

# St. Mary's Church

Simsbury, Connecticut 06070

## Directory

**Parish Office:** 3 Massaco Street  
(860) 658-7627  
www.stmarysimsbury.org

### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 4:00 PM  
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### MASSES:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**SICK CALLS:** Please notify the Parish Office if someone in your family is hospitalized and would like a visit. *Under HIPAA Regulations, hospitals are not allowed to notify us.*

**BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month during the 11:00 AM Mass and the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

**WEDDINGS:** Please call for an appointment at least 6 months in advance.

**VISITORS:** Thank you for worshipping with us. To register with St. Mary's Parish please call (860) 658-7627 or email us at Parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org  
ice@stmarysimsbury.org



## Mass Intentions



**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**November 12**  
Estelle Mulak  
In Loving Memory  
By: Friends

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM

**November 13**  
M. Doreen Meischeid  
In Loving Memory  
By: Theresa & Lenny Senofonte  
People of St. Mary's Parish  
Rose & Nicholas Champa  
Anniversary Remembrance  
By: Their Children

9:30 AM  
11:00 AM

**Monday**  
8:00 AM

**November 14**  
Elizabeth Kuhnly  
By: The Kalamarides Family

**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM

**November 15**  
Michael & Pauline Hudzak  
Remembrance  
By: Jim & Paula Gallagher  
& Family

**Wednesday**  
8:00 AM

**November 16**  
Ruth Colby  
Birthday Remembrance  
By: Vic & Mary Lou Daley

**Thursday**  
8:00 AM

**November 17**  
Julieta & Zygmund Romanow  
In Loving Memory  
By: The Family

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**November 19**  
People of St. Mary's Parish

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM

**November 20**  
Sue Seitz  
In Memory of  
By: Her Family  
People of St. Mary's Parish  
Clark Reese  
In Memory of  
By: Peggy Furey  
Youth Mass

9:30 AM  
11:00 AM

5:00 PM

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**Deceased:** Please pray for Margaret Helstosky. May she rest in peace of Christ.

**Would You Like to Become a Catholic:** It is not too late to join our RCIA Program. Call the Parish Office or Father Matera for more information.



## Parish Announcements



**Second Collection:** Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide.

**Weekly Offertory:** Last week's offertory was \$15,352.58. Of this amount, \$4376.58 came from 109 E-Givers, and \$10,976 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our projected budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900.

Collection total for the Second Collection-Military Services was \$2,822.50 and the Collection total for All Saint's Day - \$1,953.00.

**Turkey Drive:** The Jack Bannan Memorial Turkey Drive will be held on Wednesday, November 16th from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All of the local stores are participating and the refrigerated truck will be located at Henry James Middle School.

**Volunteers Needed For The Turkey Drive:** Please contact Bob Gauthier (860) 658-2071. Jack Bannan was a parishioner of St. Mary's and he started this Turkey Drive 24 years ago. It is the largest food drive that helps FoodShare feed families.

**St. Mary's CYO Basketball:** Calling all middle school girls! Our 7th & 8th grade girls CYO team is forming now. All those interested should please touch base with Coach Paul Serra: PDSerra@gmail.com or (860) 550-1952.

**Christmas Youth Choir:** The Christmas Youth Choir will rehearse on three Thursdays, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22 from 4:30 - 5:15 inside the church. All children old enough to learn the words to traditional Christmas carols are invited to participate. The choir sings prior to the 6:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve starting at 5:30 PM.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:** Please join your neighbors in giving thanks at this year's Simsbury Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, which will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 PM at St. Alban's Episcopal Church at 197 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury. The annual Interfaith Service is sponsored by the churches, synagogues, and houses of worship in Simsbury.

**Knights of Columbus Museum:** The Knights of Columbus Museum, at 1 State Street in New Haven, opens its annual Christmas exhibit on November 19. Go to [www.kofcmuseum.org](http://www.kofcmuseum.org) for more information.

*Seven Sacraments  
Our Encounter with Christ  
Matrimony and Holy Orders: Sacraments of Vocation*

For the past several weeks I have been writing about the seven sacraments. I began with three sacraments we call “Sacraments of Initiation” (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). I then considered two sacraments that we call Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick). Today, I conclude this series by considering two sacraments that define two different ways in which we live our life within the community of the Church.

The first is the way the vast majority of believers live their Christian life: the Sacrament of Matrimony. The second is the way a smaller number live their Christian life: the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At the outset, it should be clear that these two sacraments, as important as they are, do not embrace the whole of the Christian life since there are people who live their Christian commitment as single, unmarried believers, or as professed and consecrated religious believers.

The marriage of two baptized believers is a sacramental marriage. It is a sign that points to a deeper reality: the covenant relationship between Christ and his Church. Just as Christ takes the Church as his spouse, loving and nourishing her, so husband and wife embrace each other in a covenant relationship so close and intimate that it reflects the covenant relationship between Christ and the Church.

The marriage between two baptized believers points to a deeper reality: the intimate relationship between Christ and the Church. Christian spouses proclaim the gospel of God’s love to the world by the selfless love they exhibit for each other in their marriage. Their marriage covenant is a proclamation of the gospel.

