

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday,	May 2, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Joseph McMahon (9th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	May 3, 2020
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	Helen Motta
Monday,	May 4, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Tuesday,	May 5, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Wednesday,	May 6, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Roberto Sanchez by his sister
Thursday,	May 7, 2020
7:45 a.m.	William Durkin by his wife, Sylvia
Friday,	May 8, 2020
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Saturday,	May 9, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Mary's Intentions by the Legion of Mary
Sunday,	May 10, 2020
7:30 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
9:30 a.m.	Hieronim Zmarlicki by the Germano family
11:00 a.m.	Bessie Creehan by her family

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Parish Support April 26, 2020

Weekly	\$ 7,205.00
On-line giving	\$ 1,995.00
Total	\$ 9,200.00

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

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Suzanne Burke Lampognana

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep her in your prayers.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

For Your Information

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered parishioners:

- Kate & Matthew Angelillo & son, Southington*
- Lane Cooper & Emily Arrighi, Farmington*
- Elizabeth & Matthew Hutvagner, Farmington*
- Catherine Ryan, Plainville*
- Patricia Santoro, Avon*
- Natalie & Marc Sklenka & family, Canton*
- Steve & Jacquelyn Zawilinski, Burlington*

The Foodshare truck will be resuming distribution here at St. Mary Church parking lot at 9:00 am. on May 12.

Parish Prayer Line—If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at (860) 673-2945.

Thank You.

From the Friendship Center

On behalf of everyone here at the Friendship Center, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your kind donations of clothes, diapers and books on March 13, 2020.

The mission of the Friendship Center is to provide direct service to the poor and needy of Central Connecticut. Your continuous generosity will directly benefit the lives of the men, women and children here in greater New Britain living in extreme poverty, making burdens and challenges lighter.

Please accept the thanks of those we serve, volunteers, staff and boards of directors and trustees.

Did you Know? Our parish bulletins are available on our website: www.stmary-unionville.org

