b>
4:30 p.m.	Maria Deka by Mike & Lori McNaboe
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 28, 2017</b>
7:30 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
9:30 a.m.	John Reno (3rd anniversary) by Alison, David, Nicholas & Joshua Leeds
11:00 a.m.	Deborah Therriault by Jay & Fran McCaffrey

## Readings for the Week of May 21, 2017

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26--16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

## Parish Support May 14, 2017

Weekly	\$ 9,821.00
On-Line giving	<u>\$ 1,201.00</u>
Total	\$11,022.00

*Thank you!*

## Calendar

5/23	6:00 p.m. Women's Guild Memorial Mass—Dinner to follow
	7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
5/24	7:00 p.m. Human Needs Committee—Gathering Space

## Ascension Thursday

### Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 25 **Ascension of the Lord** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The annual **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**, held in support of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Unionville, will begin this weekend. Empty baby bottles will be available for pick up in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space after each Mass. Please fill the bottle with coins (cash and checks made out to the Crisis Pregnancy Center are also accepted) and return all bottles on Father's Day weekend, June 17 - 18. The Crisis Pregnancy Center provides compassionate and loving emotional, physical, and spiritual support to women, helping them make plans to keep and parent their babies, or to make an adoption plan. Please contact Jane Peterson, 860-673-3597, if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting this great cause so generously every year.

A spirited and friendly faith-sharing group at St Mary is called a **Small Church Community**. Come find a deeper understanding of your faith and share the journey with others. Our Small Church Community meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Hart House 7-8:15 p.m. All are welcome. Call Maureen (860-673-6145) or stop in and check us out.

## From the Farmington Food Pantry,

On behalf of the Farmington Food Pantry, thank you for your recent donations of food and personal care items. The Pantry was grateful to receive 201.8 lbs. of items on April 18, 242.4 pounds of items on April 23 and 169.6 lbs. of items on April 30. These donations are greatly appreciated and have made an immediate difference in the Farmington Food Pantry's efforts to support our neighbors in need. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your continued commitment and support to the Farmington Food Pantry.

**Our second collection this weekend** is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Thank you for your support.

**Lectors needed!**

Lectors proclaim scripture at Mass and fulfill an important role in our worship. Public reading is among the most ancient forms of Christian ministry. At St. Mary Star of the Sea the lector is entrusted with making the Word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the congregation. After brief training, lectors are typically assigned to read at Mass once or twice each month; however, occasionally a lector may also read at special Masses. Participation is open to all registered parishioners. We are currently in need of additional lectors at 4:30 Saturday and 7:30 and 11:00 Mass on Sunday. For more information please contact Ed O'Reilly 860-751-9136 or [e.oreilly@stmary-unionville.org](mailto:e.oreilly@stmary-unionville.org)

**Ushers needed!**

A church usher is a person who helps ensure a smoothly running church service and who ministers to people in a variety of practical ways. Their duties include greeting people as they arrive for Mass, assisting people with special needs, and collecting the offering. St Mary ushers all wear a pin to easily identify they are ushers. After the service, ushers will again be at the door to greet the congregation as they leave, handing out bulletins and provide assistance as needed. Although the position of "usher" is not mentioned in the Bible, ushers today provide an invaluable service to the our church body. In many ways, the ushers are the "face" of the church, the first ones that people see when they arrive and the last ones they see as they leave. It is important that an usher be friendly, honest, and willing to serve. For more information please contact the rectory at 860-673-2422 or [rectory@stmary-unionville.org](mailto:rectory@stmary-unionville.org)

**A Way to Help Refugee Families in Connecticut**

In June, the Human Needs Committee will be sponsoring a collection of items needed for refugee families in our area. Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program in Hartford assists refugee families to begin a new life. These refugee families, forced to leave their home countries because of persecution, have been US Dept of State screened and documented, and are legally approved to enter the US.

The following items, new and unwrapped please, will be collected:

- bath towels, washcloths
- pillows, pillowcases
- blankets and sheets (twin, full or queen)
- kitchen towels and pot holders

Please leave new and unwrapped items in the gathering space on the weekends of June 10/11 and June 17/18. You may call Donna Dellacamera at (860) 675-5924 or (860) 833-6347 for more information. You may also contact Catholic Charities 860 297-7811 directly.

*Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need.*

**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.



## Stop, Look, and Listen to this!

**St Mary's Women's Guild Annual May banquet and Scholarship Awards** and Memorial Mass at 6 PM **Tuesday, May 23** in the Father Golas Gathering Space. Join us for a catered, buffet dinner following Mass. \$15 per person. For reservations contact Claire Selinga 860 673-5524.

Please join us **Wednesday, May 24** in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space 1-2:30 pm **-When Home is No Longer Home. Refugee Resettlement in Our Community.**" Clara 860-597-2754.

**The Human Needs Committee** will meet Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Alice Crozier at 860-673-4282 or purplemom1925@gmail.com

**Meal Packing Event- June 3, 12-3 p.m.**

The Gathering Space

Individuals, families, groups are welcome to assemble packets of nutritious fortified Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce. Sign Up for a 1-hour shift at church or online at <https://www.tinyurl.com/Meal-Packing-Signup>. Donations still needed: \$1.50 for a packet which feeds up to 6 people, \$54 for a case of 36.

- Checks payable to Outreach Program
- Online [www.outreachprogram.org](http://www.outreachprogram.org) Event #98
- Mobile <http://raz.mobi/C1032.StMaryStaroftheSea>
- Cash

Questions encouraged for Joanne Fishman 860-378-7583 or Lynda Bonato 860-673-5251. Thank you for your support and participation!

On **Sunday, June 4th** Dan Heath-Ringrose will perform a **benefit concert** at St. Mary Star of the Sea. It will take place at 2:00 p.m. in the worship space and all donations will go to the Ct. Chapter of the Alzheimer's Foundation. A wine & cheese reception will follow in the Gathering space. Please contact Dan at 860 675-6725 with questions.

**Annual Social Justice Conference** The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 8<sup>th</sup> **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference**, "Rooted in Faith: One Family Under God" on **Saturday, June 10** from 9 am to 3:00 pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Participants will have the opportunity to choose from a selection of 12 workshops. The day concludes with a closing keynote by Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Southbury. The conference is an opportunity to meet and learn from others across the Archdiocese and beyond. For information, call (860) 242-5573 Ext 2688 or visit <http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/social-justice-conference.html>