



Saturday,	August 22, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Jim & Bob McCaffrey by the Jay McCaffrey family
Sunday,	August 23, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
9:30 a.m.	Edward L. Burke by his family
11:00 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Monday,	August 24, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Nan Douglass Kennedy
Tuesday,	August 25, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Edward Thomas Kennedy
Wednesday,	August 26, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Thursday,	August 27, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Godwin Okafor (4th anniversary) by the Okafor family
Friday,	August 28, 2020
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Saturday,	August 29, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Deceased members of Burns – Grandbois family by Peter-George Burns
Sunday,	August 30, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
9:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Varian family by Lisa Varian
11:00 a.m.	Bud Russo by his family

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020
 Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
 Mt 16:13-20
 Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/
 Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt
 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-
 51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab
 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom
 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Weekend Masses have resumed in our parish 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 have also resumed at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Religious Education News

Recently, the Archdiocesan Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis published a set of directives intended to ensure a safe environment for a return to "In-Person" faith formation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The directives (e.g. social distancing, cleaning, disinfecting and hygiene protocols) having been thoroughly reviewed in light of our available facilities and support staff make it clear that "In-Person" religious education gatherings at St. Mary Star of the Sea are not feasible at this time.

That being the case, parish based classes for the 2020/2021 year will not be scheduled; in-home classes will not be sanctioned. As an alternative, a grade level specific - home based course of study will be offered to individual students in grades 1-9. Each student's parent/guardian will be responsible for ensuring the course of study is completed. A strategy for the grade 10 confirmation class will be developed. While this alternative may not be particularly appealing to everyone, it is important to remember that until such time as the COVID-19 virus is contained our focus rightly includes the health and safety of our entire religious education community even as we strive to continue the faith formation of our students.

Parish Support August 16, 2020	
Weekly	\$6,964.50
On-line giving	<u>\$1,900.00</u>
Total	\$8,864.50
<i>Thank you!</i>	

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.

Returning to Mass

The do's and do not's

Before coming to Mass there are a few things that you should know.

You might notice...

- there are pews that are blocked off. This is to ensure social distancing.
- no water in the Baptismal font.
- less liturgical ministers (no altar servers) serving at Mass.
- there is no singing.
- no Missalette in the pews.
- Communion will only be received in the hand. The priest or Eucharistic Minister will drop it into your hand. No gloves should be worn to receive Communion as there will be no touching.

The Do's:

- Do wear a mask at all times.
- Do sit with your family but maintain a distance of six (6) feet between your family and the parishioner next to you.
- Do wash your hands both before leaving your house to arrive at church and after returning home.
- Do use the hand sanitizer provided upon entering the Worship Space.

The Do Not's:

- Please do not come to Mass if you or any family members are feeling sick.
- Please do not hang out in the Gathering Space before or after Mass.
- Please do not remain in the Worship Space after Mass. Staff must thoroughly disinfect the Worship space in between Masses.
- Please do not hold hands during the Our Father.
- Please do not touch during the Sign of Peace such as holding or shaking hands. You may offer a head nod instead.

While these changes might feel awkward, they are in place in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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

For Your Information



From the Human Needs Committee:

Due to COVID-19 precautions, Farmington Community Services will not be collecting or distributing actual school supplies this month. ***Instead, they will give families in need a \$25 Walmart gift card to assist them in the purchase of necessary school supplies for their child.*** For many years, you have generously supported the Human Needs, August school supply collection. The current pandemic has created an even greater hardship for many families. ***If you would like to help a student in need, you may send a \$25 Walmart gift card, or a monetary donation (in any amount) towards the purchase of a gift card,*** to

Farmington Community Services,
2 Monteith Drive, Farmington, Ct 06032,
attn: Sandra Bryant, MSW, Program Assistant.

Thank you for your generosity!



St. Mary Parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

- Joseph & Melissa Fortier & family, Bristol*
- Andrew & Kristen Marek & daughter, Bristol*
- Jack & Erica Shimeld & son, Unionville*
- Joseph & Gina Telfer, Burlington*