



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 27, 2021</b>
4:30 p.m.	Walter & Maria Chowanec by family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 28, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	Carl & Louise Niederer by their family
9:30 a.m.	William J. Grohs by Mary Reynolds
11:00 a.m.	Mrs. Mary Neulinger by Carol & Jose Marques & grandchildren & Mary
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 1, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Jack Shortley by Jim & Sue Shortley
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 2, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 3, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Robert Rogliano by the Peterson family
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 4, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Bill Durkin by Clara Ryan
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 5, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Jim Chaisson by the Peterson family
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 6, 2021</b>
4:30 p.m.	Jack Matava by Ken & Diane & friends
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 7, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
9:30 a.m.	Janice Morrissey (4th anniversary) by her family
11:00 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic

### Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-

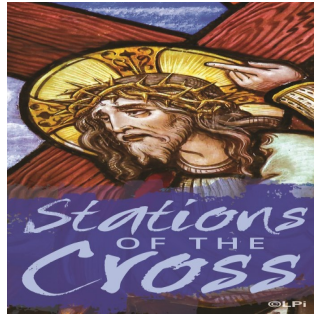
### Parish Support February 21, 2021

Weekly	\$ 5,151.00
On-Line giving	\$ 1,663.00
Total	\$ 6,814.00

*Thank you!*

### Calendar

3/2 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot



*Lent*

**Fridays  
7:00 p.m.**

As the COVID pandemic continues, we'd like to do everything possible to ensure your safety.

- Please keep 6 feet between your family and the next when sitting in the pews.
- Please wear your mask, covering your nose and your mouth, at all times even when coming up for communion.
- Communion lines will be 1 line in each aisle, maintaining 6 feet between people.
- After communion please move to the side, raise your mask slightly, and consume the host.
- Please use hand sanitizer before and after Mass.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

With the continuation of limitations on Mass attendance and our responsibility to ensure the health and safety of our parishioners, the Archbishop is extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days up to and including Sunday, May 23, 2021. (Pentecost Sunday). The elderly, the sick, and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable remain encouraged not to attend Mass at this time.

### WELCOME

St. Mary parish family welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Youngjoo Won  
Dimitre & Jenna Mirtchev, Avon*

### Our Lady of Calvary Retreat News

Due to the pandemic, the one-day women's retreat on March 6 will be canceled. Please visit the retreat website for the wonderful online program options that are available. [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net)

**Fish on Friday****Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?**

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others. Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy.

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*For the first time ever*, please join Archbishop Leonard Blair on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm. for the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal Virtual Kickoff**, allowing him the opportunity to personally introduce the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Reaching Out, Healing Together*. On Wednesday, March 3 please go to, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> to participate in the 2021 Virtual Kickoff from home. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal Funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

## For Your Information

**Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck** will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. March 2. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

**Religious Education News**

The Religious Education Office is looking for a few people experienced with the app "Zoom" to help with our "Protecting God's Children" program. Volunteers will host and facilitate grade level specific scripted meetings/presentations using the app to present elements of the "Think First & Stay Safe" program to students in grades 1-10. The program seeks to help children identify and avoid potentially risky and dangerous inter-personal situations (e.g. grooming, physical abuse, bullying, etc.). If you would like to help out – please contact Deacon Tom Sutak at the Religious Education Office for details. [st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com](mailto:st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com) or (860) 675-8522.

**As spring approaches ...**

Thoughts turn to celebrations of First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. While it's hoped that the CoVid-19 pandemic will ease sufficiently to allow for group celebrations – it's quite likely that individual celebrations of the sacraments will remain the safest option for both candidates, and clergy. The Religious Education Office asks that you pay close attention to our parish web page, bulletin announcements and e-mail memes for updated information concerning these celebrations.

**Request for Tax Information**

If you require a "Statement of Contributions" for 2020, please complete and return this form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed (16 Bidwell Square, Unionville, CT 06085) or placed in the weekly collection. E-mails requests are acceptable and may be sent to: [stmarystaroftheseaunionville@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystaroftheseaunionville@gmail.com) *Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted.* Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via regular mail promptly. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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