



Saturday,	January 6, 2018
4:30 p.m.	Betty Flynn
Sunday,	January 7, 2018
7:30 a.m.	Barbara Wolf by Alice Crozier & Kirk Nicholson
9:30 a.m.	Bella Giulianorer by the Woodard family
11:00 a.m.	John J. Gurovich (8th anniversary) by his wife Gisele
Monday,	January 8, 2018
7:45a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Tuesday,	January 9, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Elsie DiLella by Felix DiLella
Wednesday,	January 10, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Thursday,	January 11, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Edward Cruess, Sr. by Helen Harris
Friday,	January 12, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife, Judy
Saturday,	January 13, 2018
2:00 p.m.	Wedding—Gregory Kozol—Laura Georgetti
4:30 p.m.	Paul J. Kramer (12th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	January 14, 2018
7:30 a.m.	Eileen Woods by her family
9:30 a.m.	Good health for Josephine O'Leary by her family
11:00 a.m.	Harland K. Peck by his family

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Parish Support December 24, 2017

Weekly	\$7,875.00
On-line giving	<u>\$2,280.00</u>
	\$10,155.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

1/8	7:00 p.m.	Haiti Ministry Mtg.—Gathering Space
1/9	9:00 a.m.	Foodshare truck—St. Mary parking lot
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
1/14	9:30 a.m.	Choir

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign is working on behalf of the Bishops, including our own Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, to promote humane migration policies towards refugees and immigrants that reflect our Catholic values. To add your voice to this urgent issue, send an electronic message to your lawmakers (see: Justiceforimmigrants.org).

National Migration Week, January 7 – 14, 2018, is an opportunity to become aware of the millions on God's children fleeing war, persecution and poverty and to share their journey by walking with them in prayer and support. In the words of Pope Francis: "Closeness to the poor, the refugee, the immigrant, the sick, the exploited, the elderly living alone, prisoner and all God's other poor, will teach us a different way of resting, one which is more Christian and generous."

Also visit these websites: Sharejourney.org, and/or ArchdioceseofHarford.org.

From Alan E. Rosenberg, Town of Avon, Director of Department of Social Services:

To the Parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea: On behalf of the Avon Social Services Department, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your very generous donations of store gift cards to our Winter Gift Basket Program. The number of Avon families utilizing our holiday program continues to grow; donations such as yours allow the people we serve the pleasure of shopping for their loved ones' gifts, and helps them feel a sense of routine in their holiday planning. We are so grateful for the efforts of the very special people who make up the St. Mar Star of the Sea's congregation. Their dedication and generosity is deeply appreciated and is a fine expression of community spirit.

Parish Support December 25, 2017

Christmas	\$13,991.00
On-line giving	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	\$14,191.00

Parish Support December 31, 2017

Weekly	\$13,806.00
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Parish Support January 1, 2018

\$2,557.00

We thank all who were so generous with their Christmas donation to the flower fund. Our sanctuary is a beautiful tribute to the presence of the Risen Christ and those who have shared with the community in worship and prayer.

In memory of:

Abel & Phoebe Albert, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Martin, Cecile Pelletier

*Joseph Amico, Tim Bove, Mr. & Mrs. A. Bove
Maureen & Albert DellaVolpe*

Barbara Duclos

Phillip Fortuna

Daniel Manyak

Harold & Rose Peterson

Lisa Anne Striebel

Anthony, Rose and Joseph Tapogna

Marguerite Whitford, Gerald S. Fogarty

Subject: Saying Grace

A Pastor was attending a men's breakfast in Farm County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began: "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The Pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the Pastor was worried. However, without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."

Just as the Pastor thought he should stand up and stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So, Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen."

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.

For Your Information

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

St. Ann Avon, **9th Annual Winter Reading Used Book sale**—Friday January 12—5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. (\$5.00 admission for adults); Saturday, January 13 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. (free admission). Sunday, January 14 8:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m. (free admission) St. Ann Church, Father Bennett Hall, 289 Arch Rd, Avon. Proceeds benefit St. Ann Scholarship program. Snow dates—Jan. 19 21.

Start the new year gifting yourself the time to spend with God. All these retreats occur at **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House** in Farmington, Ct. There are many other programs as well. You deserve time away! Please visit the website at ourladyofcalvary.net or contact Mary Hagadorn at mhagadorn@sbcglobal.net or more information.

February 2-4, 2018 **Wellness Retreat**—make time for improving your healthy life balance!

February 10-11, 2018 **Men's Retreat**: "Self-compassion and Self-forgiveness"

March 9-11, 2018 **Women's Retreat**: "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"

Retreat Theme: Grace Enough - Join **Holy Family's** retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace. The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 for more info.

St. Mary's Men's Retreat Date: February 23-25, 2018

Women's Retreat Dates: March 2-4, April 20-22, and June 1-3

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