

# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>January 23, 2021</b> David Barr by Tammis & John Duggan
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 24, 2021</b> 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
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>January 25, 2021</b> Chris Donnelly by the Petersons
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>January 26, 2021</b> Angela Sienko by her family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>January 27, 2021</b> For the intentions of Beth Corey by the Petersons
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>January 28, 2021</b> Our Blessed Mother's Intentions
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>January 29, 2021</b> Patricia Haslach by Bob Sienko
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>January 30, 2021</b> Eileen Sott by John & Tammis Duggan
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>January 31, 2021</b> Daniel Jakobowski (22nd anniversary) by his family
9:30 a.m.	In memory of William & Geraldine Tierney by their niece Joan Golden
11:00 a.m.	Joseph Labay by the Fojtik family

## Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## Parish Support January 17, 2021

Weekly	\$7,647.00
On Line giving	<u>\$1,287.00</u>
Total	\$8,934.00

*Thank you!*

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

**Anastasia & Daniel Jakobowski**

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.

### From the Human Needs Committee:

With sincere thanks for the wonderful response to our 2020 Christmas Giving Tree!

Many things may have changed during the challenging time of this pandemic, but your generosity and concern for those in need has certainly continued! On behalf of our committee and the organizations we serve, we are most grateful.

### Did you know?

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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**For Your Information****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.

**WELCOME**

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

*Tessa Lynn Nardini*

**Church Chuckles**

A minister and a senator arrived at the Pearly Gates at the same time, and being a humble fellow, the minister motioned for the senator to speak with St. Peter first.

"Senator, we've been expecting you. Welcome! Please, step in to this limo. It will take you to the finest mansion we have."

Next the minister approached. "Hello, Pastor," St. Peter welcomed him. "Here comes the shuttle bus to take you to your economy suite."

"Wait a moment." the minister was mystified. "I have served the Lord faithfully for many years. An economy suite is my reward?"

St. Peter smiled as he replied, "Well, we get ministers up here regularly, but his is the first senator we've ever had."