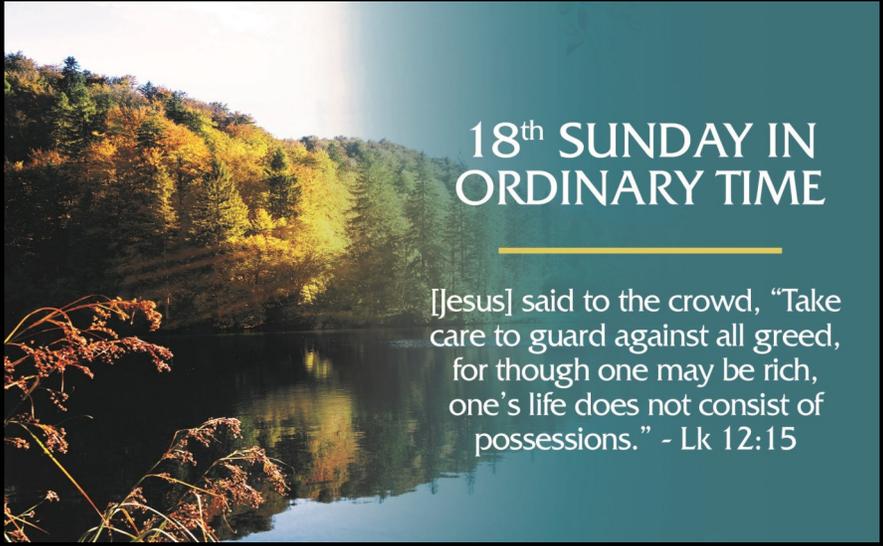


July 31, 2022

St. Mary's Parish & School

944 Hopmeadow St. Simsbury, CT 06070



**18th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

[[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 - 3:00 PM; Fri 8:30 - 12:00

Email: parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday..... 8:00 AM

Saturday5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:00 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM

Baptisms: Sunday 12:15 PM By Appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Thursday after the 8:00 AM Mass & Monday @6-7 PM
You are encouraged to recite the Rosary *privately* for the welfare of the Church and Country.

Prayer Requests

To request prayers for a family member or friend, email their name to the Parish Office. Names will be announced for one month.

For continual prayers, contact the Prayer Line Ministry (cmlocandro@gmail.com).

Livestreaming

All the Masses celebrated at St. Mary's are live-streamed.
Visit our website for the link.

MyParish App

Stay connected with our Parish throughout the week with instant notifications, parish calendar, prayers, daily readings, podcasts and much more.

Mailing Address: PO Box 575

www.stmarysimsbury.org

Parish Office(860) 658-7627

School Office(860) 658-9412

Prayer Line(860) 658-2118

Pastor

Father Stephen Sledesky ▪ Ext. 301

Deacon

Art Miller

Deaconartmiller@gmail.com

Finance Manager

Joanne Dunn ▪ Ext. 307

financemanager@stmarysimsbury.org

Parish Office

Heather Benedetti ▪ Ext. 306

parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org

Faith Formation Grades K-6

Kathy Piggott ▪ Ext. 304

reled1-6@stmarysimsbury.org

Faith Formation 7-8

Lori Ryan ▪ Ext. 309

reled7-8@stmarysimsbury.org

Youth Ministry / Grades 9-12

OPEN

(In the interim, please contact Parish Office)

Stephen Ministry ▪ Ext. 114

Sharon Locandro, Linda McGurn,

Linda Duff

stephenministry@stmarysimsbury.org

Music Ministry

Patricia Lepak

St. Mary's School

National Blue Ribbon School

Principal Margaret Williamson

mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

***Now enrolling new students for the
2022-2023 school year.***

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30

5:00 PM † Anthony Sledesky
By: Bob & Janet Moran

Sunday July 31

8:00 AM People of St. Mary's
9:30 AM † Michael Orzechowski
By: His Family
11:00 AM Mickie Stofflet
By: Ann Kelly

Monday, August 1

8:00 AM † Anthony Sledesky
By: Peggy Furey

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 AM † Mary Jane & Joseph Connolly
By: Their Family

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 AM † Richard Valence
By: Betty Bible

Thursday, August 4

8:00 AM † Rosemary Reynolds
Birthday
By: The Reynolds Family

Saturday, August 6

5:00 PM † Anthony Sledesky
By: Brian & Barbara Murphy

Sunday, August 7

8:00 AM Purcell & Rocchio Families
Living & Deceased
By: Rosemary and Mike Rocchio
9:30 AM People of St. Mary's
11:00 AM † Donna Haverley
By: The Bruno Family

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and loved ones who are sick - Dennis Fallon, Gerry Yates, Sharon and Mike Sinacori, Arline LaChapelle and John Gualtieri.

