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| Saturday, | October 23, 2021 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Bob Kerr |
| Sunday, | October 24, 2021 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Eileen J. Dwan (1st anniversary) by her family |
| 9:30 a.m. | Marion Motta |
| 11:00 a.m. | St. Mary Parish |
| Monday, | October 25, 2021 |
| 7:45 a.m. | For Healthcare Workers |
| Tuesday, | October 26, 2021 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Angela Sienko by her family |
| Wednesday, | October 27, 2021 |
| 7:45 a.m. | John Legowski |
| Thursday, | October 28, 2021 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Marion Motta |
| Friday, | October 29, 2021 |
| 7:45 a.m. | George Griffith by St. Mary's Women's Guild |
| Saturday, | October 30, 2021 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Brianna McNaboe by her family |
| Sunday, | October 31, 2021 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Marion Motta |
| 9:30 a.m. | Christopher Gazlay by Margie & Peter Fernald |
| 11:00 a.m. | Marion Motta by St. Mary's Women's Guild |

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Parish Support October 17, 2021

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| Weekly | \$6,287.00 |
| On-line Giving | <u>\$1,471.00</u> |
| Total | \$7,758.00 |

Thank you!

Calendar
 Fair Trade Weekend
 10/25 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room
 10/26 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary Parking Lot

All Souls envelopes are available for your intentions on the tables as you enter the worship space. We will place the envelopes on the altar during the month of November and Fr. Gworek will pray for your intentions.

November 1, All Saints Day, is not a holy day of obligation this year.

COVID Safety

Due to the threat of the spread of Covid-19, **everyone should resume wearing masks in church.**

Please continue to:

- Use the hand sanitizer provided upon entering the Worship Space.
- Maintain social distance between your family and others as much as possible.
- Refrain from holding hands during the Our Father or shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.
- Receive Communion in your hands only.
- Avoid attending Mass if you or any family members are feeling ill.

Thank you for your cooperation with these procedures to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Please come join us in thanking Monsignor for his service and guidance to our Parish and our community. We will have light refreshments and cake! Msgr. Motta's retirement party will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Please RSVP to Jackalyn Gray at Jgray790@comcast.net or sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Space so we can get an accurate head count for food.

Parish Prayer Line—If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at (860) 673-2945.

Human Needs

During the month of October, the Human Needs committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Farmington and Burlington food pantries. In our area, food insecurity affects 1 in 9. Behind these statistics, are real people, our neighbors who are in need. If you can, please help. Every bit makes a difference!



Non perishable, non-expired items may be left in the Gathering Space all weekends in October. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to Farmington Food Pantry, PO Box 84, Farmington CT 06032, or Burlington Social Services, 200 Spielman Highway, Burlington, CT 06013. Thank you for your generosity.

Do you have a winter coat that you no longer use? Join us, Best Cleaners and Salvation Army to bring warmth to someone in need this winter! The Human Needs Committee will be collecting gently used winter coats in the gathering space for the next 6 weekends, October 23- November 28. Our local Best Cleaners will clean the coats for free, and Salvation Army will distribute them to people in need. Both adult and children's coats are appreciated. For more information please contact Donna Dellacamera at 860 833-6347, or ddellacamera@comcast.net



Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed. Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God. Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for. When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

For Your Information

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann's, Avon on Sunday, October 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady for the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for these powerful devotions. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue from 4 p.m. on Sunday October 24 the until Monday, October 25 at 8 a.m. for the 40 Days for Life Campaign.

Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. October 26. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

St. Ann Craft Fair—Saturday, November 20 8:30 am. to 3:00 p.m. St. Ann Church Hall, 215 West St., Bristol—Free Admission 50+ craft tables, food and fun.

St. Paul Catholic High School has announced its **open house campus tour dates for this Fall**. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building. St. Paul is taking all safety precautions for these in-person tours. Come with your mask and we will keep socially distant! Visit spchs.com/openhouse to register for an appointment time on **November 20 with appointments beginning at 10:00 am**. St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled two **Placement Exam dates** for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. This exam will be held at the school on **Saturday, November 6 and Saturday, December 11 both beginning at 8:00 am**. To register, visit spchs.com/placementexam.

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield new Fall hours are now Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30am to 4:00pm and Sunday, 11:30 (after Mass) to 4:00pm. Come and experience the peace and tranquility of the Shrine and visit the Gift Shop, which has Christmas and traditional stock arriving daily. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or email: lourdesshrinct@gmail.com.

WELCOME

St. Mary parish family welcomes the following newly baptized members:
Kaylee Sierra Penn
Lucy Sanhueza
Sofia Sanhueza