



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday,	December 5, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Eugene Huppe (6th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	December 6, 2020
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
9:30 a.m.	Ryan Davies by his mother Lisa Varian
11:00 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
Monday,	December 7, 2020
7:45 a.m.	William J. Watson by Carol & Les McCallum
Tuesday,	December 8, 2020
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
Wednesday,	December 9, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Edward Murphy, Sr. by his son
Thursday,	December 10, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Florence Clapp Bowman by her daughter-in-law
Friday,	December 11, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Adam Kaminski by his family
Saturday,	December 12, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Bill McAuliffe by his friends & family
Sunday,	December 13 2020
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
11:00 a.m.	Joseph Voves (2nd anniversary) by his family

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/

Parish Support November 29, 2020

Weekly	\$5,494.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$2,196.00</u>
Total	\$7,690.00

Thank you!

Calendar

12/8 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

We will celebrate one Mass at 7:45 a.m. on December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To All Parishioners:

We have received a dispensation from the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days until Tuesday, February 16, 2021. This is the day before Ash Wednesday.

As Covid increases, I encourage people not to attend Mass if you think that you might be susceptible to the disease. We are in the process of deciding if we can have Mass on Christmas.

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.

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

As the COVID pandemic continues, we'd like to do everything possible to ensure your safety.

- Please keep 6 feet between your family and the next when sitting in the pews.
- Please wear your mask, covering your nose and your mouth, at all times even when coming up for communion.
- Communion lines will be 1 line in each aisle, maintaining 6 feet between people.
- After communion please move to the side, raise your mask slightly, and consume the host.
- Please use hand sanitizer before and after Mass.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

In good times and in bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** taken up next weekend helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity.



The Human Needs committee is sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree to support local charities and those in need. A few modifications have been made because of the current Covid 19 pandemic. This year, only gift cards or monetary donations have been requested. Instead of tags on the tree, envelopes addressed to each organization will be available on tables in the gathering space for the next 2 weeks. If you would like to participate, please take an envelope for the charity that you wish to help. Please return the envelope and the specified gift card or donation to the locked wooden box under the tree, by DECEMBER 13. The name and address of each organization supported by our Christmas Giving Tree is also available on the parish website and Facebook page. If you prefer, you may mail your gift directly.

Every Winter Comfort Packages are given to home-bound individuals receiving Meals on Wheels from Services for the Elderly of Farmington. Small gifts were collected through CCD Classes at the Hart House. Since all religious education is online, at home this year we invite parishioners to participate in helping our neighbors know that are not alone! These items are requested to support approx. 13 men and 27 women. Dollar Store or Ocean State Job lot is a great source for these items

- Gloves (small 2-pack)
- Socks (non skid, various colors)
- Puzzle Books (large print)
- 2021 Pocket Calendars (small size)
- Bar Soap (moisturizing)
- No Food or candy, please

Gift Cards for Jesus

At the Christmas Eve service, the pastor, quizzing some children about the nativity, asked, “What gifts did the three wise men give the Christ child?”

“Gold!” one child yelled.

“Frankincense!” shouted another.

After a pause, a third asked, “Gift cards?”

For Your Information

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. December 8. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

The Legion of Mary now meets every Tuesday at 4pm via Zoom. It's been very successful. We pray for all prayer intentions placed in the box in front of the Statue of Joseph.

The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield's Annual Living Nativity has been cancelled due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in Connecticut.

Face Mask Fogging Your Glasses??? Try this technique.

Rinse your glasses with tap water, shake off the water. Apply a very SMALL dab of shaving cream to both sides of each lens, rub it all over the lens on both sides, then wipe it all off with a microfiber cloth for eyeglasses. Do NOT rinse again with any water. The shaving cream forms a very thin film that prevents fogging. Repeat daily.

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