

St. Mary's Church



Directory

Parish Office: 944 Hopmeadow Street
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www.stmarysimsbury.org

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 10:00 - 2:00 PM

Masses:
Monday - Thursday 6:00 PM

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Baptisms: Sunday 12:30 PM By Appt

Visitors: Thank you for worshipping with us.
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Principal Margaret Williamson
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Mass Intentions

Although weekend public Masses are still cancelled, Father Matera will celebrate Mass for the Parishioners of Saint Mary's Church and for the intentions listed below.

Saturday	June 13 David C. Carter By: His Loving Family
Sunday	June 14 The People of St. Mary's Parish
Monday 6:00 PM	June 15 Children Departed Before Baptism By: Willem Abraham
Tuesday 6:00 PM	June 16 Bill Smyth By: The Smyth Family
Wednesday 6:00 PM	June 17 The People of St. Mary's Parish
Thursday 6:00 PM	June 18 Andrew Tienken By: The Bruno Family
Saturday	June 20 The People of St. Mary's Parish
Sunday	June 21 The People of St. Mary's Parish

Pray For the Sick: Please pray for the following parishioners/loved ones who are sick - Michael Orzechowski, Robert Griffin, John Meskill, Jerome Sislolak, Myrna Siebold, Dennis Sullivan, Kayce Gannon, Joanne Healy, Patricia Ketchpel, and Karen Morin.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to request prayers for a family member or friend, please submit their name to the Parish Office at parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org.

Offertory: Thank you for your financial support during the month of May. The offertory for this month, during which we did not have public Masses, was \$56,394. In addition to this, the Second Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign was \$1,070. These are extraordinary figures that witness to your profound generosity. I am sincerely grateful to all of you for your ongoing support of our parish during this trying period. Fr. Matera

Hacked Email: Father Matera's email has been hacked. It is not Father Matera's practice to ask for financial assistance via email, and he never asks people for personal financial assistance. Whenever in doubt, call the Parish Office (860)658-7627.

Parish Announcements

Mass during the Week: We are *temporarily* altering our Mass Schedule during the week to **Monday through Thursday at 6:00 PM** so that you can attend Mass if you wish.

- If you are ill, have a temperature, have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are in a high risk category, you should stay home.
- *You must wear face masks*, apart from children under the age of two.
- The maximum number of people allowed to attend Mass is 85 people.
- You will be given instructions how to receive Holy Communion safely.
- Notify the parish about the Mass you will attend by Email (parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org), *SignUpGenius* on our website (www.stmarysimsbury.org), or Phone (860-658-7627).

Social Outreach - South Park Inn & House of Bread: This Sunday, June 14, in the Magowan Center 10:00-2:00 PM. Individual items needed: juice boxes, dried fruit and oatmeal packets, breakfast/granola/peanut butter bars, dry cereal, instant milk, popcorn/chip packets. Ongoing items needed: sanitizing supplies, non-perishable food, coffee, creamer, toilet paper, personal items. Thank you for your generosity in the last collection to the Simsbury Food Pantry and Ojakian Commons. Contacts: livings10@yahoo.com, lrippel@aol.com.

Congratulations to the High School Class of 2020: Youth Ministry is honoring high school seniors, who are also members of St. Mary's, in a special way. On the youth ministry section of the website, I have created a special page for the graduating class of 2020. Take a look and see what these young men and women are planning on doing next. <https://stmarysimsbury.org/2020-graduates>. If you are a parent of a high school senior, it is not too late. Please send me a photo and the information, and I will gladly add your student to the page youthministry@stmarysimsbury.org.

Youth Ministry: All are welcome to join as we take a virtual journey to The Holy Land.

- Text (860)900-9106 or email youthministry@stmarysimsbury.org to register your family.
- Students can go for a walk, run, hike, jog, or bike ride. Do this alone or as a family.
- Take some pictures during your journeys so I can use them in our weekly update.
- Text me daily how many miles or steps you did. You will receive a weekly report of where we are as a group and some info about the Holy Land.



