

# St. Mary's Church

## Directory

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

### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 4:00 PM  
Friday: 8:30 - 12:00 PM

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**St. Mary's School:**  
Principal: Margaret Williamson  
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946 Hopmeadow Street  
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### 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

**SICK CALLS:** Please notify the Parish Office if someone in your family is hospitalized and would like a visit. *Under HIPAA Regulations, hospitals are not allowed to notify us.*

**BAPTISMS:** First Sunday of the month during the 11:00 AM Mass and the third Sunday of the month after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

**WEDDINGS:** Please call for an appointment at least 6 months in advance.

**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

∞ **Mass Intentions** ∞

**Saturday**  
 10:00 AM First Communion  
 1:00 PM First Communion  
 5:00 PM Lucille McKeeman  
 Mother of Mary Bourdon  
 By: The Rohrs Family

**Sunday**  
 8:00 AM People of St. Mary's Parish  
 9:30 AM Robert Colton  
 In Loving Memory  
 By: August Savarese Family  
 Ann Horgan  
 In Loving Memory  
 By: A friend  
 The Reynolds Family  
 By: Ignite Youth Ministry

**Monday**  
 8:00 AM People of St. Mary's Parish

**Tuesday**  
 8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. John E. Lawlor  
 In Loving Memory  
 By: The O'Hara Family

**Wednesday**  
 8:00 AM Daniel Pfau  
 In Loving Memory  
 By: Terry's Bible  
 Study Friends

**Thursday**  
 8:00 AM  
 12:15 PM  
 6:00 PM

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
 People of St. Mary's Parish  
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 People of St. Mary's Parish

**Saturday**  
 5:00 PM Bill O'Meara  
 (Father of Nina Miller)  
 In Memory of  
 By: The Duff Family

**Sunday**  
 8:00 AM Candee Mulak  
 In Loving Memory  
 By: Her Friends

9:30 AM Lulu Valdez  
 In Memory of  
 By: David & Louise Simon

11:00 AM People of St. Mary's Parish

∞ **Parish Announcements** ∞

**Weekly Offertory:** Last week's offertory was \$16,278.08. Of this amount, \$8,109.58 came from 128 E-Givers and \$8,168.50 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our project budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900.

**Second Collection:** Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**Can You Sing?** Singing in one of our choirs is one of the most important ministries you can perform for our parish. Consider joining one of our choirs. Contact Gena Sullivan for the 11:00 Choir or Patty Lepak for the 9:30 Choir.

**Are You Registered?** If you are new to Saint Mary's, or if you are not registered, please call (860) 658-7627 or stop by the Parish Office (3 Massaco Street). By registering you help us help you.

**Would You Like to Become a Catholic?** If you or someone you know would like to become a Catholic, please contact Fr. Matera at the Church Office (860) 658 7627 for information about what is involved.

**Simsbury Food Pantry:** We are collecting items today at all the Masses including 5:00 PM, Saturday. Canned goods and non-perishables are welcome. Coffee and canned goods, including fruit, are at the top of the list this month. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to a necessary outreach. Please email: [Lrippel@aol.com](mailto:Lrippel@aol.com) for any questions.

**Stephen Ministry:** This one-to-one lay ministry is named for Stephen, one of seven called by the church to assist the apostles in caring for others (Acts 6 and 7). Stephen Ministry is listening, caring for others in Jesus' name. If you want to learn more about this ministry, email [stephenministry@stmarysimsbury.org](mailto:stephenministry@stmarysimsbury.org) or call (860) 658-7627.

**Bulletin:** Announcements for the bulletin should be 50 words or less. All bulletin announcements should be emailed to the Parish Office by Friday at noon. Please email your announcement to [parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org)

## ***Of Many Things***

### ***Today's Liturgy: The Promise of and Coming of the Spirit***

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, the liturgy focuses on the promise and coming of the Holy Spirit. In the first reading, Philip goes to a city of Samaria and proclaims the gospel. When the apostles in Jerusalem hear this, they send Peter and John to lay hands on the Samaritans so that they might receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Samaritans were outsiders and outcasts. That they accepted the gospel and then received the gift of the Holy Spirit shows that God is doing something new in the risen Christ. God is always doing something new in our lives as well!

In the second reading St. Peter encourages us to sanctify Christ in our hearts by honoring and revering him as the Lord and Savior of our lives. We honor and revere Christ as our Lord and Savior because he is the one whom God raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we might enter new life. Make Christ the Lord of your life and the Spirit will dwell in you!

In today's gospel, Jesus promises us an Advocate who will intercede for us before God. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts and abides with the Church forever. This Spirit prays for us and advocates our cause before God.

### **Ascension Thursday**

This Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Thursday. On this day, forty days after Easter, the risen Christ returned to the Father who sent him into the world. Having returned to the Father, the risen Christ is now enthroned at the right hand of God where he prays and intercedes for us. Please join us on this beautiful feast in which we celebrate the victory of Christ over the powers of Sin and Death.

**Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, and 6:00 PM.**

### **A New Director of Religious Education**

I am pleased to announce that Lori Oleasz will be our new Director of Religious Education. Lori is an accomplished Religion, Sacramental Preparation and Visual Fine Arts teacher with eleven years of service in Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese. She, and her husband David, are longtime parishioners of Saint Mary's. Please welcome and support Lori in her ministry among us.

### **First Holy Communion**

This Saturday we had two First Communion Masses, one at 10:00 AM and the other at 1:00 PM. First Communion is one of the most joyous days in our parish life. The innocence and promise of these children, who receive the Lord for the first time, reminds us of our own childhood with its own innocence and promise. Pray for these children and their parents that they will grow into the fullness of Christ's life.

### **Save These Dates**

There are many important events that will be happening in our parish life. Here are just a few. Save these dates:

*Walk in Wednesdays at Saint Mary's School*—May 24 & 31  
Come and see the difference a Catholic education makes.

*St. Mary's Parish Carnival*—June 7 to 10  
Enjoy a night at the Carnival with the whole family.

*Vacation Bible School*—June 26 to 29  
Bring your children to Vacation Bible School for a renewing experience.

*St. Mary's Parish Picnic*—Sunday, September 17, 3:00 to 5:00 PM  
This year's theme will be "Celebrating Our Community". It will be a time to renew our community and welcome our newer and younger members

### **St. Mary's Campus Connection**

On the weekend of June 3-4, I intend to present the parish with a detailed update of where we are in our project.

*Father Matera*

**May 21, 2017**

## **Adult Enrichment**

**Bible Study with Deacon Art:** Bible Study is scheduled for the following **Wednesday evenings:** June 7 & 21 in the **Parish Center** beginning at 7:00 PM. Prior to Bible Study, join us at 6:10 PM for Lectio Divina in the portable classrooms and/or 6:45 PM in the Parish Center for prayers for healing and special intentions. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible and a friend. We hope to see you there!

## **Scout News**

**Scoutmaster Brad Mead receives award:** St. Mary's Troop 175's Scoutmaster, Brad Mead, has received the The Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award was bestowed the Connecticut River's Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is the highest award of a council. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it!

**Cub Scout Recruiting:** St. Mary's Pack 175 will be recruiting new Cub Scouts on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Orkil Field. This is open to all boys from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be from 2:00-4:00 PM during the Pack's annual rocket day. There will be a free rocket for new recruits to launch. This is a great opportunity to learn about the program from leaders and cubs. E-mail [ambrosiochristian@gmail.com](mailto:ambrosiochristian@gmail.com) for more information. (Orkil Field is at 74 Old Farms Rd. across from the Apple Barn.)

## **Vacation Bible Study**

**Vacation Bible School:** We're taking a trip to Rome with Saint Paul for four mornings on June 26-29 from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM. You won't want to miss this adventure at Vacation Bible School! Registration opens on Thursday, June 1. You can go on our parish website at [www.stmarysimsbury.org](http://www.stmarysimsbury.org). For any questions, you can call Kathleen Keating at (860) 658-7627.

## **Parish Bike Ride**

**Parish Bike Ride:** Join St. Mary's for its second annual. 1, 2, 5, 10 & 20 miles. Casually paced rides on Rails to Trails. An Easy & Fun Family Event. Bring your own water bottle (filled) and perhaps a snack; wear glasses and gloves (if you have). Get your bike checked out now or use Simsbury Free Bike. Rain free only, no rain date. Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM St. Mary's Church, north parking lot. 942 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury. Join Us - No cost! Discover (or rediscover) the Spirit of Bike Riding! Father's Day Weekend – Ask your dad or ask your kids to join you on a bike ride! Questions & RSVP Paul Mikkelson [mikbenefit@comcast.net](mailto:mikbenefit@comcast.net).

## **St. Mary's Parish Carnival**

**Carnival Volunteers Needed:** It is that time once again! The annual Spring St. Mary's Parish Carnival is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed. **Families are encouraged to volunteer together** for a few hours and then stay for some fried food, rides, games and fellowship! Teens who are in need of Confirmation Service hours are also encouraged to sign up under the special "Teen" tab. To sign up follow the link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0545abac238-stmarys> or go to our parish web page and click on the link on the front page. Any questions, or to sign up by phone, please contact Sandy at (860) 844-0408.

## **St. Mary's School**

**Now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year!** Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Drop in this May for a **Walk in Wednesday on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> or May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Visit classrooms, meet faculty and staff. See the difference a Catholic education makes! Contact Toni Chagnon for more information, (860) 658-9412 or [tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net](mailto:tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net)

**Spring Music Concert:** Please join us for our Spring Music Concert in the Parish Center on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. This year, we are pleased to feature both our school bands and vocal performances from our students.