



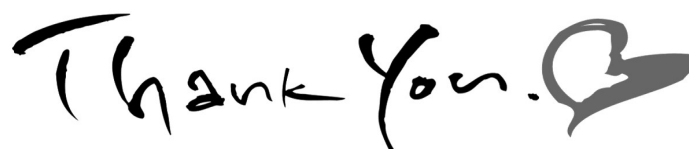
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday,	May 23, 2020
4:30 p.m.	James Van Hoof, Sr. by his family
Sunday,	May 24, 2020
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
11:00 a.m.	Helen Motta
Monday,	May 25, 2020
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Church
Tuesday,	May 26, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Wednesday,	May 27, 2020
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Church
Thursday,	May 28, 2020
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Church
Friday,	May 29, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Saturday,	May 30, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Deborah Therriault by the Jay McCaffrey family
Sunday,	May 31, 2020
7:30 a.m.	Helen Motta
9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Castro and Goldberg families
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish

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



Despite the cancellation of this year's Meal Packing Event with Outreach Program on March 21 our parish still fed the hungry!

Meal packets of rice and beans and mac and cheese made at Outreach's warehouse in MA were picked up by St. Mary's volunteers and delivered to organizations supporting families during the COVID-19 crisis: Gifts of Love, Avon; Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford; St. Augustine, Hartford; FISH Torrington; The Fresh Place, Hartford; McKinney Shelter, Hartford; Loaves & Fishes, Hartford; Divine Providence Church, New Britain; Fern Street Backpack program, Hartford; United Labor Agency Backpack Program, Bristol & Hamden; Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry, Plainville. Thank you to all for the generosity to serve others during times of need including large donations from the Women's Guild of St. Mary, Knights of Columbus, Unionville Lions Club and UNICO of Farmington.

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Parish Support May 17, 2020

Weekly	\$5,728.00
On-line giving	<u>\$1,966.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,694.00

Thank you!



May 24th, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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For Your Information

How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford you are urged to report this information:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko, Victim Assistance Coordinator
860 541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures section of the Safe Environment Handbook for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, 2016. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800 842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18-59 should be reported to
Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
1-800 842-7303

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of the Archdiocese of Hartford