



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 15, 2021</b>
4:30 p.m.	For Healthcare workers
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 16, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
11:00 a.m.	Vilma Gerger by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Marques & grandchildren
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>May 17, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Francis & Mary Rita Kess (45th anniversary of death) by family
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>May 18, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Doris Golba
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>May 19, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	For Healthcare Workers
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>May 20, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Jan Crowe by Ann & Nelson Waters
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>May 21, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Hal Marion
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 22, 2021</b>
4:30 p.m.	Shirley Lemay by Joan Manfredi
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 23, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	For an end to the Pandemic
9:30 a.m.	Hieronim (Ron) Zmarlicki by his family
11:00 a.m.	Florence & Ray Grant by family

## Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

## Parish Support May 9, 2021

Weekly	\$6,054.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$1,735.00</u>
Total	\$7,789.00

*Thank you!*

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Suzanne Burke Lampognana*

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep her in your prayers.

**We have received updated information from the Archdiocese of Hartford for the State of Connecticut effective May 22, 2021.**

**The Archbishop is ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days effective May 22, 2021.** (Pentecost Sunday). The elderly, the sick, and those who care for anyone who is vulnerable do not have to attend Mass.

- We encourage you to continue to social distance for the well being of others. Masks are still required.
- 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.
- There will be no offertory procession and the holy water font will remain empty.
- Please use hand sanitizer before and after Mass. Thank you all for your cooperation.

## Council Matters

Parish Council ELECTIONS will be held the weekend of June 5 through Friday, June 11. Ballots will be available at all masses and in the gathering space for parishioners who wish to vote at an alternate time. The church is open between weekend masses and from 8 -1 on weekdays. Look for the slate of candidates, with biographies, in next week's bulletin.

Next week our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. To learn more visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

## Mass Readings & Meditations

[www.wau.org/meditations](http://www.wau.org/meditations)  
Mass Readings alone - [www.bible.usccb.org](http://www.bible.usccb.org)

**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.

**There's No Place Like Home**

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

**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.

**For Your Information**

**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](mailto:st.mary.unionville.re@gmail.com).

This spring St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish will be continuing our participation in the **Forward with Faith** campaign to help meet important parish needs and support ministries throughout the Archdiocese. For more information, please visit the parish website for information and also the Hartford Bishops Foundation website for more information:

[www.forwardwithfaith.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org](http://www.forwardwithfaith.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org).

**The Archbishop's Annual Appeal** provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Every gift makes a difference. 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.

**Did you know?**

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