

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Monday,	August 17, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
Tuesday,	August 18, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Wednesday,	August 19, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Thursday,	August 20, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Olga Bombara by her family
Friday,	August 21, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Art Beaulieu by daughter Judy Welcome
Saturday,	August 22, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Jim & Bob McCaffrey by the Jay McCaffrey family
Sunday,	August 23, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
9:30 a.m.	Edward L. Burke by his family
11:00 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
 Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt
 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-
 36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-
 16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez
 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom
 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Parish Support August 9, 2020

Weekly	\$5,619.00
On-line giving	\$2,475.00
Total	\$8,094.00

Thank you!

Calendar

8/18 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Edward L. Burke

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

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.

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

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. August 18. 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 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.



From the Human Needs Committee:

Due to COVID-19 precautions, Farmington Community Services will not be collecting or distributing actual school supplies this month. ***Instead, they will give families in need, a \$25 Walmart gift card to assist them in the purchase of necessary school supplies for their child.*** For many years, you have generously supported the Human Needs, August school supply collection. The current pandemic has created an even greater hardship for many families. ***If you would like to help a student in need, you may send a \$25 Walmart gift card, or a monetary donation (in any amount) towards the purchase of a gift card,*** to

Farmington Community Services,
2 Monteith Drive, Farmington, Ct 06032,
attn: Sandra Bryant, MSW, Program Assistant.

Thank you for your generosity!

Church Chuckles

Asked how the membership drive was going Reverend Phil said, “Many are called, but pews are open.”

Reverend Larry pleaded with the congregation to dig deeper for the offering. “Drawing a halo over Abe Lincoln’s head doesn’t make the five go any further.”