

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	July 7, 2018 Gerald Bullock by the McCluskey family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	July 8, 2018 Shirley Foryan by her husband Henry Ellen & Richard Metcalf by Cathleen Metcalf Diane & Edward Boisvert by their daughter Gisele
Monday, 7:45a.m.	July 9, 2018 Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	July 10, 2018 Dick Dillon
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	July 11, 2018 Deceased members of the Rourke family
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	July 12, 2018 Helen Motta
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	July 13, 2018 Florence Larkin by her friend
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	July 14, 2018 Jack Matava by Bob Anania & Linda Jensen
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	July 15, 2018 Bob Slabinski by his wife Marilyn Philomena Navaratne by her family Elizabeth Smolen by Andrew & Mary

Readings for the Week of July 8, 2018

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Parish Support—July 1, 2018

Weekly	\$7,398.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$1,597.00</u>
Total	\$8,995.00
Monthly	\$3,919.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$1,240.00</u>
Total	\$5,159.00

Calendar

7/10 9:00 a.m. Foodshare—St. Mary parking lot
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room

SAVE THE DATE

On **Wednesday, August 8** here at St. Mary Church, there will be a **Parish Listening Session** starting at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space. The Session is at the request of Archbishop Blair in conjunction with the plans for a diocesan-wide ecclesiastical assembly (called a Synod) in 2020. Our Parish Listening Session will be Town Hall style. **All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.** Each parish has the same three questions to address:

- What are we, as an Archdiocese, doing well?
- What are we, as an Archdiocese, doing not so well?
- What are we, as an Archdiocese, not doing that we should be doing?

Each person attending will have an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding one or more of the 3 questions, limited to 2-3 minutes total per person. There will also be a box available in the Gathering Space to collect written comments to the 3 questions for persons not able to attend the Session in person

To all St. Mary's Committee members,

The Women's Guild has recently cleaned up the kitchen area, including cabinets, closets and drawers. It is nicely organized now and we are hoping, with the help of everyone, it will stay that way. Please, when you have a function, place your leftover "anything" in bags and boxes and label with your particular committee names. This way we will know who owns what. I might add that most things of any bulk should go to your area upstairs to save our limited space downstairs. If you leave anything in the refrigerator, please label it and dispose of it in a timely manner if not used. Thanks in advance and if you have any questions, concerns about the clean up, feel contact Sue Shortley, 677-0556.

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.

The Religious Education Office has a new e-mail - st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com

July 11 – Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot -

Born in 480 A.D. in Umbria, St. Benedict organized monastic life in 12 small monasteries before founding the great Abby of Monte Cassino in Campania, the birthplace of modern monasticism. There he wrote his “Rule” prescribing a life of prayer, study, work and community life under one superior. St. Benedict taught his followers that the sole objective of existence is the search for God.

Did you know?

Did you know that the long, white garment worn by a priest or deacon under all the other vestments is called an **Alb**? (Latin for “white”) The alb reminds the priest of his baptism, when he was clothed in white to signify his freedom from sin, purity of new life, and Christian dignity.

Did you know that the **Cincture** is a long, thick cord with tassels at the ends worn by a priest or deacon which secures the alb around the waist like a belt? It may be white or may be the same liturgical color as the other vestments. Spiritually, the cincture reminds the priest of the admonition of St. Peter: “So gird the loins of your understanding; live soberly; set all your hope on the gift to be conferred on you when Jesus Christ appears. As obedient sons, do not yield to the desires that once shaped you in your ignorance. Rather, become holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, after the likeness of the holy One who called you” (1 Peter 1:13-15).



St. Mary parish family welcomes the following newly registered members:

Jennifer & Andrew Garza & family, Farmington

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

Ryan Gregory Veras

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.

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Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. July 10. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

At the **Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield**, 50 Montfort Rd., Route 118, Litchfield, CT, Fr. Richard Schebera, SMM, will be returning again to the Shrine and will offer three talks in July:

INTERPRETING THE BIBLE'S MEANING:

Thursday, July 12th - Tips to help reading the Bible

Thursday, July 19th - Reading the Bible: alone or with others?

Thursday, July 26th - Determining our personal reading of the Bible

The lectures will be held in the air-conditioned Grotto Chapel from 7:00 to 8:15pm. No registration is required; a free will offering will be appreciated. All are welcome. For further information, call 860-567-1041 or e-mail: lourdesshrinect@gmail.com.

Want to become an Altar Server?

Youth in grade 4 or older are invited to become a member of our Altar Server ministry. The Altar Server ministry gives the youth of our parish the honor of assisting the priest at weekend and special Masses. Altar Servers must be willing to attend training sessions, serve at any weekend Mass and on special occasions such as feast days, First Communion and Confirmation. This is an amazing opportunity for youth to become more involved during the Mass. To learn more about becoming an Altar Server, please contact the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com.

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.

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.