

St. Mary's Church

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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



Mass Intentions



Saturday 2:30 PM 5:00 PM	October 21 Wedding-Freeman/Lamothe Kirk Kozlowski By: Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	October 22 William Smyth In Loving Memory By: Vic & Mary Lou Daley People of St. Mary's Parish Frank Albergo In Loving Memory By: Friends & Staff at CT Eye Center
Monday 8:00 AM	October 23 Vincent Cestone In Loving Memory By: The Cestone Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	October 24 Joan, Jeffrey, Julie Kliska In Memory By: The Family
Wednesday 8:00 AM	October 25 Shaun Looby By: Joe & Rosemary Lemke
Thursday 8:00 AM	October 26 Robert Horbal In Loving Memory By: The Bible Family
Saturday 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	October 28 Wedding-Schank & Schaefer Zoe & Fred Manocchi In Loving Memory By: Joyce & Greg DeFrancesco
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	October 29 Michael J. Dlubac In Loving Memory By: His Family People of St. Mary's Parish William A. Smyth In Loving Memory By: John & Kathleen Miklus



Baptism: We welcome Henry David, Matthew Munger, and Graham Winnett who were baptized into Christ last week.

Deceased: Please pray for Patti Curtiss and Sylvia Bahre. May they rest in the peace of Christ.



Parish Announcements



October Count: The Archdiocese is requiring all pastors to count the number of parishioners attending Mass this weekend. It is on the basis of this count and other criteria that the Archdiocese determines whether or not to close a parish. Given the importance of this October Count, I urge you to be in attendance at Mass next weekend. Father Matera

Weekly Offertory: We thank you for your generous support of St. Mary's Parish without which we would not be able to carry out our many ministries. Last week's offertory was \$19,146.58. Of this amount, \$8941.58 came from 135 E-Givers, and \$10,205.00 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our projected budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900.

World Mission Sunday: This weekend, October 21-22, we observe World Mission Sunday. The second collections is for the missions.

Emergency Collections Update: Thank you for your generosity to the two emergency collections we took in September and October for the people of Texas, Florida, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. These collections totaled \$19,371.

Grant Writing Experience: Do you have experience in writing grants? Please contact Fr. Matera.

Amy Ekeh: The Woman's Guild will sponsor a talk by Amy Ekeh on Sunday, November 5th, at 10:40, after the 9:00 AM Mass. Amy is a popular speaker who has been to Saint Mary's several times. Her talk is entitled "Choosing Faith in Challenging Times."

Memorial Mass: This year's Memorial Mass for all who have died in the past year will be held on Thursday, November 2, All Soul's Day, at 7:00 PM. If you have lost a loved one during the past year, please join us.

Father Matera's Book: You can purchase a copy of Fr. Matera's book, *The Spirituality of Saint Paul* at the Parish Office for \$15.00.

Father Matera Fall Series: Father Matera's series on the Mass continues this Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Lower Church.

St. Mary's Website: Our website contains important information about our parish, its activities, as well as links to other important sites. The Parish Web page is constantly changing and being updated with new information. If you haven't visited us lately, visit us at www.stmarysimsbury.org.

Save the Date

March 3-7, 2018 • 7:00 -8:30pm



St. Mary's Church

FAMILY PARISH MISSION

"Go Into the World"

Faith on Fire The Fourth Step Commitment to a Sacramental Life

For the past month I have been writing a series of columns to prepare us for our Parish Mission, which will be held *Saturday through Wednesday, March 3—7, 2017*. Please save those dates! In the first three columns I wrote about the need to be committed (1) to renewal, (2) to personal prayer, and (3) to our community worship. This week, I am writing about a fourth step in the process of renewal: the need to be committed to a sacramental way of life.

The need to be committed to a sacramental way of life means that *our life and spirituality must be grounded in the sacraments we receive*: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Ordination.

Baptism: When we were baptized into Christ, we entered the great mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. We were conformed to a way of life defined by dying to sin and rising to newness of life in Christ. *Those who live a sacramental life live in a way that expresses what they have become through baptism: a new creation in Christ.*

Confirmation: When we were confirmed we were sealed for Christ by the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit we received at confirmation empowered us to be witnesses for Christ and to live according to the Spirit of God rather than according to the spirit of the world. *Those who live a sacramental life, live in and by the Spirit of God. They allow the Spirit to lead and guide them in the way of Christ.*