Holy Orders is a different kind of sacrament. By this sacrament a man is conformed to Christ in ordination for the purpose of serving the internal life of the Church. This sacrament challenges those who receive it to follow Christ more closely so that they can serve Christ’s faithful more faithfully. As the name of the sacrament implies, “Holy Orders,” those who receive this sacrament enter a particular “order” within the Church, such as the diaconate, priesthood, or episcopacy for the expressed purpose of serving the internal life of the community.

As important as these sacraments are, they do not embrace the whole of the Christian life. There are many faithful believers who never marry or enter Holy Orders. Some lead a single life in the world. Others enter a professed or consecrated life that we call religious life, as sisters, brothers, and monks. These believers provide yet another kind of witness to the church when they live their lives within the context of the baptismal promises.

These are challenging times for the community of faith. There are fewer people who receive the Sacrament of Matrimony these days, and still fewer who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. While this can be discouraging, we should not be dispirited. The Spirit of God moves in ways we do not always understand. As we wait for the Spirit to work within the community of the church and bring about a deeper renewal of faith, let us pray for and support those who have entered into the sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Order that the example of their selfless love will inspire others to follow them.

*Father Matera*

**Book of the Deceased:**

During the month of November, we will place our Book of the Deceased in the front of the church. Please enter the names of your beloved dead in the book, and we will remember them at Mass during the month of November.

## November 13, 2016

### ∞ Religious Education ∞

**Grade Level Mass:** Next Sunday, November, 20th, Grades 1-3 will be featured at the 9:30 Mass.

**3rd Grade Service Project:** Our 3rd Graders will complete their service project for the year on November 20th. They will be assembling Blessing Bags for ImmaCare, Inc. (formerly Immaculate Conception Shelter). These bags will be given to approx. 50 homeless men. Parents of our 3rd graders are encouraged to work alongside your child on this project.

**Prayer Partner Cards:** Prayer Partner cards are due November 30th. Please drop off at the Parish Office or mail a card addressed to the child to St. Mary Church, P.O. Box 575, Simsbury, CT 06070. Thank you for keeping our 2nd Graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

**Youth Mass:** Our 5:00 PM Youth Mass will be celebrated next Sunday, November 20. Please join us!

**Middle School Program:** Our next small group session will be on November 20. The night will begin with the 5:00 PM Mass. Sign up to lector or bring up the gifts! SignUpGenius was sent out through e-mail.

**Confirmation Prep:** Tonight our high school small groups meet from 6:00-7:30 PM. To download our calendar, visit the parish website and click Faith Formation, Religious Ed, High School Program.

### ∞ Youth Ministry ∞

**You're Invited:** On Saturday, December 3, IGNITE will bring the nativity story to life at Night in Bethlehem in the Parish Center after the Vigil Mass. Plan to pack a picnic dinner and join us for this parish-wide celebration of the Season of Advent!

**Turkey Tradition:** The Turkey Trot was started 24 years ago by our beloved parishioner, Mr. Jack Bannan. Last year catechists, parents, and teens helped unload frozen turkeys for FoodShare in the HJMS parking lot. Join us this year! To sign up, visit our parish website and click Faith Formation, Religious Ed, Service Info.



### ∞ Adult Enrichment ∞

**Adult Enrichment:** Please join us in the Parish Center after the 9:30 AM Mass Mike Smoolca will facilitate a follow-up discussion on Lutheranism, Judaism, and Catholicism in the Parish Center at 10:40 a.m.

**Next Week:** Please enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Parish Center. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade service project will be conducted before and after the 9:30 a.m. mass.

**Bible Study with Deacon Art:** Join us in the Parish Center on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. We will start at 6:45 for prayers for healing and special intentions. Lectio Divina will meet in the portable classrooms from 6:00 - 6:45 PM prior to Bible Study with Deacon Art.

### ∞ St. Mary's School ∞

**Stop in to our Holiday Spirit Shop!** On Monday, November 28th through Wednesday, November 30th, our shop is open 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM each day. Monday, visit us in the school library portable, Tuesday & Wednesday drop in to the lower church. SMS spirit wear, including exclusive items just for Christmas will be available! Also, Choice Gift Cards will be available to purchase and order just in time for Christmas! It's one stop shopping!

### ∞ Outreach ∞

**Simsbury Food Pantry:** Our monthly food collection will be on November 20th. Please bring the following non-perishable items to 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses: canned soups, meat, tuna and fruit, coffee, pasta, peanut butter and jelly and cereals. Toilet paper and canned/bottled juices are especially needed this month. A vehicle will be in the parking lot with a sign- Simsbury Food Donations. Mickey LeCours-Beck from Simsbury Social Services thanks St. Mary's parishioners for their ongoing generosity! Contact: Lorraine Rippel (860) 658-6438 or [lrippel@aol.com](mailto:lrippel@aol.com).

**Immacare:** Our next serving is Monday, November 21. We will be serving a meal and delivering breakfast to 75 men. Please let me know by Saturday, November 19 if you will be able to contribute. Donations need to be received by 5:30 PM the evening we are serving. If you have any questions/concerns, please email [Roderickllc@gmail.com](mailto:Roderickllc@gmail.com), or call Tracey at (860) 218-547 (you are welcome to text). Thank you for your assistance!

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