

St. Mary's Church



Directory

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 3:00 PM
Friday 8:30 - 12:00 Noon

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

Baptisms: Sunday 12:00 Noon By Appt

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	January 23 Dr. Walter Hampton By: The Anthony Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	January 24 Jack Quirk By: Siobhan Stephen
9:30 AM	Dr. Walter Hampton By: The People of St. Mary's Parish
11:00 AM	The People of St. Mary's Parish
Monday 8:00 AM	January 25 Stella Molloy
Tuesday 8:00 AM	January 26 Hank Voorvaart By: His Mom & Dad
Wednesday 8:00 AM	January 27 Rose & Ben Kuckel By: The Reynolds Family
Thursday 8:00 AM	January 28 Daniel Moynih
Saturday 5:00 PM	January 30 Richard Dion By: His Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	January 31 The People of St. Mary's Parish
9:30 AM	Margaret Beetz By: Helen Galick
11:00 AM	Eunice Kelly By: Her Family



Pray for the Sick: Please pray for the following parishioners/loved ones who are sick - Dennis Sullivan, Michele Guttermuth, Laureen Basta, and Rosemary Lemke.

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.

Stephen Ministry: People often ask, "What is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the 'after people'. They are there *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get. *After* the funeral, when everyone has left. *After* the pink slip with your final paycheck. Are you experiencing something like this? Call the office 860-658-7627 or Stephen Minister coordinator, Mary Ann Pappano at 860-658-7532 to inquire about the ministry.

Parish Announcements

Lenten Parish Retreat: Set aside March 22, 23, 24 for our parish retreat entitled: *Exile and Return: Our Life in Christ after the Pandemic*.

The Experience of Exile: The first night will draw a comparison between Israel's experience of exile and our experience during the pandemic, which has become a great crisis in our lives.

The Experience of Restoration: The second night will draw a comparison between Israel's joyful experience of return from the exile and our experience of coming out of the pandemic. We will experience similar joy and the need to understand our faith anew.

The Experience of Building a New Community of Faith: The third night will draw a comparison between the challenge Israel faced in restoring its community of faith and the challenge we will face in rebuilding and renewing our parish and our life of faith.

The Passion of Christ: During Holy Week we will read from the Passion according to Mark on Palm Sunday and from the Passion according to John on Good Friday. Both Gospels recount the events surrounding Jesus's trial and crucifixion, but they do so in different ways. In this four-part series, Father Matera will study these two Passion Narratives to see how and why each Gospel portrays Christ's passion as it does. All talks will be held in the Church on Thursday evenings (Feb 25, March 4, 11, 18) at 7:00 PM for those who can attend. For those who cannot attend, all talks will be live-streamed.

Second Collection This Weekend: The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese this weekend, January 23-24, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection this weekend, January 23-24.

Offertory: The offertory collection for January will be reported next month. I wish to thank all who have continued to support the parish through E-Giving and by sending in your weekly envelopes during this period. Father Matera

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Rosary: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Thursday after the 8:00 AM Mass. We encourage you to recite the Rosary *privately* for the welfare of our Church and Country.

Repent & Believe!



What do we need to do when God enters our life? How should we respond to God's gracious gift of grace when it arrives in our life? The readings for today's Mass answer these questions for us.

The Gospel. In the Gospel Jesus begins his public ministry by proclaiming that the time of fulfillment has arrived, the kingdom of God is at hand. The good news Jesus proclaims is that the gift of God's salvation is breaking into our lives. But if that is so, then we must repent and believe in this good news.

Repent! What does it mean? The Greek word for repentance is *metanoia*. It means a "change of mind." Repentance requires us to change our way of thinking about the world and to evaluate our lives anew because God is doing something new.

The Second Reading. Saint Paul tells us that the world is changing and so must we. In today's second reading he writes: "The time is running out ... For the world in its present form is passing away." All of us know that the world is changing day by day. The world we live in today is not the same as the world into which we were born.

But the world is changing in a more profound way than we realize because the kingdom of God (God's rule) is breaking into this old world and transforming it anew. The death and resurrection of Christ have transformed the world, and God is bringing about a new creation in Christ.

But we need to be prepared for this new creation, which is the kingdom of God. And to be prepared for it we must change; we must repent. We must think in a new way.

The First Reading. God called the prophet Jonah to preach repentance to the sinful city of Nineveh, but Jonah was a reluctant prophet who did not want to go to Nineveh. He thought the people were so sinful that they were beyond repentance. But to his surprise, the people repented because of God's grace. Jonah learned an important lesson: *God graciously calls everyone to repentance because no one is beyond repentance.*

What do we need to change in our life so that we can live in the new creation that is the kingdom of God? What is preventing us from entering God's kingdom with a full and generous heart?

