



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
Monday,	December 11, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Adam Kaminski by his family
Tuesday,	December 12, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Edward Murphy, Sr. by Robert Murphy
Wednesday,	December 13, 2017
7:45 a.m.	William DiGioia (1st anniversary) by his family
Thursday,	December 14, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Ted Eddy
Friday,	December 15, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Sister Josephine Pahl by Richard & Nancy Newton
Saturday,	December 16, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Eugene Huppe by is family
Sunday,	December 17, 2017
7:30 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife, Judy
9:30 a.m.	Lucille Edstrom by Ed & Cathy Kane
11:00 a.m.	Sally Schumacher by Terry & Paul Gallo

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017
 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
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk
 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-
 30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt
 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt
 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is
 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Parish Support December 3, 2017

Weekly	\$ 8,907.00
On-Line giving	\$ 1,523.00
Total	\$10,430.99
Monthly	\$ 4,199.00
On-line giving	\$ 682.00
Total	\$ 4,881.00

The second collection this weekend supports the Retired Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generosity. You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any Mass.

Calendar

12/12	9:00 a.m.	Foodshare Truck—St. Mary parking lot
	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Guild Dinner—Hosp. Room
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
12/16	4:30 a.m.	Choir



Saturday, December 23
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24
8:00, 10:00 a.m.

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

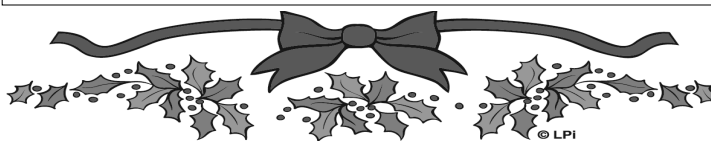
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25
8:00, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 30
4:30 p.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.



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.

The House of Bread will be selling their **Home-made Marinara Sauce** after all Masses next weekend.

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

He is coming. In today's reading from Matthew, John the Baptist announces for all to hear the long-awaited coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention. But will he get ours? True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. The catechism teaches us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the poor and lowly; in other words, to those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance.

St. John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation? If you feel the call to proclaim the word of the Lord as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel 860-242-5573, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

For Your Information

Social Justice—The **Foodshare Truck** will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. December 12. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare truck, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann in Avon, on Sunday, December 17th from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Our Lord told St. Faustina, “For the soul that trusts much will be given.” Please join us.

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.shrinect.org

Discover why St. Paul Catholic High School has become the choice for more and more families for a truly great Catholic education experience! If you or someone you know has a prospective 6, 7, or 8th grade student, visit us at our **Open House on Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m.** Tours of our building, meeting our faculty and visiting our family are all part of our open houses. Pre-registration is suggested, but not required. To pre-register please visit www.spchs.com/admissions. Also, on **Saturday, January 13, 2017** we will hold our **Placement Exam for prospective 9th and 10th** grade students. Visit our website for more information at www.spchs.com/admissions.

In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in order to protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, “The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs.”

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

Landon James Rogers

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!

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