



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 3, 2020</b>
4:30 p.m.	Joseph Colette (1st anniversary) by Maureen & Sal Acampora
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 4, 2020</b>
7:30 a.m.	Joseph Fialkiewicz
9:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
11:00 a.m.	Pauline Pierce by the Daddario family
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>October 5, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>October 6, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	For an End to the Pandemic
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>October 7, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>October 8, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	Ted Eddy
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>October 9, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 10, 2020</b>
4:30 p.m.	Mr. Donald Stegman by St. Mary Choir
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 11, 2020</b>
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
11:00 a.m.	John Embacher by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Marques & grandchildren

**Readings for the week of October 4, 2020**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
 Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**Parish Support September 27, 2020**

Weekly	\$5,591.00
On-line giving	<u>\$2,055.00</u>
Total	\$7,646.00

*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.

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 dispensation to each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford 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.

**Did you Know?** Our parish bulletins are available on our website: [www.stmary-unionville.org](http://www.stmary-unionville.org)

**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](http://farmingtonfoodpantryct.com)

Burlington Food Bank

200 Spielman Highway

Burlington, CT 06013

FOODSHARE

450 Woodland Avenue

Bloomfield, CT 06002-1342

[Foodshare.org](http://Foodshare.org)

Thank you for your generosity!

## For Your Information

**FOOD COLLECTION for our friends at Westerleigh**

During the initial months of CoVID, when our parish was not open for Masses, the Board of Directors at Westerleigh donated the food for residents who needed it. Several of our parishioners serve on that Board. Now that Masses have resumed here, the Nutrition Program will restart again for the month of October as food and nutrition needs are still important for our low income and/or disabled neighbors at Westerleigh.

For the October 2020 collection, Westerleigh residents will be making STUFFED PEPPER SOUP.

The items to be collected are ONLY the following items:

14.5 oz cans of Petite-diced Tomatoes

15 oz cans of Tomato Sauce

14.5 oz cans of Low-Sodium Beef Broth

Small package of Long Grain White or Brown Rice

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION/S BY OCTOBER**

**25th.** Please see the display in the Gathering Space for sample ingredients. We ask that you please do NOT donate items which are NOT on the list. If you have questions please contact Lynne Murphy at [860-673-9551](tel:860-673-9551). Thank you and may God bless you all for your continued generosity.

**The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield,**

50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield is now open from 12:30 to 4:00 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. New merchandise has arrived with a selection of outdoor statuary, rosaries, medals, and inspirational jewelry. Plus, wedding, anniversary and Baptism and baby gifts are available for these special occasions. For further information, call 860-567-0891. Covid safety precautions will be observed.

**The Right Answer**

During his children's sermon, the assistant pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail, and gathers nuts in the fall?"

One five-year-old raised his hand, "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sounds like a squirrel to me."

**Visit our parish website**

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