St. Mary's Church

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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 12:15 PM By Appointment

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	**September 4**
5:00 PM	Ann Forcucci By: Her Family
Sunday	**September 5**
8:00 AM	The People of St. Mary's Parish
9:30 AM	Glen Knierim By: Marghan Pendergast
11:00 AM	Rosemary Neidle By: Her Family
Monday	**September 6**
8:00 AM	Matthew & Gloria Rivard By: Catherine Rivard
Tuesday	**September 7**
8:00 AM	Ann Forcucci By: Her Family
Wednesday	**September 8**
8:00 AM	Kenneth Forcucci By: His Family
Thursday	**September 9**
8:00 AM	Sue Cummings By: Pat DuBay & Family
Saturday	**September 11**
5:00 PM	Anne Cooney By: The Kalamarides Family
Sunday	**September 12**
8:00 AM	Patrick Corr By: The William Corr Family
9:30 AM	Peter Carey By: Christine Ruane
11:00 AM	The People of St. Mary's Parish

Deceased: Please pray for Zim Anthony. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Pray for the Sick: Please pray for the following parishioners/loved ones who are sick - David Carlson, Elaine Coco, Barbara Vaina, Mary Kunycky, Kay Coffey, & Kathy Lloyd.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to request prayers for a family member or friend, please email their name to the Parish Office.

Newly Baptized: We welcome Sicilia Joyce Kakley who was baptized into Christ last week.

Parish Announcements

Parish Office Closed: The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday September 6.

Back to School: On behalf of the Faith Formation Team, we would like to wish all of the children and teenagers a happy, safe, and healthy new school year.

Mercy Shelter: Desserts and fruits are needed to take to Mercy Shelter in Hartford this Sunday, September 5. Please drop off donations this Sunday morning 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the Magowan Center. Thank you for your generosity!

Hartford Shelters: *Next Sunday*, September 12, our collection is for the residents in the Hartford Shelters. Items needed: non-perishable food, coffee, sanitizing supplies, personal hygiene items and paper products. Please drop off donations *next Sunday* morning 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in the Magowan Center. Thank you for your generosity during this critical time of need! Contacts: lrippel@aol.com, livings10@yahoo.com.

Let's enjoy the coming Fall season! Order your lovely chrysanthemums from St. Mary's 8th grade! Order information is on the school website and forms are available in the Magowan Center! Orders are due by this Friday, September 10, with delivery September 17/18.

Stephen Ministry: We welcome *Sharon Locandro* to the St. Mary's Stephen Ministry Leader Team. Sharon is being commissioned at the 5:00 PM Mass this weekend. She joins Linda McGurn and Linda Duff who will be recommissioned as leaders.

The ministry is blessed by God, endorsed by our congregation and is part of St. Mary's ongoing effort to bring Christ's healing love to those who need it. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about the ministry, please phone the Parish Office.

St. Mary's Women's Guild Kick Off Event: Join us next Monday, September 13, for recitation of the Rosary at the Flower Bridge on Drake Hill Rd. 9:00 AM and repeated at 6:00 PM. Please bring a chair. Rain date is Wednesday, September 15. Contact Pam Carter carterfive@comcast.net with questions.

Offertory: The offertory collection for August will be reported later this month.

Exposition of the 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.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Remembering September 11th

Do you remember where you were when you heard the news about the airline jet crashing into the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001? I had just finished morning Mass at Sacred Heart Parish in Torrington, and was in my car heading back to St. Peter's when I heard the news on the radio. I rushed into the rectory to turn on the news only to watch in disbelief when a second jet hit the second tower! I, like so many of us, was stunned that something like this could happen. That horrific day changed our lives forever. This coming weekend marks the 20th anniversary of this tragic event, which not only took thousands of lives on that day itself, but in the 20 years since tens of thousands more as we have fought the "war on terror." Perhaps you knew someone who perished on September 11th or in the weeks following, a first responder or volunteer who may have succumbed to illness related to participating in the rescue or recovery efforts, or someone who died while protecting our country from additional terrorist activity. Although I have had no direct loss in my own family or close circle of friends, I certainly have known families through my parish ministries who have lost a family member to this terrorist act and its aftermath. I've visited the 9-11 Memorial in New York only to be overwhelmed by the magnitude of this disaster and its impact on us all. On this somber anniversary next Saturday afternoon, prior to the 5pm Vigil Mass we will pray a Rosary for Peace beginning at 4:15pm in the Mary Garden (in Church if weather is inclement) for all who would like to join us. We will remember all who have died or suffered the loss of a loved one. We will pray for an end to hatred and terrorism in all its forms. And we will pray for lasting peace for our own nation and among all nations of the world.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

