

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday,	May 1, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Joseph McMahon (10th anniversary) by his son
Sunday,	May 2, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Angela Sienko by her family
9:30 a.m.	For healthcare workers
11:00 a.m.	Peggy Hallisey by her husband Paul
Monday,	May 3, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Patty Zaino by John & Tammis Duggan
Tuesday,	May 4, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Joseph Bevivino (1st anniversary) by his family
Wednesday,	May 5, 2021
7:45 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
Thursday,	May 6, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Roberto Sanchez by his sister
Friday,	May 7, 2021
7:45 a.m.	Betty Faitella by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Saturday,	May 8, 2021
4:30 p.m.	Raymond, Dorothy and Matthew Quallen
Sunday,	May 9, 2021
7:30 a.m.	Mom, Dad, Joe, Jr., Teresa Gondek by the Gondek family
9:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Intentions by the Legion of Mary
11:00 a.m.	William D. DiGioia by his wife

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Parish Support April 25, 2021

Weekly	\$7,568.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$1,185.00</u>
Total	\$8,753.00

Thank you!



Although we took a break last year due to Covid, the Human Needs Committee will again sponsor the annual **Baby Bottle Drive**. This fundraiser supports the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Unionville. Empty baby bottles will be available for pick up in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space after each Mass on Mother's Day weekend, May 8 & 9. (Please fill the bottles with coins, cash or a check (checks may be made out to The Crisis Pregnancy Center). Bottles are to be returned Father's Day weekend, June 19 & 20. The Crisis Pregnancy Center provides loving, compassionate and spiritual support to women, helping them make plans to keep and parent their babies, or to make an adoption plan. Thank you for supporting this great cause so generously every year. If you prefer to send a check from your home, the address is: The Crisis Pregnancy Center, 30 Mill Street, Unionville, Ct 06085.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration—Registration has started for the "2021 – 2022" Religious Education year and will extend to July 30. All new and returning students are required to submit a registration form and tuition payment. Forms are available in the entrances to the Gathering Space, Hart House and on the parish website. Those new to the parish are asked to provide a baptismal certificate and evidence of completion of prior religious education so that a proper grade level assignment can be made.

What Do You Have to Offer?—President John Kennedy declared in his 1961 inaugural address: "Ask not what your country can do for you – rather ask what you can do for your country." He was encouraging all to work toward the common good of the nation. In our parish today a similar thought might be raised – "Ask not what your parish can do for you – rather ask what you can do for your parish." Instructors are needed at every level in our religious education program – be it for "in person" learning or some remote learning form (e.g. Zoom, Google Meeting, etc.). Realize it or not, we all have "something" to offer, so please contact Deacon Tom at the Religious Education Office to see how you might share the "something" you have with the children of our parish. tel. 860-675-8522 or st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com.

To Our Parishioners: Are you lonely or know someone who would like a friendly phone call or someone to pray with or bring the Eucharist to? The Legion of Mary would like to help. Please call Kathy Dossot a 860 673-3163.

Food Collection for our friends at Westerleigh

For the May 2021 recipe item collection here at St. Mary's, our low income and/or disabled Westerleigh neighbors will be making SIMPLE CHICKEN SOUP.

The items to be collected are ONLY the following items:

1 carton 32 oz LOW SODIUM Chicken Broth

2 cans of mixed vegetables

2 cans of condensed Cream of CHICKEN soup

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION/S BY May 23rd. 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 - we cannot use them so please do not bring them to church. 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. The Westerleigh residents who participate in this program truly appreciate your help.

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 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.

With the continuation of limitations on Mass attendance and our responsibility to ensure the health and safety of our parishioners, the Archbishop is extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days up to and including Sunday, May 23, 2021. (Pentecost Sunday). The elderly, the sick, and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable remain encouraged not to attend Mass at this time.

Keep us informed

Please let us know if you have an address change. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to alert us and keep our census current. Thank you.



For Your Information

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann's in Avon on Sunday, May 16 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The recitation of the rosary to honor Our Blessed Mother, which we do in May, will follow. Please join us.

St. Joseph Church in Winsted is hosting its annual **Tag Sale June 24, 25, 26.** Please consider donating your tag sale leftovers or any gently used items that you no longer need to the ST. JOSEPH CHURCH TAG SALE. Proceeds to benefit the building restoration fund for the 100+ year old church building located in the center of Winsted. Call for information about dropping your items at the church hall June 16- 22nd or for home pick-up if you are unable to transport items. Sorry, **NO** stuffed furniture, large appliances, tires, clothing, paint, household chemicals, or large exercise equipment accepted. **YES**, to housewares, garden supplies, tools, linens, dishes, wooden or metal furniture, toys, books, craft supplies, holiday decorations, baskets, knick -knacks, and collectibles, jewelry etc. Any questions call Laura @ 860-738-4371

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 53 Montfort Rd., Litchfield is now open Wednesday-Saturday 10:30-4:00 and Sunday 11:30- 4:00. New stock has arrived including Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or visit our website, www.shrinect.org.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the **2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.** If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Fiscal Riddles

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.