



Saturday,	January 9, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Alfred, Marie & Patricia Zambrello by their family
Sunday,	January 10, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Jean Sullivan by her family
9:30 a.m.	Salvatore Melluzzo by Allison Barone
11:00 a.m.	Joseph D. Sefcik (13th anniversary) by Sophie Sefcik & Joseph R. Sefcik & family
Monday,	January 11, 2021
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Tuesday,	January 12, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Wednesday,	January 13, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Thursday,	January 14, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
Friday,	January 15, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Saturday,	January 16, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Paul J. Kramer (15th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	January 17, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Charles Thomas by his family
9:30 a.m.	Carlos William Hernandez Gomez (11th anniversary) by his family
11:00 a.m.	Harland K. Peck by his family

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Parish Support January 3, 2021

Weekly	\$8,131.00
On Line giving	<u>\$1,415.00</u>
Total	\$9,546.00

Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

FOOD COLLECTION for our friends at Westerleigh
For the January 2021 recipe item collection here at St Mary's, our low income and/or disabled Westerleigh resident neighbors will be making **GREEK TOMATO SOUP with ORZO**.
The items to be collected are ONLY the following items:

- 1 carton 32 oz LOW SODIUM Chicken Broth
- 1 package Orzo pasta (it is shaped like fat rice grains)
- 2 cans (14.5 oz each) Whole Tomatoes

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION/S BY January 24th. 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.

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

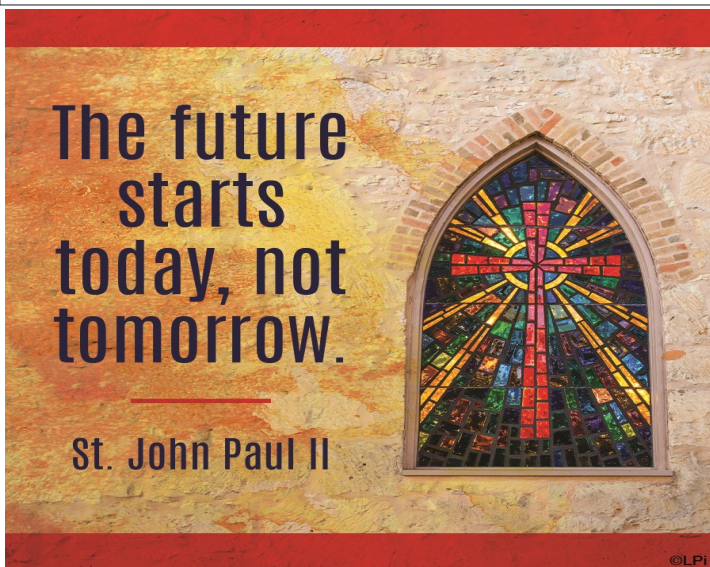
The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noise-maker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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For Your Information

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann in Avon on Sunday, January 17 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. followed by the recitation of the rosary. We will pray for the end to abortion and the sanctity of all human life.

The Grotto Gift Shop at Lourdes in Litchfield will reopen on Sunday, January 10 from 11:30—4:00 weather permitting.

CRS Fair Trade is happening online, or by phone for your gifting needs.

Small scale farmers around the world need your support during Covid 19. Farmers have been having a harder time staying healthy, continuing to do the work of planting and harvesting their crops and feeding their families. Their income is down because there’s no church coffee hour or fair trade sale. Now is the right time to show your solidarity with producers and artisans around the world in this global economy. Shopping the fair trade label helps us live our Gospel call to do what we can to lift artisans and producers out of poverty. Fair Trade embodies the principals of Catholic social teaching. You can purchase fair trade items directly from **Equal Exchange and SERRV** both **organizations are Catholic Relief Services partners.**

Contact @equalxchange.catalog or call 774-776-2333

To order coffee, chocolate, food gifts.

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From the Friendship Center, New Britain

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of a \$25.00 gift card to support the work of the Friendship Center. Your support helps men, women and children living in extreme poverty, making burdens and challenges lighter. Please accept the thanks of those we serve, volunteers, staff and boards of directors and trustees.

Church Chuckles

When my daughter was about three years old, I took her to bed and asked what she would like to pray about. Promptly she answered: “Onions.” I didn’t now why she wanted to pray about onions but I shrugged and we went ahead and prayed about onions. The next morning I asked why she had wanted to pray about onions. “Because the preacher said in his sermon that we should pray for things we don’t like.”