

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday,	July 21, 2018
4:30 p.m.	Frank & Marilyn Dolce (50th anniversary) by their family
Sunday,	July 22, 2018
7:30 a.m.	John Slabinski by his daughter-in-law Marilyn
9:30 a.m.	Suzanne Burke Lampognana by her mother
11:00 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Monday,	July 23, 2018
7:45a.m.	Elba DeSanchez by her daughter
Tuesday,	July 24, 2018
7:45 a.m.	In thanks for the successful Thai rescue mission
Wednesday,	July 25, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Doris Bell by Dick & Claire Selinga
Thursday,	July 26, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Friday,	July 27, 2018
7:45 a.m.	Doris Bell by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Saturday,	July 28, 2018
4:30 p.m.	Kitty O'Donnell by her sister Mary
Sunday,	July 29, 2018
7:30 a.m.	Skip Woods by his family
9:30 a.m.	Robert Alger, Sr. by John & Doris Hoffman family
11:00 a.m.	Joseph Ferreira, Sr. by Scott & Theresa Greiner

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
 Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Parish Support—July 15, 2018

Weekly	\$ 8,741.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$ 1,347.00</u>
Total	\$10,088.00

Calendar

7/24 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—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



From the Human Needs Committee:

A collection of school supplies will be held the weekends of August 4,5 and August 11,12 for students in need in the town of Farmington. The greatest need is for Backpacks (Elementary and Middle school size). The following items are also most appreciated; pens and pencils (10-12 pack), Highlighters, Post it notes, Notebooks, rulers, 3 ring binders, filler paper, composition books, glue sticks, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pencil top and pink erasers, child-size scissors, USB flash drives, and protractors. Please contact Donna Dellacamera at 860 675-5924 or ddellacamera@comcast.net with any questions. You may leave any items in the box in the gathering space. Thank you for your support!

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July 25 – Feast of Saint James, Apostle –

St. James was one of the 12 Apostles and St. John's brother. (He is known as the *Greater* to distinguish him from the other Apostle, St. James, our Lord's cousin.) With Peter and John, he witnessed the Transfiguration, and fell asleep in the field during Jesus' agony in the garden. Around 42 A.D., he was beheaded in Jerusalem by Herod Agrippa. Since the ninth century Spain has claimed the honor of possessing his relics. In the Middle Ages pilgrimages to St. James of Compostella was the most famous and the most frequented pilgrimage in Christendom.

July 26 – Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary –

St. Joachim and St. Anne are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They were unable to have children which, in the Jewish society, was thought to be a sign of God's displeasure. So, St. Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray where an angel appeared to him and said that his wife will conceive. As St. Anne was praying for a child, an angel appeared to her and said, "You shall conceive and bear a child."

In gratitude to God for the blessing of a daughter, Joachim and Anne vowed to consecrate Mary to God in the Temple as soon as age permitted. Mary was scarcely three years old when she was admitted to the elect group of virgins consecrated to God.

Did you know that the **Stole** is a long cloth, about four inches wide and of the same color as the chasuble, is worn by a priest around the neck like a scarf, and is secured at the waist with the cincture. The stole reminds the priest not only of his authority and dignity as a priest, but also of his duty to preach the Word of God with courage and conviction ("Indeed, God's word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword." Hebrews 4:12) and to serve the needs of the faithful.

Did you know that the **Chasuble** is the outer garment worn by a priest over the alb and stole? Derived from the Latin word *casual* meaning "house," the chasuble in the Graeco-Roman world was like a cape that completely covered the body and protected the person from inclement weather. Spiritually, the chasuble reminds the priest of the charity of Christ: "Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect" (Colossians, 3:14).

For Your Information

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. July 24. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

Girl Scouts Troop 66025 of Farmington will be creating "Simple Smile" Bags for the homeless. **A collection box has been placed in the Gathering space and items will be collected next weekend only.** Donations of every-day items including: body soap, shampoo, lotion, socks, baby wipes, women's sanitary products, deodorant, mini travel first aid kits, nail clippers, nail files, hair ties, hairbrushes, combs, lip balm/chapstick, travel tissue packets. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Baker 860 985-3776.

Save the Date – September 25, 2018 

**Fourth Annual St. Mary Star of the Sea -
Charity Golf Tournament**

Save the date now for the St. Mary Star of the Sea Fourth Annual Golf Tournament to be held on September 25 at Blue Fox Run in Avon. Join the over 150 participants who last year enjoyed 18 holes of golf, dinner, and cocktails, and the chance to win fabulous prizes, all for \$125 per each golfer. Or just join us for dinner and cocktails for \$40 per individual. Over the three years since we began the event we raised \$50,000 for the House of Bread in Hartford and Ste. Therese de L'Enfant Jesus in Lilavois, Haiti. Help us to continue the growth of our event by increasing donations and raffle prizes/gifts from parishioners and local businesses. For more info, please pick up a brochure in the Gathering Space or contact Carol L'Heureux-860-307-1199 (c), 860-675-1430 (h), c.lheureux@comast.net; George Crowley-860-674-0844 (h), 860-463-2069 (c) georgecrowley@comcast.net; Dave Popielarczyk-860-

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.