

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>December 18, 2021</b>  |
| 4:30 p.m.         | Sr. Theresa Mary Gondek<br>by St. Mary Church Choir                                     |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>December 19, 2021</b>  |
| 7:30 a.m.         | Zdzislaw Kukula and Czeslawa<br>Kukula by family  |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Joseph Voves (3rd anniversary)<br>by his family   |
| 11:00 a.m.        | Concetta Desnoyers & her son<br>Michael Zirolli by Don & Linda Powers                   |
| <b>Monday,</b>    | <b>December 20, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | For Healthcare Workers  |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | <b>December 21, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | For an end to the Pandemic  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | <b>December 22, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Ruth & Francis Jaeger<br>by Joe, Jackie & Jason Jaeger                                  |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | <b>December 23, 2021</b>  |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Ed Welcome<br>by his wife Judy Welcome  |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | <b>December 24, 2021</b>  |
| 4:00 p.m.         | Duggan & Kelly families   |
| 10:00 p.m.        | Colette Lallier by her brother & his<br>wife Norman & Marie Perusse                     |
| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>December 25, 2021</b>  |
| 8:00 a.m.         | Angela Sienko by her family   |
| 10:00 a.m.        | Eugene & Bridie Rudiak<br>by Elaine Searle  |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>December 26, 2021</b>  |
| 7:30 a.m.         | Mom, Dad, Joseph, Jr., Teresa,<br>Robert, Jr. & Ruby Lee Gondek by<br>the Gondek family |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Susan & Timothy Kelly by Brian Kelly  |
| 11:00 a.m.        | St. Mary Parish   |

### Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66  
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79  
Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

### Calendar

12/20 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room  
12/21 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck— St. Mary Parking Lot

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Ed Welcome*

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.

### Rejoice! Finding your Place in the Advent Story

For those looking to finish these closing days of Advent well, we offer one final recommended resource: a video series entitled *Rejoice! Finding your Place in the Advent Story*. This series, from Fr. Mike Schmitz and Ascension Press, provides a number of deep reflections and meditations on the themes of Advent.

Go to [bit.ly/rejoiceadvent](https://bit.ly/rejoiceadvent) to find a play list of all the videos from this wonderful series.



### 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

### Parish Support December 12, 2021

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly                     | \$10,723.00        |
| On-line Giving             | <u>\$ 3,281.00</u> |
| Total                      | \$14,004.00        |
| Retired Fund for Religious | \$ 2,318.00        |

*Thank you!*

**Confessions**

In the final lead-up to the celebration of Christmas, it's an excellent time to prepare for the coming of our Lord by experiencing the mercy and grace that is offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As a reminder, Confessions are regularly held in the church on Saturdays from 3:30—4:00 PM. In addition to this regular time, **an additional opportunity for Confessions** will be taking place in our church on **Monday, December 20th from 6:00—7:00 PM.**

Finally, please note that due to Christmas falling on a Saturday, there will be no Confessions on that day.

**Attention Sewers and Crocheters!** 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.**

**From Gifts of Love, Avon**

Your donation of 25 coats and snow pants, received on November 29 is greatly appreciated. Your generosity is at the heart of all we do. Donations like yours support the 12,000 hardworking people who benefit from our programs each year, including the 300-plus local families who will participate in our Holiday Shoppe during the month of December. What a donation—thank you! We are grateful!

**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.

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**

**Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck** will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. December 21. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

**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.



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 Sunday 7—noon. 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 12/19. Thank you so much!

**Join us Christmas Day from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at Dish'n Dat, 144 Albany Turnpike, Canton.** Dish'n Dat and Cake Gypsy, along with various Farmington Valley Senior & Social Service Organizations will be feeding and gifting 300 people in need this Christmas. Full, hot holiday meals will be provided to go for each person along with toys and gift cards for children and delicious cupcakes from Cake Gypsy for dessert. There will also be a help-yourself food pantry to help fill your cupboards. Elderly, Veterans, and families in need deserve to have a Merry Christmas. All who are in need are welcome to attend! So that we may plan, please **RSVP** to your local social services agency and they will send us a headcount or email [suebudde@att.net](mailto:suebudde@att.net) with your number. We don't need names, just the number of people attending. Thank you.

**Welcome**  
THANK YOU FOR JOINING U.S.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Melissa Juliano & family, Farmington*

The rectory office will be closed on Friday, December 24.

