

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 19, 2020</b>
4:30 p.m.	Anne Elizabeth Kennedy
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 20, 2020</b>
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
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 21, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	Dora Villafranco by the McCluskey family
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 22, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 23, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare workers
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 24, 2020</b>
7:45 a.m.	No Mass <a href="http://stmary-unionville.org">http://stmary-unionville.org</a> View video Mass after 1:00 p.m.
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 25, 2020</b>
	<a href="http://stmary-unionville.org">http://stmary-unionville.org</a>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 26, 2020</b>
4:30 p.m.	Timothy P. & Susan Kelly by their family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 27, 2020</b>
7:30 a.m.	Mom, Dad, Joseph, Jr., Teresa, Robert & Ruby Lee Gondek by the Gondek family
9:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
11:00 a.m.	For Healthcare workers

### Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

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
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<i>Vigil:</i> 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. <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### Parish Support December 13, 2020

Weekly	\$ 8,243.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,761.00
Total	\$11,004.00

Thank you!

### Calendar

12/22 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.



### 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.

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.

The link for the Christmas Mass will be available on the church website <http://stmary-unionville.org> & on our Facebook page on 12/24/2000 after 1:00p.m.

### 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. 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.

**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.

**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.

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the cradle when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures.

Immediately he turned and went outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get Him my little friend?" The little boy replied, "I got him from the church." "And why did you take him?" The boy said, "Well about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it."

## For Your Information

**Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck** will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. December 22. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

**The Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will be celebrated at St. Ann's in Avon on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Because it's Advent the recitation of the Rosary will follow as we ask Our Lady to intercede for us to her infant son, the Prince of Peace.

**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.

**Did you know?**

You can receive our bulletin directly in your email inbox? Go to [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

The rectory office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25 and re-open at 9:00 Monday, December 28. Have a safe holiday!