-- From the Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI at Ground Zero -- New York, 20 April 2008

Religious Education

Religious Education Registration for 2021/2022: Families who have previously enrolled in St. Mary's Religious Education program can go to our parish website to register https://stmarysimsbury.org/religiouseducation

We welcome new families! Religious education is offered for children in Kindergarten through Grade 10. If your child is moving up to 9th grade from Catholic School, they need to enroll in their parish Confirmation Program for preparation of the sacrament.

Jr High Faith Formation: We are looking for a 7th grade teacher. Please contact Lori Ryan to volunteer or if you have questions.

Confirmation

There will be a High School Confirmation Parent Meeting next Sunday, September 12, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. If you wish to attend remotely, you will need to email Youth Ministry.

St. Mary's School National Blue Ribbon

We have a few openings in select grades, wait lists in others. Please call the School Office for more information.

Father Matera Faith Formation Fund

The Fund is in recognition and appreciation of Father Matera for his Christ-centered service and dedication as our pastor and faith leader from 2012-2021 and is to be used by St. Mary's to promote Faith Formation and Evangelization to the parishioners of St. Mary's Church. If you wish to donate to the Fund, please complete and attach a donation form which is available on the Parish website or in the Parish Office.

Save the Date

33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary Begins This Weekend: Join Archbishop Blair and other Shepherds throughout the Archdiocese in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary September 4 - October 7. We are using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary—Following in the Spirit of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower.* Books are available in the Magowan Center. Visit www.childconsecration.com to tune into the videos each night at 8:00 PM and to learn more about the Consecration journey.

Save the Date Cont'd.

Bible Study with Deacon Art: Join Deacon Art & fellow bible learners via Zoom 7:00 - 8:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, beginning this Wednesday, September 8. The first three meetings will be a discussion of The Lord's Prayer, then we will cover Catholic Letters which are letters written by James, Peter and John. To receive the Zoom link you must email DeaconArtMiller@gmail.com

Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally: Friday, September 10, 6:00 PM on the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills, MA (rain will move the rally inside). Bring chairs/blanket, mask, flashlight. Questions: Deb Briancesco 413 786 8200 Ext. 3.

"The ABCs of Annulment": Father Thomas Walsh, Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" Saturday, September 18, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Church Hall at the above address. The event is open to all at no cost. No registration is required. For more information call Br. Larry 475 221 8464 or email brolarlus300@gmail.com

Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage: The Order of Malta's Seventh Annual day of grace and healing Saturday, September 18, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM St. Peter Claver Church, West Hartford. Register by this Friday, September 10 with Mark Sullivan 860 523 1405 or sllvnchrth@gmail.com

CT Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, September 25, New Britain Stadium. For details visit www.ctcatholicmen.org

Honoring Monsignor Robert Tucker: St. John Paul the Great Academy Alumni Association invites you to their Alumni Gala honoring Monsignor Robert Tucker, previous Pastor at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 26, 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Warner Theater, Torrington. For details please visit www.stjohnpaulthegreatacademy.org/gala

Respect Life Mass: The Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair will be Sunday, October 3, 2:00 PM at St. Bridget Church, Cheshire.

Falling for Faith Festival: 3-day multi-media festival of music, relationships, and community Friday - Sunday, October 1 - 3, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, West Simsbury. For more information contact Kathi Bonner Kathidre@aol.com

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