



Calendar

7/4 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room

Saturday,	July 1, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Steven Kane by his family
Sunday,	July 2, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Mrs. Mary Neulinger by her family
9:30 a.m.	Richard (Rick) Wasilausky by Rita Turner
11:00 a.m.	Marion Rotondo by Andrew & Mary Smolen
Monday,	July 3, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Tuesday,	July 4, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Edward Wassik by the Wassik family
Wednesday,	July 5, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Richard (Rick) Wasilausky by Rita Turner
Thursday,	July 6, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Edward Cruess, Sr. by the Messina family
Friday,	July 7, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Shirley Foryan by her husband Henry
Saturday,	July 8, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Terrence T. Lescoe by Kathy & Ed Lescoe
Sunday,	July 9, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Helen Motta
9:30 a.m.	Ellen & Richard Metcalf by Cathleen Metcalf
11:00 a.m.	Nicholas & Grace Moore by George & Pat Crowley

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Doris & George "Butch" Lasek

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Adoration.com

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.

Thank you to the members of The Building and Grounds Committee and Boy Scout Troop 170 for applying mulch around the church and rectory.



Religious Education

The regular registration period for the 2017/2018 religious education year has ended. Going forward registrations for classes will only be accepted on a "first come – first serve" - space/instructor available basis. All students are required to register annually. Registration forms are located in the Gathering Space entrances.



Have you thought about being a catechist, but are concerned about the qualifications necessary. Remember it's not the textbook, the DVD, or the music that makes a religious education class a success. It's the person of the instructor who is central to

helping students encounter Jesus and His Gospel message. Nothing can replace the person of the catechist in a classroom. The National Directory of Catechesis says: "No number of attractive personal qualities, no amount of skill and training, and no level of scholarship can replace the power of God's word communicated through a life lived in the Spirit." That being said, if you would like to know more about sharing your faith, time and talents with the children of our parish – contact the Religious Education Office (860) 675-8522 or st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net.

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Parish Support June 25, 2017

Weekly	\$8,387.00
On-Line giving	<u>\$1,306.00</u>
Total	\$9,693.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.



Instructors are reminded to return their Catechist Guides and Attendance Rosters to the Religious Education Office. Also, please let Deacon Tom know if your plans for the fall include returning as an instructor in our religious education program.

Parish Cemetery



Notice of Cemetery Grave Plot Charges:

In an effort to keep abreast of Cemetery charges of other cemeteries in our area and to improve the appearance of one particular section of our cemetery, we intend to increase the cost per plot and for maintenance of those grave plots as of July 10. Even with our proposed increases we are still lower in cost per grave than the other cemeteries in our area. The grave plot increase will be approximately 1/3 over the existing costs. Endowed care of the grave site will also be increased by approximately one half. We are providing you with this advance notice so that you may take advantage of the current prices and purchase your grave plots now and thus avoid the price increase. Please feel free to contact Bob Archer at 860-673-9941 or email me at bob.archer@att.net. I will be happy to answer any questions and or make an appointment with you to look at different sites available.

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.

Shut-ins: Did you know that members of the **Legion of Mary** visit and bring Communion to patients at John Dempsey Hospital, to residents at Apple Rehab of Avon, to Avon Health Care Center, and to Touchpoints of Farmington? If you or a loved one are at any of these facilities and would like us to visit, please call: Kathy Dossot 860-673-3163-or Bob Murphy 860-673-9551-or Debbie Zengle 860-675-3678.

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath!

Stop, Look, and Listen to this!



Save the Date! September 26, 2017 Third Annual St. Mary Star of the Sea Charity Golf Tournament

Dear Parishioners: Save the date now for St. Mary Star of the Sea Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held on **September 26, 2017 at Blue Fox Run in Avon**. Join the over 130 participants who last year enjoyed 18 holes of golf and/or dinner, cocktails, and the chance to win fabulous raffle prizes, raising \$18,000 for The House of Bread in Hartford and Ste. Thérèse de L'Enfant Jesus in Lilavois, Haiti. Help us to continue the growth of our event by increasing donations and raffle prizes/gifts from parishioners and local businesses. For more info, please pick up a brochure in the Gathering Space or contact:

George Crowley 860-674-0844 (h); 860-463-2069 (c);
georgecrowley@comcast.net

Dave Popielarczyk 860-675 8884 (h); 860-922-7774 (c);
djpabc@hotmail.com

Knights of Columbus Sponsoring a
Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 27, 2017—1:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Farmington Police Station 319 New Britain Avenue
Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-27670)
to schedule an appointment

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 office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 and re-open on Wednesday, July 5 at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

GOD Bless AMERICA