



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Calendar

4/27 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

Saturday,	April 24, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Roland Cote by Phyllis Kelleher
Sunday,	April 25, 2021
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Cosentino family by family
Monday,	April 26, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Tuesday,	April 27, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Ed Cruess, Sr.
Wednesday,	April 28, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Eleanor Rodrigue by Dick & Claire Selinga
Thursday,	April 29, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Friday,	April 30, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Herman R. "Bob" Peplau, Jr. by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Saturday,	May 1, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Joseph McMahon (10th anniversary) by his son
Sunday,	May 2, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
9:30 a.m.	For Healthcare workers
11:00 a.m.	Peggy Hallisey by her husband Paul



Although we took a break last year due to Covid, the Human Needs Committee will again sponsor the annual **Baby Bottle Drive**. This fundraiser supports the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Unionville. Empty baby bottles will be available for pick up in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space after each Mass on Mother's Day weekend, May 8 and 9. (Please fill the bottles with coins, cash or a check (checks may be made out to The Crisis Pregnancy Center). Bottles are to be returned Father's Day weekend, June 19 and 20. The Crisis Pregnancy Center provides loving, compassionate and spiritual support to women, helping them make plans to keep and parent their babies, or to make an adoption plan. Thank you for supporting this great cause so generously every year. If you prefer to send a check from your home, the address is: The Crisis Pregnancy Center, 30 Mill Street, Unionville, Ct 06085.

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Parish Support April 18, 2021

Weekly	\$ 6,721.00
On-Line giving	\$ <u>2,003.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,724.00

Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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The Religious Education Office is looking for people experienced with the app "Zoom" to help provide face-to-face instruction in our religious education program this fall. Tuition is waived for those willing to volunteer in the program. If interested, please contact Deacon Tom Sutak at the Religious Education Office. st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com or (860) 675-8522.

Religious Education Registration

Registration began April 18 for the "2021 – 2022" Religious Education year and will extend to July 30. All new and returning students are required to submit a registration form. Forms will be available in the entrances to the Gathering Space, Hart House and on the parish website. Those new to the parish are asked to provide a baptismal certificate and evidence of completion of prior religious education so that a proper grade level assignment can be made.

First Communion and Confirmation

It has been decided that First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated individually at weekend Masses. This form of celebration is considered the safest option for both candidates and clergy. Additional information will be shared through bulletin announcements and e-mails.

During the month of April, the Human Needs Committee will be collecting **non perishable food** for the **Farmington and Burlington food pantries**. In Hartford county, 1 in 9 persons experience food insecurity, and 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger. If you can, please help our neighbors in need! Especially appreciated at this time are the following items; rice, canned beans, baked beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soups and stews, and mayonnaise. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and may be placed in the wooden locked box in the gathering space, next to the display poster. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



For the April 2021 recipe item collection here at St Mary's, our low income and/or disabled Westerleigh resident neighbors will be making a hearty **TOMATO HAMBURGER SOUP**.

The items to be collected are ONLY the following items:

- 1 bottle (46 oz) V8 juice (plain, not spicy)**
- 2 cans (14 to 15 oz each) mixed vegetables**
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup**

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION/S BY APRIL 25th. See the display in the Gathering Space for sample ingredients. *Please do NOT donate items which are NOT on the list as we cannot use them - donate those items to a local food pantry - do not leave them at church.* If you have questions please contact Lynne Murphy at [860-673-9551](tel:860-673-9551). Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lenten Program 2021

A very heartfelt thanks to all who contributed and participated!

Thank you for your participation in the **CRS Rice Bowl**.

Through your Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, you've supported all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit.

For those who sewed **Fleece Hats for the Homeless**, 200 hats were returned and donations of those hats were split between the **House of Bread** in Hartford and **Brian's Angel's** in Bristol (which also collaborates with the St Vincent dePaul Shelter in Bristol). Your good works are keeping our homeless brothers and sisters warm on cold nights.

Parish Prayer Line—If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at (860) 673-2945.

For Your Information

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. April 27. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

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 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.

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 53 Montfort Rd., Litchfield is now open Wednesday-Saturday 10:30-4:00 and Sunday 11:30- 4:00. New stock has arrived including Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or visit our website, www.shrinct.org.

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. 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.

Did you Know? Our parish bulletins are available on our website: www.stmary-unionville.org