Eucharist: At the center of the Christian life stands the Eucharist, the sacrament whereby we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, the very life of the risen Christ. Every time we receive the Eucharist we are conformed to Christ and enter more deeply into the fullness of his resurrection life. Every time we receive the Eucharist we receive the pledge of eternal life. *Those who live a sacramental life, live with the assurance that Christ lives in them and they live in Christ.*

Reconciliation: Our sins have been forgiven by the death and resurrection of Christ, and Christ continues to extend his gift of forgiveness to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are a people who have been forgiven, and because we have been forgiven, we can forgive each other. *Those who live a sacramental life, live as a reconciled people who are at peace with God and each other.*

Healing: When we are sick, the risen Lord is present to strengthen and heal us through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The anointing we receive through the sacrament strengthens us in Christ and heals us in spirit and body. *Those who live a sacramental life live as people who have been healed, body and soul, in Christ.*

Matrimony: When man and woman are joined in Holy Matrimony, their marriage proclaims to the world the marriage covenant between Christ and Church. Husbands and wives love each other in the way that Christ and the Church love each other. *Those who live a sacramental life through the gift of matrimony proclaim to the world the love between Christ and the Church.*

Ordination: When a man is ordained to priesthood, he is conformed to Christ so that he can serve the community of the Church. *A priest who lives a sacramental life conforms himself to Christ daily for the good of the community of the Church.*

The sacraments we receive provide us with a faith that is on fire for Christ and his Church. This week, think about the sacraments you have received and ask how you can live in a way that will more fully express the reality of these sacraments. If you live a sacramental life, your faith will be on fire.

Father Matera

October 22, 2017

Religious Education

Grade Level Mass: Next Sunday, October 29th, Grades 1-3 will be featured at the 9:30AM Mass. All are welcome!

Adult Enrichment

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Bible Study classes with Deacon Art Miller on October 25. All classes are scheduled in the Parish Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Prior to Bible Study join us at 6:10 PM for Lectio Divina and/or 6:45 PM for Prayers for Healing and Special Intentions.

Adult Enrichment: The Adult Enrichment Committee is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Our Blessed Mother's appearance at Fatima with a showing of the film, *The Call to Fatima*, on Tuesday, October 24th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Church. Learn about Our Lady's message which is as pertinent today as it was in 1917. Refreshments will be served. For more information, you can call Betty at (860- 651 3175).

Outreach

Simsbury Food Pantry: Our next collection for the Simsbury Food Pantry will be this weekend at all Masses. We are in need of canned goods and non-perishables. Thank you!

Meal for Immacare: The next meal will be on Monday, October 30th. Donations needed: pork chops or chicken (call Tracey for recipe), bananas/apples, milk, loaves of white bread/or cookies /brownies. Approx. 75 men will be served. Please deliver to: 71 Hayes Rd, Tariffville or arrangements can be made for pick up. You are welcome to bring donations earlier than the day we are serving. 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, or call Tracey at (860 218 5478) (you are welcome to text). Thank you for your generosity and support!

Free Rosary Repair

We have lots of parts! Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty and Dick Holden 7930 Estero Blvd., Apt. 502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Include a note indicating repair and return to me or that this is a donation. Please email: HoldenBnD@comcast.net with any questions.

St. Mary's School

Before Care is Now Available: St. Mary's School is excited to announce we are now offering Before Care Monday thru Friday from 7:15 AM to 8:20 AM. For more details go to www.stmarysschoolsimsbury.org or call (860 658 9412).

October is Open House Month! Take a Tour! Walk in Wednesdays will be every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in October. Please stop by the main office and see St. Mary's School in action!

Virtual Tour

If you would like to take a "virtual tour" of our Saint Mary's Campus Connection Project, go to the St. Mary's Parish Website: www.stmarysimsbury.org. At the top of the page you will find an icon "Saint Mary's Campus Connection." Click the icon and it will give you a four minute virtual tour, inside and outside of what will be.

Anniversary Blessing

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the months of September, October or November, please join us at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, November 4th. All anniversaries are important, be it the first or the fiftieth. Join us so we can bless your marriage and you can renew your marriage vows. A wine and cheese social open to everyone in the congregation will follow in the Parish Center.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Are you experiencing a serious illness, or are you about to undergo surgery? Please ask Father Matera for the Church's Sacrament of the Sick. He will administer the Sacrament after the 8:00 AM Mass, Monday through Thursday, for those who request it.

Bereavement Support Group

The loss of someone we love through death is one of the most difficult experiences of life. As such moments, we need the support of our faith and other. Please join us Sunday, October 22 in the Lower Church after the 11:00AM Mass.

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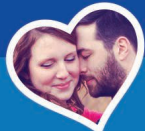


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