



Saturday,	September 19, 2020
4:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
Sunday,	September 20, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the pandemic
9:30 a.m.	For healthcare workers
11:00 a.m.	Ida Franciosi (1st anniversary) by her family
Monday,	September 21, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Frank Vichi by his family
Tuesday,	September 22, 2020
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Wednesday,	September 23, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For healthcare workers
Thursday,	September 24, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the pandemic
Friday,	September 25, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Carol & Bill Nadolny (60th anniversary)
Saturday,	September 26, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Louise & Rolande Genest by family
Sunday,	September 27, 2020
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	For healthcare workers

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Parish Support September 13, 2020

Weekly	\$7,901.00
On-line giving	<u>\$1,813.00</u>
Total	\$9,714.00

Thank you!

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

Just so there is no confusion about the status of the religious education program this year, **All "In-Person" classes (grades 1-10) have been suspended for the 2020/2021 year.** Social distancing, masks, contact tracing, sanitizing of facilities, and other safety and hygiene required protocols are expected to remain in effect through the fall, winter and potentially the spring rendering "In Person" classes unfeasible. There is no plan to transition to scheduled classes should the threat of the Covid-19 virus subside mid-year.

That being the case, the Religious Education Office is in the process of rolling out a comprehensive home study curriculum for students in grades 1-10. **"Parent – Teaching - at Home"** will be the only option for the 2020/2021 year.

Until the Covid-19 protocols have been relaxed by the cognizant state authorities and the archdiocese, we will continue to do our best (with the help and support of parents) to present a meaningful faith formation experience to all our students during these challenging times.

Any and all questions concerning the status of our religious education program can be directed to the Religious Education Office.

tel. (860 675-8522) or e-mail: st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com.

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.

From the Human Needs Committee:

Please, if you can, help support our local food pantries and Foodshare with a monetary donation today. 1 in 9 of our neighbors in Hartford and Tolland counties are worried about having enough food.

Our local information:

The Farmington Food Pantry, Inc.
 P.O. Box 84
 Farmington, CT 06034-0084
farmingtonfoodpantryct.com

Burlington Food Bank
 200 Spielman Highway
 Burlington, CT 06013

FOODSHARE
 450 Woodland Avenue
 Bloomfield, CT 06002-1342
Foodshare.org

Thank you for your generosity!

For Your Information

The Farmington River has seen many more visitors this year and so much more trash. We need your help and that is why this year's Farmington River Cleanup will run through September 30. To reward you for your efforts we will be giving out prizes weekly!

Please use your own supplies. To pick up trash along the river, you will need a few trash bags, gloves to protect your hands, a face mask and hand sanitizer to keep you safe. Pick a spot you know along the river and fill up your bag. If you need help choosing a spot for your group, please email FRWA@frwa.org and we will set you up. Plan ahead before heading out. Do you know a spot that has large, unwieldy items such as tires and appliances? Contact FRWA or your local Town Managers office or Public Works to see if they will make a trip to pick up these items for you. If something is too heavy to lift, make a note of its location and contact FRWA and we can help determine what to do next. Questions? Call Clara 860-673-0756 or contact the link above. To learn about prizes contact the link above.

There is a special heartache in finding oneself alone after a death, divorce or a separation. All are welcome; woman and men of all ages are encouraged to attend the Beginning Experience® Coping with Life Alone...In the Beginning or our 3 day event Beginning Experience Weekend Program One Weekend Makes All The Difference...

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE -Saturday, October 17, 2020

One Weekend Makes All The Difference

November 13 – 15, 2020

For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call: Victoria A. at 860-993-5469

Email: info@beginningexperiencect.org

www.beginningexperiencect.org

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WELCOME

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered parishioners:

- Jim & Terri Slenka & family, Avon*
- Alice Swanke, Farmington*
- Jeanne Swanke, Canton*

Mass Readings & Meditations

www.wau.org/meditations

Mass Readings alone - www.bible.usccb.org