

St. Mary's Church

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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 5:00 PM	June 17 People of St. Mary's Parish
Sunday 8:00 AM	June 18 Rodney Brignac In Loving Memory By: The Henault Family
9:30 AM	Rosemary Reynolds Repose of the Soul By: The Duff Family
11:00 AM	Sean Grogan In Loving Memory By: Scott & Kristen Connors
Monday 8:00 AM	June 19 Evelyn Mauro In Remembrance By: The Bruno Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	June 20 Rosemary Reynolds By: Nancy & Robert Rodney
Wednesday 8:00 AM	June 21 John E. Miklus Birthday Remembrance By: His Family
Thursday 8:00 AM	June 22 Marie L. Kelley In Loving Memory By: The O'Hara Family
Saturday 5:00 PM	June 24 Bernice T. Kolwaski In Loving Memory By: Her Husband & Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	June 25 Teresa Voroscak Remembrance By: Her Husband and Family
9:30 AM	Rodney Brignac In Loving Memory By: The Henault Family
11:00 AM	People of St. Mary's Parish

Vacation Bible School: We're taking a trip to Rome with Saint Paul from June 26-29. Every year our children love the live music, outdoor games, snacks and more! For registration information, visit the parish website at www.stmarysimsbury.org click Faith Formation, IGNITE Youth Ministry, and Vacation Bible School.

Join the Team: Vacation Bible School is run by volunteers. Every year teens and adults share their time and talents with our children. For more information, visit our parish website www.stmarysimsbury.org.

∞ **Parish Announcements** ∞

Father's Day: On this Father's Day, we extend our congratulations and gratitude to all of the fathers of our parish. By your faithful care of family, by the example you give each day, and by the generosity you show to all, you are a blessing to all of us. Thank you for the way in which you exercise your gift of Fatherhood.

Fr. Matera Away: Father Matera will be away this week from Monday through Friday.

Weekly Offertory: Last week's offertory was \$15,300.08. Of this amount, \$7,996.58 came from 140 E-Givers, and \$7,303.50 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our projected budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900.

Parish Office Summer Hours: Starting Monday, June 19, the Parish Office will adopt summer hours and be open 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday-Thursday and 9:30 AM -12:00 PM on Friday's.

Haiti Aid: Last year, Christian Heiden and his family went to Haiti and installed a hydroponic farming system in the town of Pignon. At the end of this month, a team is returning to Haiti to install prototypes that they hope to replicate throughout the countryside. While there, the team will distribute basic supplies. You can support this effort by donating baby formula, backpacks, batteries (aa, aaa, c), soccer balls, baseball hats, toothbrushes & toothpaste, bar soap, and school supplies. For information on how to donate, contact Bill Heiden in the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships: The Knights of Columbus Council No. 2758 is offering post secondary education scholarships. Eligible students are members of St. Bernard's, St. Catherine's, St. Mary's and St. Therese parishes. Please stop by the parish office to pick up an application packet. Applications are due by June 23.

Parish Bike Ride: Join St. Mary's for its second annual. 1, 2, 5, 10 & 20 miles. Casually paced rides on Rails to Trails. Get your bike checked out now or use Simsbury Free Bike. Rain free only, no rain date. Saturday, June 17th, 11:00 AM St. Mary's Church, north parking lot. 942 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury. Join Us - No cost! Questions & RSVP Paul Mikkelson mikbenefit@comcast.net.

Simsbury Food Pantry: Our next collection will be on June 25th 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 for any questions.

The Mass (2)
Understanding How We Worship
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Last week I wrote about the significance of our gathering as a community of faith and the procession of the priest and other ministers into the church. I noted that *we are gathered by the risen Lord* to celebrate Mass, and that we enter the sanctuary *following the cross* because we are followers of the crucified Christ. Finally we place the Book of the Gospels on the altar thereby showing the unity of Word and Sacrament. This week I am writing about those things we do to prepare ourselves to hear the word of God.

