

St. Mary's Church

Directory

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(860) 658-7627
www.stmarysimsbury.org

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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** ∞

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| Saturday 5:00 PM | July 15 Rosemary Neidle 10th Anniversary Mass By: Her Loving Family |
| Sunday 8:00 AM | July 16 Paul J. Dlubac, III In Loving Memory By: His Family |
| 9:30 AM | Michael Zikovich Birthday Remembrance By: His Wife and Children |
| 11:00 AM | People of St. Mary's Parish |
| Monday 8:00 AM | July 17 Father Dudack In Memory By: Ron and Dorothy Miller |
| Tuesday 8:00 AM | July 18 Joseph Forcucci In Loving Memory By: His Family |
| Wednesday 8:00 AM | July 19 Margo Anderson Birthday Remembrance By: Aunt Carmen & Uncle Allen |
| Thursday 8:00 AM | July 20 Kris Moore By: Karen |
| Saturday 5:00 PM | July 22 Rosemary Solury In Loving Memory 3rd Anniversary By: Her Family |
| Sunday 8:00 AM | July 23 Michael & Dorothy Dlubac Birthday By: Their Family |
| 9:30 AM | Dan PFAU In Loving Memory By: St. Denis Family |
| 11:00 AM | People of St. Mary's Parish |

Parish Office Summer Hours: The Parish Office has adopted summer hours and will be open 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM Monday-Thursday and 9:30 AM -12:00 PM on Fridays.

Save the Date: The St. Mary's Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 17 from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM.

∞ **Parish Announcements** ∞

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 \$ 12,230. Of this amount, \$4,653 came from 93 E-Givers, and \$7,577 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our project budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900.

New to St. Mary's Parish? At this time of year, many people move to the Simsbury-Granby area. Are you new to our parish? Have you been attending Mass but are not yet registered? Please register by calling the Office (860 658 7627) so that we can know and serve you better.

Marriage Anniversaries: If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary during the months of June, July, or August, join us at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, July 29th, so that we can bless your marriage and you can renew your marriage vows. All anniversaries are important, be it the first or the fiftieth, so please join us on July 29th. A wine and cheese social will follow in the Parish Center.

Welcome Little Children! From time to time babies cry in church. That's alright! That's what babies do. Crying babies are a sign of life and growth. Do not feel uncomfortable if your child cries in church. Your child is welcome and belongs here, even when he or she is crying, especially when he or she is crying!

Restrooms for Those with Disabilities: You are always welcome to use the rest-rooms in the sacristy if you have special needs. This will avoid the need to go downstairs to the Lower Church. When our Campus Connection Project is completed, we will have handicap facilities for all on the level of the church.

Rosary Volunteer Leaders Needed: Consider becoming a rosary volunteer leader for a group of 10-20 residents of Governor's House Rehabilitation Center here in Simsbury. We are looking for a commitment of one day a year. No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. Great activity to do with your family! For more information on times and dates, please email Sandy at severett@cox.net.

St. Mary's Bridge: Do you play bridge? The St. Mary's Bridge League is now forming for the 2017-2018 year. This is a marathon group played in the homes of the members from September through May. Sign up with a partner or as a single and we will help you find one. Both day and evening flights are available. Sign up by August 15th. If interested, please contact Patty Howland at (860 470 7771) or at pahowl@gmail.com.

Mass (6)
Understanding How We Worship
The Eucharistic Prayer

Last week I wrote about the Offertory, that moment in the Mass when we offer God the bread and wine, which the Holy Spirit will transform into the very body and blood of Christ. Today's column is devoted to the Eucharistic Prayer.

There are four Eucharistic Prayers, and we tend to use different ones on weekdays and Sundays. Although each is different, all of them enjoy a similar structure: Preface, Invocation of the Spirit, Institution Narrative, Memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, Remembrances of the Living and the Dead, Great Doxology, Great Amen.