Repentance is difficult and we resist changing and reforming our lives. But when we embrace repentance, it transforms us and prepares us for God's salvation.

In the week ahead, spend some time examining how you look at your life and the world about you. Uncover those things that keep you from being a more generous follower of Christ. Then, leave all of that behind and follow Christ!

Father Matera

Dear St. Mary's Church Parishioners,

At St. Mary's School, we are lucky to learn, pray and grow in a special environment. This would not be possible without the generous support of people like you. When you support our school, you invest in the future of all of our students and the Catholic church.

As we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for all you do to help our school. We are grateful for your prayers and contributions, and we appreciate the time and talent you so generously share with us. You are so important to the continuing success of our community!

Gratefully,

St. Mary's School Students, Faculty & Staff

January 24, 2021

Parish Outreach

Simsbury Food Pantry: This Sunday, January 24, we will be collecting non-perishable food, anti-bacterial cleaning materials, and household paper supplies for the Simsbury Food Pantry. Drop off is 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon in the Magowan Center. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity during this critical time of need. Contacts: lrappel@aol.com, livings10@yahoo.com.

Are You in Need of Assistance? If you or your family is in need during these difficult times, please contact Father Matera. The Parish can assist you with food cards and in other ways. All assistance remains confidential.

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.

Virtual Ministries

Bible Study: Join Deacon Art and fellow bible learners Wednesday, February 3, 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom. To receive the Zoom link you must email Deacon ArtMiller@gmail.com.

An Afternoon Zoom with Deacon Art Miller at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center next Wednesday, February 3, 1:00 PM. Join Deacon Art as we begin Black History Month for God Loves Every Color He Created. Deacon Art will open the Scriptures and together we will go deep as we explore God's impartial and self-giving love for everyone and consider how to respond to this love. Cost is \$20. For more information call Our Lady of Calvary at 860-677-8519.

Men of Saint Mary's: St. Mary's Men's Ministry group has been meeting by Zoom throughout the pandemic. Join us on Zoom Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:30 AM. Contact MensMinistryStMary@gmail.com and you will receive the meeting ID and Password.

Marriage Celebration

Archdiocesan Marriage Enrichment Celebration: The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life will hold its 14th annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration virtually on Saturday, February 6, 7:00-8:30 PM. Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and fun centered on the theme: "The Unforeseen of Quarantine: Viewing our Sacrament with 2020 Vision." Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, February 4. Contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email tfinnphd@gmail.com.

Religious Education

Grades 7-8: Special Religious Ed class this Sunday, January 24, 6:00-7:00 PM in St. Mary's Church or watch it live-stream. You can earn a service hour by attending or watching. Topic: Questions and Answers with Father Matera

Class next Sunday, January 31, 6:30- 7:30 PM we will be discussing the topic: "If Jesus was Jewish, Why are we Catholic?" Please log in at 6:00 PM.

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Students: Class is this Sunday, January 24, virtually at 7:00 PM. **Year 1 students** should watch the videos and complete the bookwork on lesson 5. **Year 2 students** should watch the videos and complete the bookwork on lesson 21 before class.

High School Students: Ignite High School Youth Group - What do you think will be normal in 2021? Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Come share with us as we explore our goals and expectations of 2021 next Sunday, January 31, 6:30 PM in the Forcucci Faith Formation Center.

Jr. High Students: Jr. High Youth Group for the month of January - Didn't we all just want 2020 to end? We couldn't escape fast enough! We can now with Youth Ministries 2020 Virtual ESCAPE ROOM. Join us this Monday, January 25, on Zoom. Contact youth ministry for the link: youthministry@stmarysimsbury.org. This is open to all 7th and 8th grade students.

Peer Ministers: There is a meeting this Sunday, January 24, at 8:10 PM. Use the original Zoom link. If you need a new link, please email youth ministry.

St. Mary's School National Blue Ribbon School

Sunday, January 31: Register for a personal tour! <https://forms.gle/FqRiUXoDzk6kCqQJ7> Visit classrooms, ask questions of faculty and staff. Masks are required, temperatures will be taken. No drop ins please.

Now enrolling PreK3 & 4 - 8th grade for the 2021-22 school year. Call Toni Chagnon @ 860-658-9412 or visit our website stmarysschoolsimsbury.org.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: "Faith. Excellence. Service." Sunday, January 31- Saturday, February 6. We are excited and proud to be celebrating all facets of Catholic school including our community, parish, families, students, teachers & staff during this special week!

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