



Saturday,	March 7, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Joseph Voves by his family
Sunday,	March 8, 2020
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Girl Scout Sunday
11:00 a.m.	Alma Dube by her family
Monday,	March 9, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Karen Hearn by Bill & Ann Hurley
Tuesday,	March 10, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Robert Rogliano by St Mary's Women's Guild
Wednesday,	March 11, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Norma O'Meara by Nina & Dave Miller
Thursday,	March 12, 2020
7:45 a.m.	John Sheehy
Friday,	March 13, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Bill Durkin
Saturday,	March 14, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Jim & Bob McCaffrey by their family
Sunday,	March 15, 2020
7:30 a.m.	Philip Osle (3rd anniversary) by his family
9:30 a.m.	Sebastian 'Mike' Motta
11:00 a.m.	Margaret McEnroe by the Reno family

Calendar

3/9	7:00 p.m. Haiti Ministry Meeting—Hospitality Room
3/10	6:00 p.m. Women's Guild Irish Dinner - Gathering Space
	6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
3/12	7:00 p.m. Michael Kelly Blanchard concert
3/14	4:30 Choir
3/15	9:30 a.m. Little Stars

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent
Confessions 6:00—7:00 p.m. on Mondays during Lent

Lent 2020 here at St. Mary Star of the Sea
Events are free of charge and no tickets are needed.

On **March 12 at 7:00 p.m.** singer/songwriter and parishioner of St. Mary, Michael Kelly Blanchard will present **An Evening of Stories and Songs** including excerpts from his Lenten DVD *Waiting at the Station* based on Pope John Paul II's Way of the Cross. Please join us in this multi-generational night of faith, fun and reflection. A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert. Questions? Contact lamurphy622@gmail.com

Fr. Warren Savage will present a talk entitled **"Grow and Go Living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy"** here on **Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Parish Support for March 1, 2020

Weekly	\$ 8,882.00
On-Line giving	\$ 1,176.00
Total	\$10,058.00
Monthly	\$ 4,235.00
On-Line giving	\$ 475.00
Total	\$ 4,710.00

The theme of our parish Lenten program this year is **Works of Mercy**. A new project will be the collection and assembly of 18 different survival care items into a gallon-size Ziploc bag for distribution to the homeless and area shelters. Brian Bags is the mission of *The Brian O'Connell Homeless Project*, brianoc.org and <https://www.facebook.com/HomelessProject/> -a charity partially supported by our archdiocese's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The items to be collected include shelf-stable snacks, hygiene items, first aid items, etc. Please see the Gathering Space display for the list of needed items and collection bins. We will be collecting items for 7 weeks (March 8 through April 19) and assembling the bags on Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM - 2 PM. You may also donate directly to the charity for their purchase of a portable shower van for the homeless, using the collection box provided. Sign up sheets will be made available in March for all those who can help us on Bag Assembly Day. ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. For more information, contact Lynne Murphy at [860-673-9551](tel:860-673-9551) or Lynne.Murphy@gmail.com. Please do NOT donate anything NOT on the donation item list. The packing of these bags is specific to ONLY the items listed.

The 2020 *Archbishop's Annual Appeal* is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal office at 888 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

FOOD COLLECTION for our friends at Westerleigh

For the March 2020 collection, our elderly, low income and/or disabled friends at Westerleigh will be making **SWEDISH MEATBALLS**. The items to be collected are **ONLY the following item**

- 15 oz container of PLAIN Bread Crumbs
- 10.5 oz can of condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Small bag of egg noodles

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION/S BY March 29. Please see the display in the Gathering Space for sample ingredients. Please do NOT donate items which are NOT on the list. Contact Lynne Murphy at [860-673-9551](tel:860-673-9551). with questions. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Council Matters

St. Mary's Parish Council seeks 4 energetic, dedicated parishioners who are interested in joining us for a 3-year term beginning in July. Our mission is to act as a communication link between the Pastor and the parish community. Nominations will take place **NEXT WEEKEND** March 14 & 15. Confirmed, registered parishioners 16 years or older may make nominations – you may nominate yourself. Please nominate **up to 4** Nominees. Let's make our parish the best it can be!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the Works of Mercy SEWING EVENT on March 1 . Together, we made 135 fringed fleece scarves and sewed nearly 40 tassled fleece hats. Sewers took home the remaining hats to finish sewing at home and will please deliver their work back to church by Sunday March 15th. All the items made will be donated to local homeless shelters in mid-March.

For Your Information

16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt - will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m. on the Church grounds for children ages 12 and under. Please arrive by 12:50 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space or you can email stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com with the following information: Parent's Name, Phone number and Ages of children attending. For questions, please call Laura Roberts at 860 673-2307 or email stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com. Please bring a bag to take home your goodies. One child in each age group will win a basket of treats.

Students—Can you Please Help? If you are a student in Junior or Senior High School please help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Each year student volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up, stuff eggs, scatter them for the hunt and keep the children in dedicated areas. If you can help on Saturday, April 4 from 12—2:00, please contact Laura Roberts 860 673-2307 or email stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com

St. Mary's Women's Guild—**Save the Date!**
March 10—A wee bit of Irish—Corned beef and cabbage dinner—6:00 p.m. \$15.00 Call Kathy Hancock 860 675-1139.



Lenten Works of Mercy Service Project -This Year's **Meal packing** is just \$720 shy of our \$5,000 for the ingredients to put together 16,600 meals of Rice & Beans (last year we made 24,000). If you haven't yet donated, please consider this worthy Lenten corporal work of mercy to benefit local food banks, pantries, and backpack organizations. Please give your Outreach donations by next weekend. Questions, Lynda Bonato 860 673-5251 or Joanne Fishman 860 378-7583.

Request for Tax Information

If you require a "Statement of Contributions" for 2019, please complete and return this form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed or placed in the weekly collection. E-mails requests are acceptable and may be sent to: rectory@stmary-unionville.org. *Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted.* Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via regular mail promptly. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Name _____
 Address _____