



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday,	August 8, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Peter McBrien, Sr. by Bill Kammerer
Sunday,	August 9, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
9:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Monday,	August 10, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Sebastian "Mike" Motta
Tuesday,	August 11, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Georges & Kathy Dossot (45th wedding anniversary)
Wednesday,	August 12, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Helen Motta
Thursday,	August 13, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Friday,	August 14, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare workers
Saturday,	August 15, 2020
4:30 p.m.	St Mary Parish
Sunday,	August 16, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
9:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
 Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Parish Support August 2, 2020

Weekly	\$5,110.00
On-line giving	<u>\$1,648.00</u>
Total	\$6,758.00
Monthly	\$1,642.00
On-line giving	<u>\$ 715.00</u>
Total	\$2,357.00

Thank you!

Weekend Masses have resumed in our parish at our regularly scheduled times:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Dispensation from Sunday obligation has been granted to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Hartford by the Archbishop through September 5, 2020.

The elderly, the sick and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable remain encouraged not to attend at this time.

Confessions have also resumed at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Religious Education News

Recently, the Archdiocesan Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis published a set of directives intended to ensure a safe environment for a return to "In-Person" faith formation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The directives (e.g. social distancing, cleaning, disinfecting and hygiene protocols) having been thoroughly reviewed in light of our available facilities and support staff make it clear that "In-Person" religious education gatherings at St. Mary Star of the Sea are not feasible at this time.

That being the case, parish based classes for the 2020/2021 year will not be scheduled; in-home classes will not be sanctioned. As an alternative, a grade level specific - home based course of study will be offered to individual students in grades 1-9. Each student's parent/guardian will be responsible for ensuring the course of study is completed. A strategy for the grade 10 confirmation class will be developed.

While this alternative may not be particularly appealing to everyone, it is important to remember that until such time as the COVID-19 virus is contained our focus rightly includes the health and safety of our entire religious education community even as we strive to continue the faith formation of our students.

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

Brynn Hazel Fortier

Sophia Isabella Raus

Returning to Mass

The do's and do not's

Before coming to Mass there are a few things that you should know.

You might notice...

- there are pews that are blocked off. This is to ensure social distancing.
- no water in the Baptismal font.
- less liturgical ministers (no altar servers) serving at Mass.
- there is no singing.
- no Missalettes in the pews.
- Communion will only be received in the hand. The priest or Eucharistic Minister will drop it into your hand. No gloves should be worn to receive Communion as there will be no touching.

The Do's:

- Do wear a mask at all times.
- Do sit with your family but maintain a distance of six (6) feet between your family and the parishioner next to you.
- Do wash your hands both before leaving your house to arrive at church and after returning home.
- Do use the hand sanitizer provided upon entering the Worship Space.

The Do Not's:

- Please do not come to Mass if you or any family members are feeling sick.
- Please do not hang out in the Gathering Space before or after Mass.
- Please do not remain in the Worship Space after Mass. Staff must thoroughly disinfect the Worship space in between Masses.
- Please do not hold hands during the Our Father.
- Please do not touch during the Sign of Peace such as holding or shaking hands. You may offer a head nod instead.

While these changes might feel awkward, they are in place in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Holy Hour with adoration has resumed at our parish on Fridays from 8 - 9 AM.

For Your Information

Blood Drive in Honor of Bradley Law—West Woods Upper Elementary School Gymnasium, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington—Wednesday, August 19 - 1:00—6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org Use Sponsor code BGLaw 1800-Red Cross. This event is also a toy drive. Please bring toys unwrapped. All toys will be donated to Connecticut Children’s Medical Center.

Youth Ministry Update—It has been a while since our Peer Connections Youth Ministry Programs were able to meet in person. However, that doesn’t mean we should stop learning about our faith. Our Youth Ministry Program has created a variety of programs for ALL AGES. Every day on our social media is the Daily Reflection to help your daily prayer practice. Every Wednesday is The Weekly Message video series where you get a chance to see the church and listen to the Coordinator of Youth Ministry. Every Sunday on our social media is the Gospel reflection to help you dig a little deeper into that week’s Gospel. Every month the Monthly Newsletter will be posted on the Youth Ministry Web Portal. We hope to bring you more programs and content over the next few months. Keep praying, wash those hands and stay safe.

Lord, you have told us what is good: “to do justice.” Help us to treat others as we would want them to treat us. When someone asks us to walk a mile with them, encourage us to walk two. When someone demands our shirt, Help us offer our coat as well. You have taught us Lord, that justice extends beyond the letter of the law. Lord, you have taught us what is good: “to love goodness” Help us forgive our enemies, but more so to pray for them. Lead us to comfort the widow, the orphan, the weakest among us. Aide us to feed the hungry, shelter the wanderer, and offer drink to the thirsty. You have shown us that goodness extends even to the Cross and flows from it for all. Lord, you have taught us what is necessary: “to walk humbly with your God.” And so, grant us, Lord, the ability to see ourselves as you see us. Grace us to walk without pride, so that we may serve others in humility and graciousness. You have shown us how to serve so that in imitation we may do justice, love goodness, and walk with you forever. Amen