



Calendar

1/19 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

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.

The **Catholic High School Collection**, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 23/24, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 23/24.

Did you know?

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

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
Monday,	January 18, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Tuesday,	January 19, 2021
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Wednesday,	January 20, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Thursday,	January 21, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
Friday,	January 22, 2021
7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
Saturday,	January 23, 2021
4:30 p.m.	David Barr by Tammis & John Duggan
Sunday,	January 24, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Anastasia Jakobowski (22nd anniversary) by her family
9:30 a.m.	Sylvia Millerick by Denise Przystawski
11:00 a.m.	John J. Gurovich by his family

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Parish Support January 10, 2021

Weekly	\$11,342.00
On Line giving	\$ 1,640.00
Total	\$12,982.00

Thank you!

January 17, 2021-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPI

Church Chuckles

The church secretary thought she would surprise the pastor by redecorating his office while he was away at a retreat. She brought in a few plants, a new candle and a nice pillow for the visitor's chair. The first change the pastor noticed when he returned was that his "IN" and "OUT" trays had been relabeled: "Prayer Requests" and "Prayers Answered."

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.

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. January 19. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

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.

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.

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and relaxing weekend.



**MARTIN LUTHER
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