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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aoht.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

**State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288**

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

**Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923**

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

**Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225**

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Parish Update

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be open Monday-Thursday, from **10:00AM to 2:00 PM**.

Baptisms: We are celebrating Baptisms again. They may take place on any Sunday at 12:30 PM, one family at a time, with a maximum of 20 people in attendance.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard, beginning this Saturday, June 13, 3:00 to 4:00 PM. They will be heard in the main body of the church in the south wing (rectory side) with special precautions. You should wait for confession in the north wing (Magowan Center side) when someone else is confessing. After they have confessed, you may come to the south wing where you will see that a screen has been set in place.

Funerals: Funerals with Mass in Church will resume on June 8th. The number of people who may attend a funeral is limited at the present time to 90 persons. When this changes, we will notify you.

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, June 20, at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and on Saturday, June 27, at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Confirmation: Father Matera has written for permission to perform Confirmation on two Saturdays, one in September and the other in early October. There will be two Confirmation ceremonies on each day for the sake of social distancing.

Website: Please consult our website, which is updated daily. You will find a video about the opening of the church as well as videos of daily and Sunday Mass.

Streaming Fund: We are investing in equipment that will allow us to stream our services more easily and regularly. If you would like to contribute to this fund, send your donation to the Parish Office, with a check made out to "St. Mary's Church." Write "streaming" in the notation.

Visit the Church: The church is open every day from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for prayer and visitation. Please enter through the Magowan Center.

Do You Need Help? These are difficult days for many people. Some have lost jobs and are struggling to pay bills. Others are finding it difficult to cope with the isolation caused by this pandemic. If you need help, please contact Father Matera. Parishioners have given us food cards that will be of assistance to you. There is also a parish charities account that is intended to assist those in need. Finally, if you wish, our Stephen Ministers will gladly speak with you and accompany you during this difficult period.

St. Mary's Helping Hands Committee: The Women's Guild would like to offer prepared, delivered meals or grocery shopping to anyone who is sick, homebound or to those too vulnerable to go out in public. Please contact the Parish Office at (860)658-7627 or Pam Carter at helpinghands.stmarys@gmail.com.

Religious Education

Religious Education Registration for 2020/2021: Registration for the 2020/2021 year is OPEN! Families who have previously enrolled in St. Mary's Religious Education program can go to our parish website at <https://stmarysimsbury.org/religiouseducation> to register.

We welcome new families and will be adding a Kindergarten program. If your child is moving up to 9th grade from Catholic School, they need to enroll in their parish Confirmation Program for preparation for the sacrament.

Please contact the appropriate coordinator for assistance: Kathy Piggott, Coordinator of Religious Education - Grades K - 6: reled1-6@stmarysimsbury.org

Lori Ryan, Coordinator of Religious Education - Grades 7 & 8: reled7-8@stmarysimsbury.org

Steve DiMotta, Confirmation Coordinator and Jr. High/High School Youth Minister: youthministry@stmarysimsbury.org

St. Mary's School National Blue Ribbon School

A Seamless Transition to Distance Learning Ensures Continued Student Success

With the closure of schools in March, St. Mary's School faculty, students and families didn't miss a beat, diving into distance learning, from Zoom to Loom, Flipgrid to Google Classroom. As a 1:1 iPad school, every child, grades K thru 8 was able to quickly engage in this "new normal" of learning with teachers and classmates. This, along with teachers continuing to provide physical work packets and hands on projects, has created a consistent balance of meeting the needs of all our students.

Small class size has allowed for teachers to meet individually with students on a weekly basis, as well as conference with parents, even having some fun with talent and pet shows. Teachers continue to provide prayer and service opportunities that engage the students in their faith life. These last several weeks of distance learning have shown us that our size and resources - something we have always known to be successful when physically in the building - have clearly translated into giving us an advantage in continuing to provide the same standard of academics even under the most challenging times.

My kids are doing more than just maintaining - I sense they are flourishing! The teachers have adapted to the "interim normal" and my kids are benefitting from their love and dedication. They just keep impressing me!
Phil M. P'21, '21

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