



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	May 9, 2020 Mary's Intentions by the Legion of Mary
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	May 10 2020 Sebastian "Mike" Motta Hieronim Zmarlicki by the Germano family Bessie Creehan by her family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	May 11 2020 St. Mary Parish
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	May 12, 2020 Helen Motta
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	May 13, 2020 Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	May 14, 2020 The Beaulieu & Welcome families by Judy Welcome
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	May 15, 2020 St. Mary Parish
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	May 16, 2020 Carl & Louise Niederer by family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 17, 2020 St. Mary Parish Joyce McPhee by her husband Vilma Gerger by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Marques & grandchildren

Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Parish Support May 3, 2020

Weekly	\$6,355.00
On-line giving	<u>\$2,071.00</u>
Total	\$8,426.00

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

St. Mary Parish will continue to support Unionville's Crisis Pregnancy Center but without the baby bottles that were distributed previous years. The Center provides compassionate, loving and spiritual support to women helping them make plans to keep and parent their babies or make an adoption plan. The Crisis Pregnancy Center depends on donations and without financial support the Center would have to close.

Checks may be made out to Crisis Pregnancy Center and mailed to 30 Mill St., Unionville 06085. Thank you for supporting this great cause so generously every year. If you have questions, please contact Jane Peterson 860 673-3597.

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

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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For Your Information

The Foodshare truck will be resuming distribution here at St. Mary Church parking lot at 9:00 am. on May 12. Call Pat Robotham 860 673-3435 with questions.

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.

Laughter is the Best Medicine

In heaven, there were two lines. One said "Men who were bossed by their wives," and the other one said, "Men who weren't bossed by their wives."

There was a big line for the first one, but then the man who was checking people's name in the book of life saw one man in the other line. So he told the guys to wait. He asked the man why he was standing in that line.

The man replied, "My wife told me to."

If God is watching us, the least we can do is be entertaining.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

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



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