

January 23, 2022
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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 - 3:00 PM; Fri 8:30 - 12:00

Mass Times

Mon—Th 8 AM
Saturday5 PM
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday 3-4 PM

Baptisms: Sunday 12:15 PM By Appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Thursday after the 8:00 AM Mass. 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.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	January 22 † Gluth Family By: The Voorvaart Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	January 23 † Ben Henault By: The Family
9:30 AM	People of St. Mary's
11:00 AM	† Dolories Roderick By: Daughter Kristine Jones
Monday 8:00 AM	January 24 † Marlyce Rooney By: The Potter Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	January 25 † Theresa Rinaldini & Elmo Comotti By: Noreen & Jack Scafuri
Wednesday 8:00 AM	January 26 † Elsie & Dominic Scafuri & Norea By: Noreen & Jack Scafuri
Thursday 8:00 AM	January 27 Rose and Ben Kuckel By: The Reynolds Family
Saturday 5:00 PM	January 29 † Norma Austin By: Pat & Diane Albergo
Sunday 8:00 AM	January 30 † Peter Brown
9:30 AM	† David & Grace Comeau By: Their Family
11:00 AM	People of St. Mary's

Pray for the Sick: Please pray for the following parishioners/loved ones who are sick - Abby Harris & Family, Maria O'Donnell, Richard Valence & Jeremy Muinde-Pires.

Deceased: Please pray for Norma Gallagher & Kay Yazvac. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays @3:00 –4:00 PM.

The Mass Book for 2022 is now open. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Mass. The recommended offerings are \$10.00 for a weekday Mass and \$25.00 for a weekend Mass.

December Offertory: Through your generosity our Offertory for December was \$69,100, our Christmas collections was \$20,000 and Parish Maintenance was \$10,100. Thank you for your continuous support.



Inclement Weather: In the event that schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be **NO** 8:00 AM Mass and our office will be closed. Sunday Mass will continue as scheduled but please use your best judgement when venturing out.

Confirmation Date: St. Mary's has been scheduled for May 15th, at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. All 2nd year students should complete the confirmation application, saint, and sponsor forms found on the website.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 25-27, 2022 in Farmington, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Catholic High School Collection

The second collection this week (1/22-23) will be for The Catholic High Schools. It supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, marketing and much more. Please consider making a donation.

Lenten Series with Father Matera (3/3, 3/10, 3/24/, 3/31)

How do we meet God in our lives? How is God revealed to us? In this four-part Lenten series Father Matera discusses how Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, and St. Paul encountered the elusive presence we call "God," and how their experience helps us to meet God in our lives this Lenten series. We will meet in the church at 7:00 PM. Each night will be Livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Pope Francis has declared that this Sunday, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, be observed as “**Sunday of the Word of God**” to highlight the importance of the Bible in our prayer and worship as Catholics. It is so appropriate to focus on the importance of Sacred Scripture on this Sunday which comes on the heels of the celebration of the Birth of Jesus who is, as St. John the Evangelist reminds us, “the Word [who] became flesh and dwelt among us,” (Jn. 1:14). With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, inclusion of Sacred Scripture in our celebration of Mass was greatly expanded. A three-year cycle Lectionary for Sundays was developed so that we might hear more of the riches of the Bible at Sunday Mass. While we don't read the entire Bible over the three-year cycle, we are exposed to much more of the Bible at Mass than ever before. (There is also a two-year cycle Lectionary used on weekdays). Also, the Second Vatican Council encouraged that “homilies” be preached at Mass that break open the meaning of the Word of God for us, rather than “sermons” that more narrowly focus on some specific tenet of the faith.

We are invited to make the Word of God, (i.e. Sacred Scripture, the Bible) a more central part of our faith experience. Reading and praying with Scripture, especially the practice of *Lectio Divina* (pondering and reflecting on a Scripture passage in prayer), is a time-honored practice in our tradition. Gathering in small groups to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures is also quite beneficial for our spiritual growth and understanding of the Bible. Listening attentively to the Scripture at Mass enables us to meet the Risen Lord present in the proclaimed Word which, as the Second Vatican Council reminds us, is one of the four primary ways Christ is present to us at Mass (Word, Eucharist, People & Priest). Studying Scripture in a more formal Bible Study can illuminate its meaning for us and help us to understand the Biblical texts within their historical and literary contexts. A greater familiarity of the Scriptures can also aid us in conversations with other Christians who share a common belief in these texts, and even help us in our task of the evangelization of others.

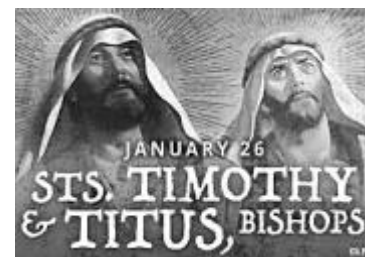
St. Jerome says, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” We grow in our understanding of and relationship with Jesus when we read, study and pray with the Bible. May each of us strive to make time and space for the Bible in our daily faith lives. Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization at the time when the Sunday of the Word of God was introduced two years ago explains: it is an initiative that the Pope has entrusted to the whole Church so that “the Christian community may concentrate on the great value that the Word of God occupies in its daily existence.” Pope Francis, Fisichella concluded, wants to make sure everyone is entrusted with the Word of God: “This Sunday, he wants to stimulate all Christians not just to place the Bible on the shelf as one of many books, perhaps filled with dust, but as an instrument that awakens our faith.”

Here at St. Mary's, there are many opportunities to study and ponder the Scriptures:

Deacon Art's Bible Study
Tuesday morning reading/reflection on Scripture
Men's Ministry weekly meetings
Periodic Bible studies offered by our Adult Enrichment ministry

In addition, there are great podcasts and other online opportunities as well, like Fr. Mike Schmitz's “Bible in a Year” podcast which you may begin at any time. Consider taking some time to enrich your spiritual life this week with a little additional Scripture reading as we celebrate this Sunday of the Word of God!

Saints of the Week



These two companions of St. Paul originally had different feast days. Following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, it was decided that they be honored together on the day following the Conversion of Paul, **January 26th**. Both received letters from St. Paul which are now part of the New Testament.

Timothy was born of a Greek father and Jewish mother who eventually converted to Christianity. Both Eunice, his mother, and grandmother, Lois taught Timothy the Scriptures, planting the seeds for his conversion to Christianity during Paul's first missionary journey. Timothy then accompanied Paul on both his second and third missionary journeys. Timothy was sent by Paul to Macedonia, Thessalonica and Corinth and was nearby during Paul's imprisonment to offer him support. Timothy must have been quite young when he received Holy Orders and was sent to care for the Church at Ephesus, for at one point in his First Letter to Timothy, Paul insists “Let no one have contempt for your youth.” It is believed he remained in Ephesus until his death as a martyr for the faith.

Titus was born into a pagan family and, like Timothy, was converted to Christianity by Paul during his first missionary journey. Titus joined Paul and Barnabas at the Council at Jerusalem as recounted in Acts 15. The Second Letter to the Corinthians notes Paul's great trust in Titus to bring peace between Paul and the Church at Corinth. Paul later sent Titus to care for the Church in Crete where he would spend the remainder of his life, dying at an advanced age.

Simsbury Food Pantry: We will be collecting non-perishables this Sunday 01/22. Items should be dropped off in the Magowan Center 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

Bible Study With Deacon Art:01/26

Join us 01/26 @ 7:00 PM via zoom. Email Deacon-artmiller@gmail.com.

Marriage Celebration: 02/13 Please plan to join us at the 9:30 AM Mass to renew your wedding vows. All anniversaries are important to celebrate.

Women's Guild Book Club: We will be kicking off a 7 week book club on February 1st; *Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women* by Kelly M. Walquist. We will offer Tuesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom and Wednesdays at 8:45 am in person. Please email us if you're interested @ stmarywomensguild@gmail.com

St. Mary's Men's Ministry

Are you looking for a way to connect with other men and talk about your faith? Join via Zoom Saturday mornings 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Receive the meeting ID and password at MensMinistryStMary@gmail.com.



Grades K-6: Regular class schedule. **Diaper Drive as been extended.** Our January Family Service Project will be a Diaper Drive the week of 01/9 - 01/ 23.

Grades 7-8: Our class will this Sunday, January 23rd 6:00 - 7:30 PM We will have speaker Mr. Chris Becker give a talk on **Religion and Science** in the Parish Center.

Grades 9-10: This Sunday January 23rd Mandatory Meeting: All students must attend the Human Trafficking presentation on January 23rd, in the Church, from 6:00-7:30pm. There are no individual classes this month.



Steubenville East Conference: Calling all High School students: Are you interested in attending the Steubenville East Conference this summer? It has been a couple of summers since we have been able to go, but this summer is looking more likely. Check out the promo video here <https://youtu.be/Z2LPIEwGWhc>. If you are interested please contact Steve DiMotta ASAP.

High School Students: Have you considered being a Peer Minister? New members welcome, must be a junior or senior in high school. Contact Steve for more information.

New Members: Consider joining us! Fun events, community service projects and just hanging out with friends. Contact Steve or the parish office for more information.

St. Mary's School National Blue Ribbon

Help Needed: St. Mary's school is looking for a person to fill a paid position to assist with lunch supervision and recess duty. The hours are 11 am to 1:10 pm every day. If interested, please contact Mrs. Williamson. mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

Open House!: Sunday, January 30th 1:00 - 3:30 pm .Now enrolling for Full Day Prek4 thru 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year! Meet faculty and staff, visit classrooms & learn more about how our students are creating, collaborating and climbing to new heights!
Scan the QR code and register today!



Catholic School Week Faith. Excellence. Service - St. Mary's School is celebrating Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30th thru Feb. 5th! Our students, faculty, staff and parents are what make our school great! Each day of the week will celebrate a different, special aspect- community service, students, our nation, vocations, faculty & staff.



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