Every Eucharistic Prayer begins with a **Preface** that praises God for his marvelous deeds of salvation in Jesus Christ. There are more than fifty Prefaces, and we use them at different times during the Church's Liturgical Year. At the end of the Preface, as we are about to enter the most sacred part of the Liturgy, we sing the first of three acclamations, the Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts." The other two proclamations are the Mystery of Faith and the Great Amen.

At the beginning of the Eucharist Prayer, the priest makes an **Invocation of the Spirit**. He prays that the Spirit will come upon the gifts of bread and wine so that they will become the body and blood of Christ for us. In Eucharistic Prayer II, the priest prays: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, *by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall*."

Having asked God to send the Spirit upon these gifts, the priest recites the **Institution Narrative** in which he recalls what Christ did at the Last Supper. At this moment the bread and wine are consecrated by the power of the Holy Spirit and become the very body and blood of Christ.

After the consecration, the priest invites the congregation to proclaim the **Mystery of Faith**, and the congregation sings a second acclamation that summarizes the Mystery of Faith: "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again."

The priest resumes the Eucharistic Prayer with a **Remembrance of Christ's Saving Act**, his death and resurrection. In Eucharistic Prayer II he prays: "Therefore as we celebrate the memorial of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the bread of life and the chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you." There follow a series of prayers in which the priest **remembers the living and the dead**.

After the remembrances of the living and the dead, the priest elevates the consecrated bread and wine and sings **the Great Doxology**: "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours for ever and ever," to which the congregation responds with the **Great Amen**, which is its third acclamation. This great doxology is the moment when we offer God what he has given to us.

This Eucharistic Prayer is the central moment of the Mass when our gifts become the very body and blood of Christ through the power of God's Spirit. At this moment, we are sacramentally present at the Lord's Supper and at his Death on Calvary.

Father Matera

July 16, 2017

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.

Our RCIA program meets after the 9:30 AM Mass, twice a month, beginning in the fall and early spring, concluding with reception into the church at the Easter Vigil. The program provides a way to learn about the church and experience its community.

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).

Religious Education

Catechists Needed for the Coming Year: We are in need of catechists for Religious Education, Grades 1 to 6. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, or would like more information, please contact Lori Oleasz at drelori@stmarysimsbury.org.

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. No child is ever denied religious education due to the inability to pay.

Adult Religious Education

Bible Study with Deacon Art: Bible Study with Deacon Art Miller will meet on the following Wednesdays during the summer: July 19th and August 23rd. **Please note:** we will not use the portable classroom. All activities will occur in the Parish Center. Lectio Divina at 6:10 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM), Prayers for healing and special intentions at 6:45 PM and Bible Study at 7:00 PM. Please bring your Bible and a friend.

St. Mary’s School

After Care Staff needed for the upcoming school year! Each school day a number of children wait after school in a supervised program. At St. Mary’s School, we offer this service from 3:30 until 6:00 PM on most school days. Interested parties please contact Margaret Williamson mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net or at (860 658 9412).

Simsbury Food Pantry and House of Bread

Our next collection will be on July 23rd at all the Masses including Saturday at 5:00 PM. There are 2 separate requests: canned goods and non-perishables are needed for Simsbury Food Pantry and Sr. Teresa requests the following kitchen supplies for the House of Bread: bleach, dishwasher and laundry detergent, liquid soap, sandwich bags, paper towels and toilet paper. Thank you so much for your continued generosity! Contact: Lrippel@aol.com for any questions.

Books by Amy Ekeh

You will find a book of reflections by Amy Ekeh in the Parish Office. The donation for each book is \$10.00. Amy has given several days of reflection to the women of our parish. You will find her books clearly written and inspiring.

You Are Very Welcome at St. Mary’s

Are you new to Simsbury? Are you coming from another parish? We warmly welcome you to our faith community. If you have not yet registered with us please drop this form in the collection box or mail it to St. Mary’s Church P.O. Box 575 Simsbury, CT 06070.

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