



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday, | June 20, 2020 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Ed Cruess by his family |
| Sunday, | June 21, 2020 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Dillon May by the O'Reilly family |
| 9:30 a.m. | Jack Reilly by the McCluskey family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Ann Embacher by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Marques & grandchildren |
| Monday, | June 22, 2020 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Art & Gert Beaulieu by daughter Judy Welcome |
| Tuesday, | June 23, 2020 |
| 7:45 a.m. | For healthcare workers |
| Wednesday, | June 24, 2020 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Nan Douglass Kennedy |
| Thursday, | June 25, 2020 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Maureen Zagami by Eileen & Vincent Caruso |
| Friday, | June 26, 2020 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Angela Sienko by her family |
| Saturday, | June 27, 2020 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Joseph Faucher by Dayl Carrier |
| Sunday, | June 28, 2020 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Sebastian "Mike" Motta |
| 9:30 a.m. | St. Mary Parish |
| 11:00 a.m. | Helen Motta |

Readings for the week of June 21, 2020

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| Sunday: | Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 |
| Monday: | 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14 |
| Wednesday: | <i>Vigil:</i> Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. <i>Day:</i> Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 |
| Thursday: | 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29 |
| Friday: | 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4 |
| Saturday: | Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17 |
| Next Sunday: | 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 |

Parish Support June 14, 2020

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| Weekly | \$ 4,053.00 |
| On-line giving | \$ 2,088.00 |
| Total | \$6,141.00 |

Thank you!

Calendar

6/23 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

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

Religious Education News

To date there have been no announcements/guidelines forthcoming from the Archdiocese concerning the requirements for "start-up" of our religious education program this fall. It is likely that some program restructuring to accommodate social distancing and increased sanitizing efforts will be required. Re-scheduled dates for our First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation celebrations will be announced when a "new normal" comes into view. Check the parish bulletin (on our website) for any updates.

Going forward - **registration for the 2020/2021 religious education year has begun and will continue through August 7th.** Registration forms are available in the entrances to the Gathering Space and in the box on Hart House front porch.

Holy Hour has resumed at our parish on Fridays from 8 - 9 AM.

Adoration on First Fridays will not resume until further notice.

Keep us informed

Please let us know if you have an address change. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to alert us and keep our census current. Thank you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 21, 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness.

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For Your Information

The Legion of Mary now meets every Tuesday at 4pm via Zoom. It's been very successful. We pray for all prayer intentions placed in the box in front of the Statue of Joseph.

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. June 23. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

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

Three clergymen had a standing tee time at the local golf course. One morning they arrived and found, much to their dismay, two men already there, wildly swinging golf clubs. The three clergy members went to the course manager and complained. The manager said, “Well, these two men came to me early this morning and said, ‘We’re blind and we’d like to see what it would be like to swing golf clubs.’ “So of course I couldn't refuse them.”

The clergymen left.

The first said, “I’m ashamed. I was really angry. I will repent.”

The second said, “I’m truly mortified. I was furious. I will do penance all day long.”

And the third said “Why couldn’t they just play at night?”

