



Calendar

9/1 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

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.

Confessions have also resumed at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

On March 13, 2020, each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford was dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the potential danger of the coronavirus pandemic. In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the State of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, November 28, 2020, which is the last day of the current liturgical year. The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.

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.

Saturday,	August 29, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Deceased members of the 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
Monday,	August 31, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Rhonda Parent by Gregory
Tuesday,	September 1, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Joe Bevivino
Wednesday,	September 2, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Thursday,	September 3, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
Friday,	September 4, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For an End to the Pandemic
Saturday,	September 5, 2020
4:30 p.m.	James Sidney Riendeau by his family
Sunday,	September 6, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
9:30 a.m.	Helen Antonio by the Prunk family
11:00 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Parish Support August 23, 2020

Weekly	\$10,528.51
On-line giving	\$ 1,992.00
Total	\$12,520.51

Thank you!

Returning to Mass

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

You might notice...

- Pews are blocked off to ensure social distancing.
- There is no water in the Baptismal font.
- less liturgical ministers (no altar servers) serving at Mass.
- there is no singing and no Missalettes 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. Use 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 remain in the Gathering Space or Worship Space before or after Mass. These areas must be disinfected.
- 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.

For Your Information

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. September 1. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.



Back to School

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!

We greatly appreciate all who were able to support our blood drive in honor of Brad. Thanks to you it was a huge success. At the drive the American Red Cross collected 68 units of blood which can save up to 204 lives. This means so much to us and so many families whose children rely on blood donations to remain healthy. In addition, the toys collected will brighten the day for children receiving treatments at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Thanks to all for your support. Hope to see you at our August 2021 blood & toy drive.

Gratefully, The Law & Sylvester Families



St. Mary Parish family welcomes the following newly baptized members:

*June Reese Campitelli
Brooke Zawilinski*

Laughing in Heaven

Q. How can you make God laugh?

A. Tell him your plans.

Dear God,
We read that Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school, we learned that you did it. I bet he stole your idea.

Michael, Age 9