



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday,	December 14, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Gary Pasler
Tuesday,	December 15, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Roger Michaud
Wednesday,	December 16, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Ted Eddy
Thursday,	December 17, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Friday,	December 18, 2020
7:45 a.m.	Peter McBrien by the Belmonte family
Saturday,	December 19, 2020
4:30 p.m.	Anne Elizabeth Kennedy
Sunday,	December 20, 2020
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Dolores Gerardi by her family
11:00 a.m.	Concetta Desnoyers by Don & Linda Powers

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
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: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Parish Support December 6, 2020

Weekly	\$7,233.00
On-line Giving	\$2,564.00
Total	\$9,797.00

Thank you!

Christmas Mass Announcement

Christmas Mass is always filled with an immense amount of people. With COVID19, we have restrictions placed upon us by the government. We can only accommodate a small amount of people. Rather than turn people away from Christmas Mass in church, I have decided to say Mass and have it videotaped. That way everyone will have access to our celebration and no one will be turned away. More information will follow on how and when to access the Mass.

Joseph and Mary were turned away from a room in Bethlehem and so Jesus was born in a stable. Certainly a stable was not as comfortable as a room would have been. However, we will never forget the circumstances of the original Christmas. Videotaping the Christmas Mass is not the same as attending Mass in church, but I think we will never forget this Christmas and how we celebrated it.

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.



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. Thank you for your generous support!

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

WELCOME

St. Mary parish family welcomes the following newly baptized members:

*Tobias Percy Lovely
David Henryk Mariano*

Did you know?

You can receive our bulletin directly in your email inbox?
Go to www.parishesonline.com

For Your Information

Knights of Columbus Food and Fuel Drive

Please join us for the **K of C Pandemic Local Food and Fuel Drive**. From now thru 12/24/20 we ask you to help us in providing donations for food and fuel to support our local food pantries and residents in Unionville, Burlington and Avon. Please mail your donation to Knights Of Columbus, P.O. Box 32, Unionville, 06085 and mark your check, K of C Council #32, Food & Fuel Drive. The Knights will match the first \$500 raised. The Knights will also hold a **Fill The Truck Food Collection** on Sat., 12/19 from 2-6pm and Sunday, 12/20 from 7 am to noon in the St. Mary (north) parking lot. Cash, checks, gift cards are greatly appreciated either by mail or at the truck. Items needed are: All Dry Goods such as cereal, coffee and sugar; canned goods such as tuna, chicken and baked beans; personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and soap.

FOOD COLLECTION for our friends at Westerleigh

For the December 2020 recipe item collection here at St. Mary, our low income and/or disabled Westerleigh resident neighbors will be making **SUPER FAST MEXICAN SOUP**.

The items to be collected are ONLY the following items:

- **1 carton 32 oz LOW SODIUM Chicken Broth**
 - **8 oz or larger jar of MILD Salsa**
 - **1 can 8 oz or larger of LOW SODIUM canned corn**
 - **1 packet of REDUCED SODIUM Taco Seasoning Mix**
- PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION/S BY December 20th. Please see the display in the Gathering Space for sample ingredients. We ask that you please do NOT donate items which are NOT on the list. If you have questions please contact Lynne Murphy at [860-673-9551](tel:860-673-9551). Thank you and may God bless you all for your continued generosity.

