



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 25, 2020</b>
4:30 p.m.	Jim Hodges by the Petersons
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 26, 2020</b>
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
9:30 a.m.	Peggy Hallisey (4th anniversary) by her family
11:00 a.m.	Jeanette Shaw by her children
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 27, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 28, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 29, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 30, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	Michael Zikovich by Nina & Dave Miller
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>May 1, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 2, 2020</b>
4:30 p.m.	Joseph McMahon (9th anniversary) by his family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 3, 2020</b>
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	Helen Motta

**Readings for the week of April 26, 2020**

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/  
 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/  
 Jn 10:1-10

**Parish Support April 19, 2020**

Weekly	\$ 8,624.48
On-line giving	<u>\$ 2,021.00</u>
	\$10,645.48
<b>Total</b>	

*Thank you!*

**Members of St. Mary Star of the Sea:**

I want you to know how appreciative I am of how you have responded to our beloved parish during this time of trial. Many of you are now on-line with your giving. Others have sent in their offerings by mail. I thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity. God bless you.

*Monsignor Motta*

**In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Masses and Confessions in the churches of the Archdiocese (the counties of Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven) have been cancelled until further notice.**

**Beware of Scams**

Some parishes have noted an increase in scam attempts directed toward parishioners via text, call, or email appearing to come from the pastor. Please know that we would not request donations in this way and all offerings to our parish should be made only through the parish website, online giving, parish office, mailed-in envelopes.

**Religious Education—Where we currently stand.**

**All 2019/2020 classes remain cancelled** and will not be re-scheduled. The Religious Education Office is closed – however voice and e-mails messages will be responded to as soon as possible. Once a degree of normalcy returns, registration for the 2020/2021 religious education year will begin.

**Home study students are encouraged to finish their prescribed course of study** and hold on to the unit tests until further notice.

**Currently our Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation celebrations are postponed indefinitely.** Given that the CoVid-19 virus is expected to peak in Hartford County next month, Governor Lamont has extended “social distancing” protocols until May 20. As a result, our program schedules will be adjusted accordingly and in accordance with any Archdiocesan guidelines.

Until then - stay safe - stay healthy and consider praying for those who have been seriously affected by the pandemic – especially those who are courageously placing themselves at risk to serve others.

*Deacon Tom*

**Divine Direction**

A guy named Joe found himself in dire trouble. His business had gone bust, and he was in serious financial trouble. He was so desperate that he decided to ask God for help.

He began to pray, "God, please help me. I've lost my business, and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto."

Lotto night came, but somebody else won it.

Joe again prayed, "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business and house, and I'm going to lose my car as well."

Lotto night came, but Joe still had no luck.

Once again, he prayed, "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, house, and car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I've always been a good servant to you. Please just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly, there was a blinding flash of light as the heavens opened. Joe was confronted by the voice of God himself. "Joe, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!"

*For Your Information*

The Rebuild Committee will be looking into possible different or new ways to communicate with all our parishioners during such a situation as we currently have with the virus crisis. Until the committee can meet again, however, please "like" our Facebook page "St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Unionville CT" and please visit our parish webpage [stmary-unionville.org](http://stmary-unionville.org). Both sites have the most updated parish information available. Sharing what you find there with other parishioners you know goes far to keep everyone in the loop.

The Foodshare truck will not be resuming distribution here at St. Mary Church parking lot until May 12.

**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.

**Changes to April Food Pantry Collection**

Normally in the month of April, the Human Needs committee collects non perishable food at all Masses, for our local food pantries. Currently, this is not possible due to Covid 19 restrictions, but we can still help our neighbors in need! At this time, Farmington and Burlington would greatly appreciate monetary donations or grocery gift cards. They can be mailed to:

- Farmington Food Pantry
- c/o Paula Kelley
- Amistad Hall
- 75 Main St.
- Farmington, CT 06032
- Burlington Food Pantry
- c/o Jo Kozlu
- Burlington Town Hall
- 200 Spielman Highway
- Burlington, CT 06013
- Thank you for your support!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

