



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	September 5, 2020 James Sidney Riendeau by his family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	September 6, 2020 For Healthcare Workers Helen Antonio by the Prunk family For an End to the Pandemic
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	September 7, 2020 Tina Murphy by Bob Murphy
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	September 8, 2020 Patricia Phetteplace
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	September 9, 2020 For healthcare workers
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	September 10, 2020 St. Mary Parish
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	September 11, 2020 For an End to the Pandemic
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	September 12, 2020 Godwin Okafor by the Okafor family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	September 13, 2020 For Healthcare Workers Deceased members of the Arlauskas family by John & Mariann Arlauskas Tom Reilly by Bob & Lynda Bonato

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [1s 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Parish Support August 30, 2020

Weekly	\$6,592.00
On-line giving	<u>\$2,079.00</u>
Total	\$8,671.00

Thank you!

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

James Sidney Riendeau

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.

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.

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.

If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Where only a few come together in Christ's name on earth, Christ is present with them. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. To discern a vocation, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 and will re-open on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and relaxing weekend.



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.

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!