The Sign of the Cross: We begin by blessing ourselves in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. By making the sign of the cross, we summarize the whole of our faith in a simple gesture: (1) the cross that we make reminds us that we have been saved by Christ's death and resurrection on the cross. (2) By blessing ourselves in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we profess our faith in the Trinity.

The Greeting: After we have signed ourselves with the cross, the priest says, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you," and we respond, "and with your Spirit." By this simple opening dialogue, the priest and congregation remind each other of God's presence. We are standing in the presence of the all Holy God who offers us grace, love, communion. This is no ordinary assembly; it is the Assembly of God's saints, God's holy ones.

The Penitential Rite: Before we can hear the Word of God our minds and hearts must be purified. How can we possibly receive into our hearts the Word of God if we are burdened with sin? Because we are constantly in need of mercy and forgiveness, we call to mind our sins and we ask for God's mercy. This is an important moment that should not be rushed. We should take a moment to reflect on our need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Once we have done this, we can ask for God's mercy. At the end of the litany (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy), the priest pronounces an absolution upon us that assures us that our ordinary everyday sins are forgiven. With hearts purified we are ready to hear God's Word.

Gloria: After the penitential rite we sing the Gloria, the same hymn that the angels sang at the birth of the Savior. In doing this, we sing "Glory to God in the highest," thereby acknowledging that God alone is holy. The Gloria that we sing is the response of a grateful people whose sins have been forgiven. The next time you sing or recite the Gloria, pay careful attention to the words. This is a beautiful prayer you can use in your own prayer life every day.

Opening Prayer: The introductory rites of Mass conclude with an Opening Prayer or Collect, in which the priest summarizes the prayers of the entire congregation. This is not an easy prayer to understand since the present translation is often complicated and convoluted. But if you listen carefully, you will notice the richness of this prayer that summarizes the central themes of the liturgy. They are worth meditating upon.

We are now ready for the first great moment in the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. We have been gathered by the risen Christ; we have followed the crucified Christ into the sanctuary; we have blessed ourselves in the name of the Trinity; we have asked for God's forgiveness; we have praised God for God's glory; and we have summarized the thoughts of our hearts in the Opening Prayer. There is only one thing left to do: to listen to the Word of God, the topic of next week's column.

Father Matera

June 18, 2017

Religious Education

Religious Education: Registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Year is open. You may register your child by going online to the parish website at, www.stmarysimsbury.org. Click on the red button on the homepage or the Religious Education page to begin the registration process. Grades 1-6 your preference for session or Catechist is not a guarantee. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. No child is ever denied religious education due to the inability to pay.

Adult Enrichment

Bible Study with Deacon Art: Bible Study is scheduled for the following **Wednesday evenings:** June 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. *Please see today's insert regarding our retreat on Saturday, June 24.*

St. Mary's School

Class of 2017: Congratulations to the Class of 2017! 29 8th grade students graduated on Friday, June 2nd. We wish them all the best as they continue on their educational journey to Northwest Catholic and our local public and private high schools.

St. Mary's Carnival

2017 Carnival Raffle Winner: We congratulate the winners of this year's raffle and thank all who participate in the raffle.

1st Prize - \$10,0000

Allison Couture, Simsbury-Ticket # 00678

2nd Prize - Two Adirondack Chairs and Side Table from Kloter Farms, Inc.

Barbara Griffin, Simsbury-Ticket # 00471

3rd Prize - \$250 Gift Card and Coupon Booklet for one gourmet cake each month for one year at Fitzgerald's Food Store

Joyce DeFrancesco, Simsbury Ticket # 00712

4th Prize - \$500 Holloway's Appliance Center Gift Certificate

Janet Knecht, Simsbury-Ticket # 00327

2017 Carnival Sponsors: The Carnival committee wishes to thank all the volunteers who gave their time and talents in making our 2017 Carnival a success. Special thanks to our 38th Annual Spring Carnival sponsors.

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