Recently Departed

Please pray for Thomas Hammick. May he rest in peace.

Granny's Attic-Volunteers Needed

We have announced that "Granny's is Back!", we have announced the Drop-Off & Sales Dates and now comes the really important announcement...a heartfelt request for your helping hands.

It takes volunteers to make Granny's Attic a success and we have plenty of work for everyone on Drop-Off and Sales days, so don't be shy! Shifts will be in two hour increments.* The dates for each event are noted below.

<u>Drop-Off Dates:</u>	<u>Sales Dates:</u>	<u>Clean Up Dates:</u>
8/5 Fri (3:00-7:00)	8/10 Wed (3:00-7:00)	8/15 Mon (1:00-6:00)
8/6 Sat (9:00-7:00)	"Sneak Peek" (w/admission)	8/16 Tuesday (1:00-6:00)
8/7 Sun (12:00-7:00)	8/11 Thurs (3:00-7:00)	
	8/12 Fri (9:00-7:00)	
	8/13 Sat (9:00-7:00)	
	8/14 Sun (12:00-6:00)	

* Shifts for opening/closing will be 30 minutes earlier and 30 minutes later, respectively.

A volunteer Sign-up Genius will be posted on the parish website. For more information, please call/text Peg Mancarella at 860-593-1512 or email pegmancarella@outlook.com or Sandy Everett at 860-214-6557 or email SEverett@cox.net.



Baptism Quilting Ministry

We invite you to share your "time, talent, and treasure" with St. Mary's Parish. We would like to enhance the Baptism ministry by providing a small quilt (approximately 21" wide x 25" long) for each newly baptized individual. This quilt symbolizes both a WELCOME into new life in God's greater family and the loving care and support available from St. Mary's Parish family.



Please consider this opportunity if you have even basic skills in quilting, hand or machine embroidery, or sewing; are willing to share some of your fabric "stash" (100% cotton); and have some spare time to work either individually and/or with a group on this project.

Baptism

We welcomed Jackson Rogers into the Church last weekend. God bless you.

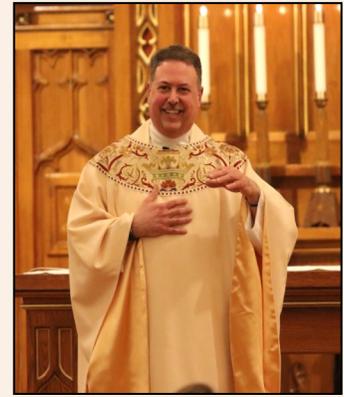
From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Our Voices Unite Us!

Now that we've come to Mass as fully prepared as possible, we are invited to stand (if we are able) and to join in singing our Opening Hymn. Our participation in this Opening Song, also sometimes called the "Gathering Song," is extremely important. We have been apart from one another for a week. Now we assemble together again and we need something to bring us back together in spirit. At sports games we sing the National Anthem, at a wedding reception we might begin by toasting the couple and praying grace before the meal, in school we begin the day reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. These actions gather us together and unite us for the common activity we are about to undertake.

So too at Mass, our Opening Song gathers us from our disparate lives, and unites us once again as a community of faith – as the Body of Christ – to give praise and worship to our God. Choosing *not* to participate in the Opening Song at Mass is to say that we don't really want to immerse ourselves in what we've come here to do. Furthermore, the Opening Song is chosen specifically to set the stage for what we are about to hear in the readings at Mass or the feast we've come to celebrate. It signals for us the "theme" or "purpose" of this particular Mass. For example, we open the Christmas Mass with something like, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" which tells us immediately, "It's Christmas!" Or on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we might open with "Immaculate Mary." Sometimes a particular reading that will be part of the Mass is captured in a hymn we sing. So on the weekend we are going to hear the Beatitudes from Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel, we might choose to open with "Lead Me, Lord" or "We Are the Light of the World." Finally, *whatever* we sing, whether as an Opening Song or another part of the Mass, reinforces for us something about our faith, beliefs and teachings of our Church. If we choose not to open our hymnals and join in, we're missing a huge opportunity to delve deeper in understanding our faith and belief in Jesus Christ. Take any hymn and just read the words (forget about singing for a moment) and you'll discover a rich teaching about our faith. Don't give up just because you may not recognize the tune...open the hymnal and follow along; you'll not only gradually learn how the music goes, but you'll also be learning something special about our faith!

~ **Father Stephen**



Do You Use Offertory Envelopes?

Printing offertory envelopes for parishioners is a big expense especially when people don't use them. Maybe you are an E-giver or you just drop a check in the basket without the envelope. If you no longer use the envelopes, please contact the parish office and we will discontinue them for your family. We appreciate you notifying us to help us keep our costs down.

