

Saint Mary Star of the Sea

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 7:45 AM

MARRIAGE

To arrange for a wedding, please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Other times by appointment.

BAPTISM

Please call the rectory for the schedule of pre-baptism classes. Baptisms are celebrated the first and third Sundays of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register, please call the Rectory.

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Calendar

3/31 6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday,	March 28, 2020
4:30 p.m.	John Sheehy by Matt Zagami
Sunday,	March 29, 2020
7:30 a.m.	Lillian Clark by her family
9:30 a.m.	Karen Bandzak by her family
11:00 a.m.	Edward & Diane Boisvert by their family
Monday,	March 30, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Bob Slabinski by his wife
Tuesday,	March 31, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Wednesday,	April 1, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Thursday,	April 2, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Friday,	April 3, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Leo & Mary Crowley by George & Pat Crowley
Saturday,	April 4, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Alicia O'Leary
Sunday,	April 5, 2020
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Helen Motta
11:00 a.m.	Joseph DeFilippis by his family

Thursday, April 9
 7:30 p.m.— Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 10
 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 11
 10:00—11:00 a.m. & 3:30—4:00 p.m. Confessions
 11:00 AM Blessing of Food
 7:30 PM—Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 12
 Masses: 7:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Note: *There are no 7:45 a.m. Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday Mondays during Lent—Confessions 6—7:00 p.m. No Stations of the Cross through April 3*

The Legion of Mary will again promote the Divine Mercy Novena this Easter Season. We will pray the prayers for the First Day of the Novena immediately after Good Friday Services. This is a self-directed Novena. Pamphlets will be available Good Friday. Please pray this wonderful prayer and immerse yourself in Christ's loving mercy.

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

An Announcement Regarding the Celebration of Mass in the Archdiocese of Hartford

In light of what the CDC has issued on March 15th regarding the cancellation or postponement of large events and mass gatherings of more than 50 people, and given the March 16th mandate of Governor Ned Lamont requiring the closure of all restaurants, bars, gyms and movie theaters, the Archdiocese of Hartford has cancelled all weekend and weekday Masses, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the churches of the Archdiocese (the counties of Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven) through April 3, 2020. Priests will celebrate a daily Mass alone with no congregation, remembering in prayer all who are affected by the pandemic. Parishes will be encouraged to make provision for their churches to be open at some time so that individuals can still come and pray. Further direction and updates from the Archdiocese will be provided in a timely manner regarding Holy Week and all celebrations beyond that date.

Parish Support for March 22, 2020

Weekly	\$ 850.00
On-Line giving	<u>\$1,474.00</u>
Total	\$2,324.00

WESTERLEIGH FOOD COLLECTION for April. Due to the difficulty in getting groceries at this time due to the impact of the CoVID19 virus pandemic, the Board of Directors at Westerleigh will provide all the recipe ingredients for the April 2020 Nutrition Program. The residents will be making Crab Cakes. As soon as it the virus threat has passed, we will resume the food collection at our parish. Until then, thank you all for your generous support of this worthy program to support our friends at Westerleigh.

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2020 Appeal literature. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature which can be found as archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/

The theme of our parish Lenten program this year is **Works of Mercy**. We will be collecting and assembling 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 through April 19 and assembling the bags on **Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM - 2 PM**. You may also donate directly to the charity using the collection box provided. Sign up sheets are available for all those who can help us on Bag Assembly Day. For more information, contact Lynne Murphy at [860-673-9551](tel:860-673-9551) or LAMurphy522@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.

Visit our parish website
www.stmary-unionville.org

For Your Information

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt - has been cancelled.

The next **pre-baptism class** for those who have not previously attended will be held on **Thursday, April 23** at 7:00 p.m. in the Hart House. You must be a registered parish member to participate. The next class will be held in June 2020. **Please call the rectory by Tuesday, April 21 to register.**

The newly formed **Women's Cancer Support Group** meeting originally scheduled for **Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Hospitality Room will be rescheduled at a later date. The purpose of the Group is to provide emotional and spiritual support and the opportunity for social interaction and outreach to women battling cancer. For more information, please contact Gina at 860-989-4768.

Thank You. 

FLEECE HAT & SCARF UPDATE

Now that the sewers have returned the hats they made at home, we can cite the totals which were 132 hats and 135 scarves. They were batched up and delivered to Brian's Angels homeless shelter in Bristol (<https://briansangels.org/>) and Coram Deo (<http://www.coramdeorecovery.org/>) in New Britain which serves women battling addiction and in recovery. Thanks again to all who participated in this project at our church. We WILL do this again in the future! God bless you all.

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.

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