

Mass Incensons

Saturday,	November 30, 2019
4:30 p.m.	Marie Wassik by her family
Sunday,	December 1, 2019
7:30 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
9:30 a.m.	Dolores Gerardi by Anna & Emil Prunk
11:00 a.m.	Joseph Voves (1st anniversary) by his family
Monday,	December 2, 2019
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko (3rd anniversary) by her family
Tuesday,	December 3, 2019
7:45 a.m.	Grace Clancy Murphy by her son
Wednesday,	December 4, 2019
7:45 a.m.	Al & Yvonne LeBlanc by their daughter
Thursday,	December 5, 2019
7:45 a.m.	Eileen Rolfe by Judy Welcome
Friday,	December 6, 2019
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Saturday,	December 7, 2019
4:30 p.m.	Bill McAuliffe by his friends & family
Sunday,	December 8, 2019
7:30 a.m.	Lois Smith (1 month) by her daughter Donna Dellacamera
9:30 a.m.	Ryan Davies by his mother Lisa Varian
11:00 a.m.	William DiGioia by Jane DiGioia

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Parish Support November 24, 2019

Due to our bulletin publisher's early holiday deadline, parish support for November 24 will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

12/3	6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
12/8	9:30 a.m. Little Stars 9:30 a.m. Choir

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place this Friday after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until noon. There should be at least three adorers for every hour. Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space; your phone number should be included in the event of a cancellation or a funeral. If you are unable to attend, please call Bob Murphy at (860) 673 -9551.



Children's Christmas Party and Ornament Workshop -

The Knights of Columbus and the Fun Committee present a combined event: **The Children's Christmas Party and Ornament Workshop** on Sunday, December 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 301 New Britain Ave, Unionville. All children, grandchildren and friends of K of C members and St. Mary Star of the Sea parishioners are welcome to attend. Children should be ages 12 and under. This year, the party includes Magic of Kevin Aust, 3 cute ornament projects, Face Painting, a Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Please sign up for the event no later than December 2 so we can properly prepare for the special day. Sign Up Sheets will be in the Fr. Golas Gathering space at church, K of C Hall or call Olivia or Timothy Germano at (860) 678-0597 or (860) 212-2516.

Next weekend our parish will take up the **Retirement Fund for Religious collection**. For 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious, service is a way of life. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and social service agencies, usually for little or no pay. Today, hundreds of religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Thank you for your generosity.



From the Human Needs Committee;

The **Christmas Giving Tree**, decorated with gift tags to assist individuals and families in need, has been set up in our gathering space. Each tag represents a specific gift and associated charitable organization. Information about each organization is provided on the poster next to the tree. If you take a tag, **please be certain to provide the item requested by December 15.** You may return your gift and tag during our regularly scheduled masses on December 7, 8, 14, 15. Please secure the original tag to the gift. Gifts cards, checks and monetary donations along with their original tag may be placed in the locked wooden box under the tree. PLEASE- RETURN GIFTS FOR TAGS TAKEN, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15. You may contact Donna Dellacamera at 860 833-6347, or ddellacamera @comcast.net for any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wide-Open Eyes -When my first child was born, we had a nursery created for him that featured images from "The Beginner's Bible" painted on all the walls. (You may have seen this Bible before, where the Biblical figures in the book all had large wide-open eyes.) Images of Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, and Jesus were displayed on all four walls. On the largest wall was a big picture of Noah's Ark with lots of animals. As our son got older, we would point to images on the wall as we read bedtime stories to him. Our son is now in his 20's and living several hours from us, so those days are far behind in our rearview mirror of life.

We prepared quite a lot for his birth. When our next two children were born, the preparation time had decreased significantly. Most parents know what I am talking about. The newness of your first-born brings with it so much emotion that you are compelled to spend countless hours preparing. When the next children are born, you are certainly excited, but you act differently and with a little more reserve.

For most readers, this is not your first Advent. It probably won't be your last. If you approach these December days simply as a way to prepare for Christmas, you may find yourself just doing the same old thing as last year. However, if you spend this time reflecting on the time when Jesus returns or when you shall see him face-to-face, you might be able to stir up some of that emotion of anticipation within you. Jesus *is* coming again. When people of all ages understand that reality, it can be a cause for large, wide-open eyes indeed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

For Your Information

An Advent Day of Recollection is being offered on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at Montfort House (top of the hill) at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 83 Montfort Road, Litchfield. Reflection on Advent Attitudes: "Adjusting our Attitudes in Sync with Advent" will be explored. Join Fr. William Considine, SMM, Fr. Donald LaSalle, SMM and Fr. James Brady, SMM in discussion on the ways the Advent Season invites us to new perspectives and new attitudes towards ourselves and our world. Mass will be celebrated and there will be opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch will be served. Donation for the day is \$30. Reservations and donations can be made by calling 860-567-1041 or email:lourdeshrinct@gmail.com by December 2nd.

Gingerbread Fair

St. Patrick's Church -Rte 179, Collinsville, CT

Saturday, December 7, 10AM - 7PM

Sunday, December 8, 8AM - Noon

Unique Handcrafted Items ~ Gift Baskets ~ Teacup Auction
~ Delicious Bake Table ~ "The Gingerbread Café"

To all members of the parish: Please join us for the **Women's Guild Christmas dinner**, catered by George's, being held in the Gathering Space on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00. The cost for dinner and dessert is \$15.00 and checks can be made payable to St. Mary's Women's Guild. Please RSVP by December 9 and send checks to Jackie Gray at 300 Plainville Ave, Apt. 121, Unionville, CT., or call Jackie at 860-490-8835. Please bring an ornament, old or new for an exchange, and, if you like, an unwrapped toy for donation.

Please join us for Coffee Sunday December 8. Enjoy, Decaf, Regular, Hot Chocolate and Munchkins!"

This year the St. Mary Church **Christmas Pageant** will take place on Sunday, December 22 at 4:30. Rehearsals take place in the church from 4:30-5:30 each Sunday until the Pageant. Feel free to text the number 860-839-9062 if you are interested in participating. It is a great way to learn more about the meaning of Christmas and to have fun with all your friends! We hope to see you there!