Finding a Church While On Vacation

God has asked us to make Sunday Mass a priority in our lives, which means finding a Church to attend while on vacation is important. One of the most reliable places online to find a Catholic church is MassTimes.org. You are able to enter in any address in the world and find the nearest church. Included in the results is the ability to search by a specific Mass time if you have a limited window when you can attend Mass.

Hartford Bishops' Foundation Annual CT Golf Classic

*The Hartford Golf Club, 134 Norwood Road, West Hartford
Tuesday, 9/27; 10 AM Arrival – 11 AM Tee Off
Dinner & Awards – 5pm*

All proceeds will benefit the transformation of Cathedral Hall (Lower portion of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford) into meeting and education space for Archdiocesan Ministries, Parishes, Catholic Schools, and Catholic Non-Profits such as Malta House of Care and Catholic Charities. We are



looking to form two foursomes from St. Mary's to support this important effort. If you are interested in participating and forming a foursome, please contact Fr. Stephen for additional details.



GOSPEL

Farmer Brown gave bushels of green beans to the homeless shelter. When he died, God said, "I remember you. You gave me green beans when I was hungry. Come on in." Farmer Smith never shared any green beans with the hungry. When he died God said, "I do not know you. You never shared." God wanted Farmer Smith to learn to share so that God would know him at heaven's gate.

PRAYER

Give me the will to share what I have with others.



GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



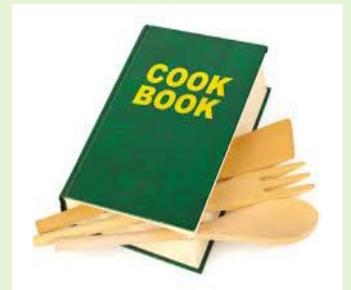
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 12:13-21

Parish Cookbook—Please Help Us!

The Women's Ministry will be compiling a Parish Cookbook and we need your help! Please consider helping with one small part of the process. If we spread the work then no one will be overburdened.

Needed tasks:

- Creating the bulletin announcements to the parish (1 person; 1 hour/week from home)
- Helping to design the cookbook using templates provided by the cookbook company (2-3 people that will meet periodically throughout the process)
- Coordinate the collection of recipes from parishioners (1-2 people; need to make sure we don't have all appetizers and no desserts!)
- Help to input recipes online using a computer from home (3-4 people; working from home as needed)



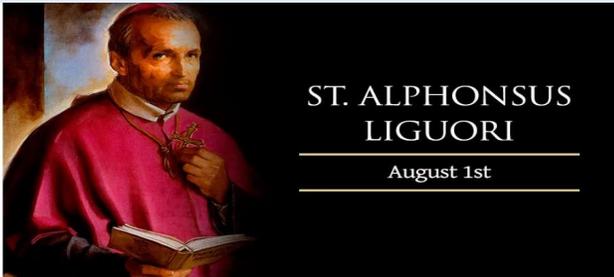
Recipes Needed—APPETIZERS (due 8/7)

As we kick off our cookbook, we are looking for **Appetizer** recipes. Please submit your recipes to the parish office (parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org) or to our Cookbook Committee (cookbook@stmarysimsbury.org). Recipes can be submitted electronically or printed and dropped off at the parish office.

Thanks in advance for helping us with this fun parish project.

Saint of the Week:

St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1



Saint Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

Saint Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in the Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people," he and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

Saint Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, Saint Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching. He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762 Saint Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII, however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775, and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950 he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

Would you like to Become Catholic?

Learn more about Catholicism
Renew your spiritual values and faith
Prepare yourself to receive the Sacraments of
Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation

We invite you to participate in the
Catholic Study Program RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
sponsored by Saint Mary's Parish



Call Saint Mary's Parish office @
860-658-7627.

Information Session

Sunday, August 14th, 12:00 Noon
Faith Formation Center

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a listening, caring presence in times of difficulty. Would you like to consider having someone walk with you during life's stresses? Would you like to speak to a Stephen Minister? Please phone the parish office and we will be glad to have a Stephen Minister speak with you.

Rosary for Ukraine

Please join us Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM, as we continue to pray the rosary for the people of Ukraine.



Room Scheduling for 2022-2023 Year

We are scheduling rooms for next year. All groups must submit room requests via email to our Parish Office (parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org) so they can be included in our Master Calendar. Thanks for planning

Mercy Shelter (8/07)

We will be collecting fruits and desserts for Mercy shelter next weekend. Please drop off all donations to the Magowan Center between 8:00 AM - 12 Noon. Thank you for your support.