

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Monday,	June 29, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Frank Welcome by daughter-in-law Judy
Tuesday,	June 30, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Luke Guerette by Dora & Joe Slovak
Wednesday,	July 1, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Barbara Wolf by Judy Welcome
Thursday,	July 2, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Friday,	July 3, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Saturday,	July 4, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Mrs. Mary Neulinger by her family
Sunday,	July 5, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For Healthcare workers
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic

Weekend Masses will resume in our parish on July 4 at our regularly scheduled times:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Dispensation from Sunday obligation has been granted to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Hartford by the Archbishop through September 5, 2020.

The elderly, the sick and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable remain encouraged not to attend at this time.

Confessions will resume July 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Dear Parishioners:

Perhaps my biggest concern for opening the Church on the 4th of July is how can we sanitize the Church and the restrooms after every Mass effectively and quickly? We have decided to employ our custodian and use something called a "fogger." We have already received a generous contribution but we could always use more. Thank you for your generosity in the past and in the future.

Monsignor Motta

Readings for the week of June 28, 2020

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

Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Parish Support June 21, 2020

Weekly	\$ 4,628.00
On-line giving	\$ 2,750.00
Total	\$ 7,378.00

Thank you!

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.

The Peter's Pence Collection is scheduled for this weekend. Your donation helps support the charitable works of Pope Francis. The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering. Thank you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 28, 2020
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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.

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

There was a knock on the Pearly Gates, and St. Peter answered to find a man standing there. He glanced down at his clipboard to begin the intake process; however, when he looked back up, the man was gone. St. Peter shrugged and closed the gates. A moment later the same man knocked again. When St. Peter noticed him, he began to speak but the man disappeared even as the saint was looking right at him. When he man appeared for the third time, Peter shouted, "Hey, what's the big idea?" Are you trying to be funny?"

"No!" the man called back as he disappeared again. "They keep trying to revive me!"

The rectory office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

