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| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>December 11, 2021</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.         | Adam Kaminski (20th anniversary) by his family                            |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>December 12, 2021</b>  |
| 7:30 a.m.         | Leo G. & Mary C. Crowley by George & Patricia Crowley                     |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Josephine Sklenka by Jim & Terri Sklenka                                  |
| 11:00 a.m.        | In Honor of the Founding of the Legion of Mary on their 100th anniversary |
| <b>Monday,</b>    | <b>December 13, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | MaryAnn Andrzejczyk by Judy Welcome                                       |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | <b>December 14, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Ken Beaulieu by Judy Welcome  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | <b>December 15, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Betty Faitella  |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | <b>December 16, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | For Healthcare Workers  |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | <b>December 17, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Barbara Wolf by Judy Welcome  |
| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>December 18, 2021</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.         | Sr. Theresa Mary Gondek by St. Mary Church Choir                          |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>December 19, 2021</b>  |
| 7:30 a.m.         | Zdzislaw Kukula by his family   |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Joseph Voves (3rd anniversary) by his family                              |
| 11:00 a.m.        | Concetta Desnoyers & her son Michael Zirolli by Don & Linda Powers        |

**Readings for the week of December 12, 2021**  
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Parish Support December 5, 2021**

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| Weekly         | \$6,525.00        |
| On-line Giving | <u>\$1,484.00</u> |
| Total          | \$8,009.00        |
| Monthly        | \$2,143.00        |

*Thank you!*

**Calendar**

- 12/13 6:30 p.m. Haiti Ministry Mtg.—Gathering Space  
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
- 12/14 7:00 p.m. Women’s Guild Mtg.—Gathering Space
- 12/18-19 Knights of Columbus—Food Drive Weekend

**We Wonder: Advent**

As we continue through the Season of Advent, another online opportunity for prayer and reflection can be found in a podcast entitled *We Wonder: Advent*. With short episodes released every day throughout the entire liturgical season, this podcast looks at the symbols and stories of Advent in a way that’s designed for the whole family to enjoy together. Go to [wewonderpod.com](http://wewonderpod.com) and click on the “Listen Now” or “Advent Stories” buttons or search for “We Wonder” wherever you find your favorite podcasts to enjoy these beautiful reflections as we do our best to prepare the way of the Lord.



**Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

- (No 7:45 AM)
- 4:00 PM
- 10:00 PM

**Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

- 8:00 AM
- 10:00 AM
- (No 4:30 PM Vigil)

**Sunday, December 26**

- 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 11:00 AM

**Friday, December 31 (Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary)**

- (No 7:45 AM)
- 4:00 PM

**Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary**

- (not a holy day of obligation)
- 8:00 AM
- 10:00 AM
- 4:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)

**Sunday, January 2**

- 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 11:00 AM

Beginning this weekend will be starting to re-introduce our **Hospitality Ministry**. For those who have been ushers in the past, you are welcome to restart this ministry. For those who have not been ushers in the past, please contact the rectory 860 673-2422 to become involved.



**Advent is an exciting season** filled with beautiful rituals! Our Parish will have several activities for you and your family to experience the beauty of the anticipation of our Lord's coming.

Two Advent Calendars are available this year:

One calendar has been purchased for each household. An interactive, online calendar has been created on our website <http://stmary-Unionville.org/>

Children's Advent Activity Sheets - one per household

**Attention Sewers and Crocheters!** Remember our neighbors who need warmth and comfort this season!

We will be making fleece hats and crocheted scarves during the Advent season for our neighbors in need at local shelters. Supplies are available at the display in the Gathering Space. We will provide the fabric, yarn, pattern and instructions. Please return finished sewn hats and finished crocheted scarves to the bins in the Gathering Space by December 19th. **Questions? Contact Denise Genest at [nmgenest@snet.net](mailto:nmgenest@snet.net) or at (860) 675-3242.**

Reminder that the deadline to bring in gifts for the Giving Tree is this weekend. If you have taken a tag, **PLEASE be certain to provide the item requested by December 12.** Gifts do not need to be wrapped, but gift bags may be used. If possible, please provide a gift receipt for any clothing items, shoes or boots. Gift cards or donations including checks, may be placed in the locked wooden box next to the tree. THANK YOU for your generous support! Please attach the original tag to the gift or envelope. You may contact Donna Dellacamera 860 833-6347, phone or text, or at [ddellacamera@comcast.net](mailto:ddellacamera@comcast.net) for any questions.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is sponsoring virtual experiences to support married couples during this time of social distancing. Some are on weekends or there is a series of weekly sessions from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve their listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

If you are interested in Christmas cards offered by the Women's Guild, please contact Sue Shortley at 860 677-0556. Cards are packaged five to a pack for \$10.00. Thank you!

## For Your Information

The **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will be celebrated at St. Ann in Avon on Sunday, December 12 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Please join us for this powerful devotion.

The Grotto Cafe at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield is now taking orders for Christmas cookies and apple crumb pies. The cookies are packaged in one and two-pound trays. Gluten free cookies and apple pies are also available. Orders must be placed by December 14<sup>th</sup> and available for pick-up on December 22<sup>nd</sup> between 11:00 and 1:00. To order, visit our website, [www.shrinct.org](http://www.shrinct.org) or call 860-567-1041.

### **Knights of Columbus—Council 32 & H.J. O'Brien Food and Fuel Drive**

We ask all members, friends and parish families to join us for the K of C local Food and Fuel Drive. From now thru 12/19 please help provide food and fuel donations to our local food pantries in Burlington and Farmington. Donations may be mailed to Knights of Columbus (Assembly 2002) P.O. Box 32, Unionville 06085. Mark "for food and fuel drive." In addition to your donation, the Knights of Columbus will match the first \$500 for this special event. Also we will hold a fill the truck collection on Saturday 12/18 and Sunday, 12/19 in the St. Mary Star of the Sea parking lot from 2—6 p.m. Saturday and 7—noon Sunday. Items needed include: dry goods, cereal, canned goods, personal items, (soaps, toothpaste, etc.) Cash, checks and gifts cards are also appreciated by mail or at Mass on 12/18 and 12/19. Thank you so much!



### **COVID Safety**

Due to the threat of the spread of Covid-19, **everyone should resume wearing masks in church.**

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.