



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 4, 2021</b>
4:30 p.m.	Al & Yvonne LeBlanc by their daughter
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 5, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Leo G. & Mary C. Crowley by George & Patricia Crowley
11:00 a.m.	Kelly Allison Drew by her family
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 6, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Kelly Drew
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 7, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Alice Gnazzo by Karen & Joe Schick
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 8, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Florence Bowman by her daughter-in-law
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 9, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Edward Murphy, Sr. by his son
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 10, 2021</b>
7:45 a.m.	Ted Eddy
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 11, 2021</b>
4:30 p.m.	Adam Kaminski (20th anniversary) by his family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 12, 2021</b>
7:30 a.m.	Leo G. & Mary C. Crowley by George & Patricia Crowley
9:30 a.m.	Josephine Sklenka by Jim & Terri Sklenka
11:00 a.m.	In Honor of the Founding of the Legion of Mary on their 100th anniversary

**Readings for the week of December 5, 2021**

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Parish Support November 28, 2021**

Weekly	\$7,046.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$1,178.00</u>
Total	\$8,224.00

*Thank you!*

**Calendar**

12/6 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room  
 12/7 9:00 a.m. Foodshare Truck—St. Mary parking lot

**Advent with the Almighty: Journeying with Joseph**

Throughout this blessed season, Fr. Matt invites you to join in celebrating an **Advent with the Almighty**. As our Church comes to the conclusion of the Year of Saint Joseph, each **Tuesday and Thursday** Fr. Matt will be sharing an online reflection on Joseph’s journey of leading the Holy Family and being the loving, earthly father of Jesus. All those who would like to take this *Journey with Joseph* can find the videos during the season of Advent at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfijjVbBMlg>

**December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate Mass at:

7:45 AM  
 6:00 PM



**Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

(No 7:45 AM)  
 4:00 PM  
 10:00 PM

**Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

8:00 AM  
 10:00 AM  
 (No 4:30 PM Vigil)

**Sunday, December 26**

7:30 AM  
 9:30 AM  
 11:00 AM

**Friday, December 31 (Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary)**

(No 7:45 AM)  
 4:00 PM

**Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary**

(not a holy day of obligation)

8:00 AM  
 10:00 AM  
 4:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Give in gratitude. A donor to the **Retirement fund for Religious** writes, “I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith.” Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

The Women’s Guild will be selling Christmas cards depicting our beautiful Christmas altar. Cards are packaged five to a pack for \$10.00. Thank you!



**Advent is an exciting season** filled with beautiful rituals! Our Parish will have several activities for you and your family to experience the beauty of the anticipation of our Lord's coming.

Two Advent Calendars are available this year:

One calendar has been purchased for each household. An interactive, online calendar has been created on our website <http://stmary-Unionville.org/>

Children's Advent Activity Sheets - one per household

Remember our neighbors who need warmth and comfort this season!

#### **Attention Sewers and Crocheters!**

We will be making fleece hats and crocheted scarves during the Advent season for our neighbors in need at local shelters. Supplies are available at the display in the Gathering Space. We will provide the fabric, yarn, pattern and instructions. Please return finished sewn hats and finished crocheted scarves to the bins in the Gathering Space by December 19th. **Questions? Contact Denise Genest at [nmgenest@snet.net](mailto:nmgenest@snet.net) or at (860) 675-3242.**

The **Christmas Giving Tree**, sponsored by the Human Needs Committee is back! The tree, decorated with gifts tags to assist individuals and families in need, will be in the gathering space. Each tag represents a specific gift and associated charitable organization. Information on these organizations is provided on the poster next to the tree. If you take a tag, **PLEASE be certain to provide the item requested by December 12.** You may return the unwrapped gift AND the original tag during the regularly scheduled masses on the first 2 weekends of December. Gifts do not need to be wrapped, but gift bags may be used. If possible, please provide a gift receipt for any clothing items, shoes or boots. Gift cards or donations including checks, may be placed in the locked wooden box next to the tree. THANK YOU for your generous support! Please attach the original tag to the gift or envelope. You may contact Donna Dellacamera 860 833-6347, phone or text, or at [ddellacamera@comcast.net](mailto:ddellacamera@comcast.net) for any questions.



Beginning next weekend will be starting to re-introduce our **Hospitality Ministry**. For those who have been ushers in the past, you are welcome to restart this ministry. For those who have not been ushers in the past, please contact the rectory 860 673-2422 to become involved.

## *For Your Information*

**Social Justice—The Foodshare Truck** will be available in the Church parking lot from 9—9:30 a.m. December 7. If you have questions regarding the Foodshare Program, call Pat Robotham, Site Coordinator, at 860 673-3435.

**Knights of Columbus Food and Fuel Drive**—We ask all members, friends and parish families to join us for the K of C local Food and Fuel Drive. From now thru 12/19 please help provide food and fuel donations to our local food pantries in Burlington and Farmington. Donations may be mailed to Knights of Columbus (Assembly 2002) P.O. Box 32, Unionville 06085. Mark “for food and fuel drive.” In addition to your donation, the Knights of Columbus will match the first \$500 for this special event. Also we will hold a fill the truck collection on Saturday 12/18 and Sunday, 12/19 in the St. Mary Star of the Sea parking lot from 2—6 p.m. Saturday and 7—noon Sunday. Items needed include: dry goods, cereal, canned goods, personal items, (soaps, toothpaste, etc.) Cash, checks and gifts cards are also appreciated by mail or at Mass on 12/18 and 12/19. Thank you so much!

#### **From Msgr. James Shanley, Archdiocesan Director, Catholic Mission Aid Society:**

Thank you for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$1,519 from the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. United with Catholics throughout the world on World Mission Sunday, your parishioners, answered their baptismal call with exuberance and zeal. Their assistance helps to bring God's love hope and peace to all His children.

#### **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.