



Saturday,	December 16, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Eugene Huppe by his 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
Monday,	December 18, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Barbara Wolf by Joyce Cruess
Tuesday,	December 19, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Wednesday,	December 20, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
Thursday,	December 21, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Friday,	December 22, 2017
7:45 a.m.	Jack Flynn
Saturday,	December 23, 2017
4:30 p.m.	Jack Wright by his family
Sunday,	December 24, 2017
8:00 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
10:00 a.m.	Members of the Kelly & Duggan family by family
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
10:00 p.m.	Robert McCaffrey by the Jay & Fran McCaffrey family

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017
 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
 Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Parish Support December 10, 2017

Weekly	\$ 6,162.00
On-Line giving	\$ 1,355.00
Total	\$ 7,517.00
Retired Fund for Religious	\$ 2,344.00
On-line giving	\$ 660.00
Total	\$ 3,004.00

You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any Mass.

Calendar

12/19	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
12/24	10:00 p.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.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Clare & Eric Riotte, West Hartford
Alice & William Phillips, Unionville*

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.

Visit our parish website

www.stmary-unionville.org

3rd Sunday of Advent

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

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.

Welcome

We welcome all who celebrate with us at St. Mary Star of the Sea whether visitors, long-time residents or newly arrived at our parish. If you are not a registered member of our parish community, please complete a census form located on the table inside the worship space and return it to the rectory. It is necessary to be registered to arrange baptisms, marriages, enroll in Religious Education classes and to obtain sponsor certificates.

Gift Bearers - Please let the ushers know at least 15 minutes prior to Mass if you would like to bring up the offertory gifts if you have requested the Mass intention that day. Thank you.

For Your Information

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.shrinct.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, 2018** we will hold our **Placement Exam for prospective 9th and 10th grade students**. Visit our website for more information at www.spchs.com/admissions.

St. Mary School, Simsbury, will hold an Open House on January 28, at 2:00 p.m. This past September St. Mary School celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding. St. Mary's continues to excel as it carries out its mission to ignite spiritual growth and promote academic excellence within a nurturing faith community. All are invited to attend.

Keep us informed

Please let us know if you have an address change. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to alert us and keep our census current. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS

