

St. Mary Church



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Directory

Parish Office: 3 Massaco Street
(860) 658-7627
www.stmarysimsbury.org

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 3:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 - 12:00 PM

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

VISITORS: Thank you for worshipping with us.
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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	July 14 Diane Dombeck By: The Rodney Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	July 15 Paul J. Dlubac III By: His Family
9:30 AM 11:00 AM	People of St. Mary's Parish Reverend Thomas Flower By: Barbara & Paul Roderick
Monday 8:00 AM	July 16 Joseph Forcucci Birthday Remembrance By: His Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	July 17 Alice L. Conley Birthday Remembrance By: The Cummings Family
Wednesday 8:00 AM	July 18 William A. Smyth By: Dianne Ryan
Thursday 8:00 AM	July 19 Margo Anderson Birthday Remembrance By: Aunt Carmen & Uncle Allen
Saturday 5:00 PM	July 21 Deacon Andy Anthony By: His Wife
Sunday 8:00 AM	July 22 Michael & Dorothy Dlubac Birthday Remembrance By: The Dlubac Family
9:30 AM 11:00 AM	People of St. Mary's Parish Eunice Kelly By: The Kelly Family

Deceased: Please pray for Robert Wise. May he rest in peace of Christ.



Scheduling Space for the Coming Year: All groups, without exception, that use the Parish Center, the Lower Church, or the Parish Office for meetings and activities must schedule space by emailing the Parish Office at parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org. If you do not schedule space for you activity, even if you have used a particular room in the past, the room will not be reserved for you.

Parish Announcements

Annual Mission Appeal: Next weekend, July 21-22, Father James Joseph, a Salesian missionary priest, we be here to make an appeal for the missionary work of his order, the Salesians. The second collection will be for the benefit of his Order's missionary work. Checks should be made out to "St. Mary's Church."

Weekly Offertory: We thank you for your generous support of St. Mary's Parish without which we would not be able to carry out our many ministries. Last week's offertory was \$11,795. Of this amount, \$3,807 came from 107 E-Givers, and \$7988 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. On the first week of the month we will provide year to date offertory receipts against budget.

Listening Session in Preparation for Archdiocesan Synod: In 2020 the Archdiocese of Hartford will hold a Synod. A Synod is an assembly of selected priests and other members of the Church who gather to assist the Archbishop in deliberating on the pastoral needs of the Church. This Synod will be important in revitalizing the pastoral life of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

To prepare for the Synod, each Parish is to organize a "Listening Session" in which parishioners are asked to address three questions. (1) What are we as an Archdiocese doing well? (2) What are we as an Archdiocese doing not so well? (3) What are we as an Archdiocese not doing that we should be? The Listening Session for Saint Mary's Parish will be Wednesday, September 5th, at 7:00 PM in the Lower Church. The Archdiocese wants at least fifty people in attendance. Please attend so that you can address the needs of our Archdiocese.

When it's Time to Plan a Funeral: What should you do when it is time to plan a funeral? Here are a few points to keep in mind.

First, be in contact with a funeral home. The funeral director will assist you in answering many of your questions. The funeral director will contact me to coordinate the time and date of the funeral. The funeral director will also give you a packet of material for funerals at St. Mary's. It contains the readings the Church assigns for the funeral liturgy as well as music appropriate for a funeral.

Second, make an appointment with me. We will discuss and prepare the funeral liturgy so that it will be an expression of Christian faith and hope.

Father Matera

Traveling Lightly

I don't know about you, but I can no longer travel lightly. When I was a young student in Europe I traveled with a single bag that contained everything I needed for the summer. But now, if I travel overnight, I have bags and bags of things I do not need. I can no longer travel lightly, and I regret it.

But sometimes we must travel lightly, trusting in what we have rather than in what we think we need. And when we do, we begin to discover the power of God at work in our lives.

Consider today's Gospel. Jesus sends the Twelve Apostles on their first mission to cast out demons, to heal the sick, and to preach the gospel. What a frightening moment that must have been for the Apostles. If they had their way, they would have taken all the supplies they could with them.

But Jesus instructs them to take nothing for the journey: no food, no money. All they will need is a walking stick and a traveling companion. God will do the rest. And indeed, God does the rest. When the Apostles return, they tell Jesus how much they have accomplished. They have been able to heal the sick and cast out demons.

There is a lesson here. We can do far more than we imagine if we are ready to rely on and entrust ourselves to the power of God. The most important thing is not the possessions we have or the props we use, but the power of God's Spirit at work within us, which empowers us to preach the gospel in ways we could not have imagined.

Why are we afraid to preach the gospel to others? There are many excuses: we are not sufficiently prepared; we do not have all the "things" we need; we will be rejected; people will not listen to us; we don't know how; we are afraid. But none of these objections is valid because *the preaching of the gospel does not depend on what we have or on our talents*. The preaching of the gospel is the work of God's Spirit within us.

We can do far more than we imagine if we entrust ourselves to Christ. We can do far more than we imagine if we rely on the Spirit of God within us. It is not what we have that matters. It is not our talents that matter. It is not even our ability that matters. What matters is our willingness to preach the gospel in and through the power of Jesus Christ.

When I was young I travelled lightly, and the journey was so much fun. Now that I am older and less sure of myself, I travel with so many unnecessary props and the joy of discovery and surprise is not longer there. Dear Lord, help me to travel lightly once more.

Father Matera

Construction Equipment Is Arriving!

This week construction equipment will begin to arrive and be put in place in different areas of the parking lot. In the weeks ahead, we will keep you advised about parking and traffic patterns. Safety and access for those with disabilities will be our highest priority. Please be patient as we begin construction and keep your eye on the prize.

July 15, 2018

Religious Education

Register now: Registration for Religious Education for the 2018-2019 school year is open. Please register as soon as possible since spaces fill quickly! Visit stmarysimsbury.org/religiouseducation and click the big red button.

Youth Ministry

Conference Preparation: Last week Father Matera blessed our group of teens and chaperones during the 9:30 AM Mass. We gathered afterwards for a pancake breakfast in the Parish Center. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for making the pancakes for us!

Special Intention: Please keep our teens and chaperones in your prayers as they attend the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference on the campus at UMass-Lowell with over 3,000 teens from around the northeast this weekend. We are praying for you too! To learn more about the conference, visit stmarysimsbury.org/steubenville

Calcutta Project: IGNITE served 75 men at the shelter again last week. A team of teens and adults cooked, transported, and served the meal. Thank you to everyone who joined the mission! We will return to the shelter on Tuesday, July 31. For details, visit stmarysimsbury.org/ignite

Franciscan Golf Classic

The 23rd Annual Franciscan Golf Classic will be held on Monday, August 20th at Tunxis Country Club, Farmington, CT. This event benefits the Franciscan Life Center and the Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. The day includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner, and four chances to win a Hole In One (\$23,000 in cash, Trip for two St. Andrews, Trip for two Augusta National). Cost to play: \$175/person. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.

Are You New to Saint Mary's?

If you are new to Saint Mary's, we warmly welcome you to our parish community, and we invite you to register with us so that we can know and serve you better. Simply call the Parish Office 860-658-7627.

RCIA

Entrance into the Church: RCIA stands for "The Rite of Christian Initiation." It is the process by which those who are not Catholic and wish to become Catholic enter the Church. If you are not Catholic and have been thinking of becoming a Catholic, or if you know someone who would like to become a Catholic, please contact Fr. Matera.

The RCIA is for (1) people who were never baptized, (2) non-Catholics who would like to become Catholics, (3) Catholics who were baptized but never catechized and confirmed.

If you have questions or want further information, please speak with Fr. Matera by calling the Parish Office at 860-658-7627.

St. Mary's School

Walk in Wednesdays: Summer Walk in Wednesdays start June 27th thru August 22nd! Drop in anytime between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM for a tour. For more information please contact Toni Chagnon at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

Did You Know? We are excited to be offering a new after school program for the 2018 -19 school year featuring Vex robotics. This club will be taking STEM to a whole new level!

Did You Know? We offer affordable Before and After Care, After School Clubs, Interscholastic Sports and a Instrumental & Vocal program.