



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday,	December 2, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Eugene Kupchik by his family
Sunday,	December 3, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko (2nd anniversary) by her family
9:30 a.m.	Ryan Davies by his mother, Lisa Varian
11:00 a.m.	Salvatore Casasanta (10th anniversary) by his family
Monday,	December 4, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Eileen Rolfe by Judy Welcome
Tuesday,	December 5, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Grace Clancy Murphy by Robert Murphy
Wednesday,	December 6, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Thursday,	December 7, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Edward Cruess, Sr. by Jim & Sylvie Doyle
Friday,	December 8, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
6:00 p.m.	Alice Gnazzo by Karen Schick
Saturday,	December 9, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Bill McAuliffe by family & friends
Sunday,	December 10, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Bob Slabinski by his wife, Marilyn
9:30 a.m.	Edward Clark by his family
11:00 a.m.	Florence Bowman by her daughter-in-law

Calendar

12/5	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
12/7	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism class—Hart House
12/9	7:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry Advent Celebration
12/10	9:30 a.m.	Choir



Friday, December 8, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

- Sunday, December 24**
8:00, 10:00 a.m.
- Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**
4:00, 10:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day, Monday, December 25**
8:00, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 31**
7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.,
- New Year's Eve, Sunday December 31**
4:00 p.m.
- New Year's Day, Monday, January 1**
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Parish Support November 26, 2017

Weekly	\$ 9,367.00
On-Line giving	\$ <u>1,283.00</u>
Total	\$10,650.00

The second collection this week is the monthly offering. Next weekend the second collection supports the Retired Fund for Religious. You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any Mass.



ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH...please join us for the annual **Women's Guild Christmas dinner**, catered by George's on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00. Come for dinner, be our guests for some holiday bingo (with prizes!) and a raffle as well! The cost is \$15.00. Please contact Sue Shortley, 860-677-0556 by December 7th.

A special thank you to all the women who came and addressed cards to our veterans. So many of you gave of your time and it was so heartwarming. A warm thank you as well to all the folks who dropped off Christmas cards; we used them all! And, last but not least, thank you to all the bakers; those of you who brought cookies and those of you who dropped them off at the church. All of them were delicious!



From the Human Needs Committee:
 The **Christmas Giving Tree**, decorated with gift tags to assist individuals and families in need, has been set up in the gathering space. Each tag represents a specific gift and associated charitable organization. Information about each organization is provided on the poster next to the tree. If you take a tag, please be certain to provide the item requested by December 10. You may return the wrapped gift and the original tag during the regularly scheduled masses on the first 2 weekends of December. Diapers do not need to be wrapped. Gift cards or monetary donations including checks, may be placed in the locked wooden box under the tree.

PLEASE - Return gifts for tags taken, no later than Sunday, December 10. Attach original tag to wrapped gift, or envelope. You may contact Donna Dellacamera at (860) 675-5924, or ddellacamera@comcastnet for any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

Important Dates



The Knights of Columbus and the Fun Committee present a combined event: **The Children's Christmas Party and Ornament Workshop** on Sunday, December 3 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 301 New Britain Ave, Unionville.

All children, grandchildren and friends of K of C members and St. Mary Star of the Sea parishioners are welcome to attend. Children should be ages 12 and under. This year, Magic by Ed Popielarczyk will provide the entertainment. The children will work on an ornament project, have fun getting their face painted and have a chance to win a prize in Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle. We will also have a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Sign-up Sheets are located in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space at the church or contact Olivia or Timothy Germano at (860) 678-0597 or (860) 212-2516.

Help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Thank you for your generosity for next week's **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection.

The next **pre-baptism class** for those who have not previously attended will be held on Thursday, **December 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Hart House. You must be a registered member to participate. The next class will be held in February 2018. Please call the rectory by Wednesday, December 6 to register.

On Sunday, December, 10 at the 11:00 Mass, we will share in the **Rite of Acceptance** for Terry Mock and Kyle Casagrande. They have completed the Period of Inquiry in the RCIA process and are prepared to continue their study of the Catholic faith leading up to full membership at the Easter Vigil.

The **Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield** will be open until Dec. 23 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 am (after Mass) until 4:00 pm. The Shrine is located on 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT. There is a varied selection of Advent wreaths and candles along with many new Christmas ornaments, cards & Fontanini Nativity sets. Visit us on the internet at www.shrinct.org

Available Ad Space

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Gail Stone from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of **December 11**, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
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