



Calendar
 7/26 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
 8/3 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

Saturday,	July 31, 2021
4:30 p.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Sunday,	August 1, 2021
7:30 a.m.	John J. Smith III by Dave Popielarczyk
9:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
11:00 a.m.	David Barr by the Hancock family
Monday,	August 2, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
Tuesday,	August 3, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Christopher Gillespie by Jackie, Joe & Jason Jaeger
Wednesday,	August 4, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Marion Motta
Thursday,	August 5, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Eleanor Rodrigue
Friday,	August 6, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Saturday,	August 7, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Matt Clark by the Clark family
Sunday,	August 8, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Mom Gondek by the Gondek family
9:30 a.m.	Marion Motta
11:00 a.m.	Phili Navaratne by her family

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021
 Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
 Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

COVID Safety

If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is optional while at Mass and other church events. **Those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks**, with particular attention being given to the safety of young, unvaccinated children.

Please continue to:
 Use the hand sanitizer provided upon entering the Worship Space.
 Maintain social distance between your family and others as much as possible.
 Refrain from holding hands during the Our Father or shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
 Receive Communion in your hands only.
 Avoid attending Mass if you or any family members are feeling ill.

Thank you for your cooperation with these procedures to keep everyone safe and healthy.

WELCOME

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

Mario Grietti, Burlington
Dana Jannetty, Plymouth

Welcome


We welcome all who celebrate with us at St. Mary Star of the Sea whether visitors, long-time residents or newly arrived at our parish. If you are not a registered member of our parish community, please complete a census form located on the table inside the worship space and return it to the rectory. It is necessary to be registered to arrange baptisms, marriages, enroll in Religious Education classes and to obtain sponsor certificates.

Parish Support July 25, 2021

Weekly	\$	5,507.00
On-line Giving	\$	<u>1,223.99</u>
Total	\$	6,730.99

Thank you!

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.



Attention Parents of Religious Education Students

The regular registration period for the 2021/2022 religious education year ends July 30th. Students registered after that date may find a home study curriculum as the only available option.

As for the fall format: Grades 8 and 9 are the most likely to have an opportunity to join an “in-person” class at Hart House. For grades 1-7 – “in-person” classes may not be available for all as students under the age of 12 are not eligible to be vaccinated and Hart House does not lend itself to some pandemic protocols. Add to that, returning and would-be instructors are not without their own CoVid-19 related hesitations and concerns surrounding “in-person” instruction.

More instructor candidates are needed. If a sufficient number don't come forward soon, classes at any grade level/format may not be possible, leaving a home study curriculum as the only available option once again. Be certain of this: **There is no “Ready Reserve” of people to call upon to fill the gaps if no one steps up to help.**

For the grade 10 confirmation class, I'm pleased to announce that it's on track to meet as it has in the past - Sundays 6:00 – 8:00 per a schedule to be announced as we get closer to September. CoVid-19 precautionary measures will be observed at all classes (e.g. social distancing with masks required for the un-vaccinated).

For information about how you can lend a helping hand to our religious education program as we navigate through these challenging times, contact Deacon Tom Sutak at (860) - 675-8522 or st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com.

Choir to Return

Our parish choir will resume singing during our weekend liturgies beginning next Fall. Weekly rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 15 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Please consider joining the group. It is a wonderful ministry to share with family and friends. Knowing how to read music is not essential as the note-reading is very easy. For more details, please speak with Rick at your convenience. Thank you.

Dear God,

I think you'd be proud of me! So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, lusted, lost my temper or been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. In a few minutes, though, I'm going to get out of bed. From then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Amen.

For Your Information

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. August 3. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

Blood Drive in Honor of Bradley Law

West Woods Upper Elementary School Gymnasium, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington-Wednesday, August 18 from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment visit:<http://www.redcrossblood.org>; Use sponsor code BGLaw or call 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767). This event is also a toy drive. Unwrapped toys will be donated to the Connecticut Children's Medical Ctr.



Marriage Anniversary Celebration— All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who have or will be celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. To register go to: bit.ly/aohmarriagemass

Couples attending the Mass are allowed to bring as many guests as they would like to celebrate with them on that day. If you have any trouble submitting the form, please contact Fr. Matthew Gworek in the Office of the Archbishop fr.gworek@aohct.org 860 541-6491.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

Eucharistic Ministers are members of the Assembly who assist in the distribution of the Eucharist. Typically, Eucharistic Ministers can also distribute Holy Communion to those in prison, or to those who are sick and unable or incapable of attending the Mass, thereby providing love, support, and care to others. After joining the ministry, Eucharistic Ministers are typically assigned to assist with distribution of the Holy Eucharist at Mass once or twice each month. Eucharistic Ministers may also serve at special Masses. Participation is open to all registered parishioners. We are currently in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for all masses. For more information please contact Ed O'Reilly 860-751-9136 or eoreilly@stmary-unionville.org

Mass Readings & Meditations

www.wau.org/meditations

Mass Readings alone - www.bible.usccb.org