

St. Mary's Church

Simsbury, Connecticut 06070

Directory

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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

January 7
James Carbillo
By: The Family

Sunday
8:00 AM
9:30 AM

January 8
People of St. Mary's Parish
Arthur F. Burk
(Father of Joanne Russell)
In Loving Memory
By: St. Mary's Church
Dennis Fitzpatrick
In Memory of
By: The Soddano Family

Monday
8:00 AM

January 9
Peter Cunningham
By: The Kalamarides Family

Tuesday
8:00 AM
9:00 AM

January 10
No Mass
School Mass

Wednesday
8:00 AM

January 11
People of St. Mary's Parish

Thursday
8:00 AM

January 12
People of St. Mary's Parish

Saturday
5:00 PM

January 14
Richard Finney &
Maureen Bergman
In Loving Memory
By: Family & Friends

Sunday
8:00 AM

January 15
Valerie Brayden
Sister of Bernardine
People of St. Mary's Parish
Neil Kunycky
In Loving Memory
By: St. Mary's Bible Study

9:30 AM
11:00 AM



Baptism: We welcome Lily & William FitzGerald who was baptized into Christ last week.

Deceased: Please pray for Ethel Melanson. May she rest in peace of Christ.

∞ Parish Announcements ∞

Weekly Offertory: The offertory for Christmas weekend was \$20,261.25, which included \$3,711.25 from e-giving. The annual Christmas and Parish Maintenance collections combined totaled was \$28,185. Thank you for your generosity throughout all of 2016.

Last week's offertory was \$11,532.25. Of this amount, \$3840.25 came from 101 E-Givers, and \$7692 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our projected budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900.

Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet in the Lower Church on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM.

Bereavement Support Group: If you have lost someone and would like support feel free to join our Bereavement Support Group after the 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday, January 8. We will meet in the Lower Church. We hope to see you there.

Mercy Shelter: Fruits and Desserts are needed in the lower church this Sunday, January 8 before 3:00 PM to take to Mercy Shelter in Hartford.

Winter Wedding Anniversaries: We will celebrate the anniversaries of those who were married during the months of December, January, and February on Saturday, February 4th, at the 5:00 PM Mass. In addition to blessing those who were married during these months, couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage promises. A wine and cheese social will follow in the Parish Center. If your marriage anniversary falls during December, January, and February, please join us.

St. Patrick's Dinner: Our Annual St. Patrick's Dinner following the 5:00 PM Mass will be held on Saturday, March 18th at 6:00 PM.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Are you interested in knitting or crocheting? We come together to make shawls typically on the first Monday of each month, with the second Monday of September and January as the exceptions. Beginners to experts are welcome. We will meet in the Lower Church from 7 - 9 PM on the following Mondays in 2017- January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5.

WINTER/SPRING 2017

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

1/1	New Year's Day No Religious Education/Adult Enrichment	
1/8	Movie—Catholicism Series	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
1/15	Movie—Catholicism Series	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
1/22	Panel—Parenting Preschoolers	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
1/29	Grade 2 Service Project	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
2/5	Panel—Parenting Elementary School Children	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
2/12	Grade 5 Service Project	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
2/19	Winter Break No Religious Education /Adult Enrichment	
2/26	Movie—Champions of Faith featuring Mike Piazza	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
3/5	Panel—Parenting Middle School Children	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
3/12	Grade 6 Service Project	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
3/19	Panel—Parenting High School Children	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
3/26	Panel—Parenting College-Aged Children	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
4/2	Grade 1 Service Project	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
4/9	Palm Sunday No Religious Education /Adult Enrichment	
4/16	Easter Sunday No Religious Education /Adult Enrichment	
4/23	Coffee Social	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.
4/30	Movie—Catholicism Series	8:30 & 10:40 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity Presentation – Date TBD.

January 8, 2016

Religious Education

Second Grade Parents: Father Matera will discuss the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 PM in the lower Church. We ask that at least one parent of each child attend this session. We will have a gift display available at 6:30 PM if you would like to shop for First Communion gifts.

Season of Christmas: Our Youth Program is off for two weeks. Sessions will resume on January 8 for middle school small groups. To download our calendars, visit the parish website and click Faith Formation, Religious Education, and High School Program or Middle School Program.

Save the Date(s): Our Youth Program has exciting spring and summer plans, so we are hosting parent nights in the Parish Center! Middle school parent night will be on January 8 from 6:00-7:00 PM. High school parent night will be on January 15 from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry

IGNITE Youth Ministry: Keep up with us on Instagram and Facebook! @igniteyouthministry831.

Steubenville East: Send your teen to the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference! IGNITE attended with 71 teens last year. Don't let it sell out! Visit our parish website and click Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Steubenville East to place a deposit. Registration closes on January 15.

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment: Our Winter/Spring 2017 Adult Enrichment Series will have 5, age-based panel discussions about parenting in today's world. We welcome all grandparents, parents-to-be and current parents to attend these sessions so that we can have lively, multi-generational conversations. Additionally, we will be screening the *Catholicism* series and the film *Champions of Faith*. Plan to join us for an exciting season of growth.

Bible Study with Deacon Art: Get 2017 off to great start by attending Bible Study with Deacon Art Miller on February 1 and the following Wednesday evenings: March 1 & 22. **Please note: during February and March** Lectio Divina will be held in the Lower Church Library at 6:10 PM (doors open at 6 PM) Prayers for healing and special intentions will be in the Lower Church Hall at 6:45 and Bible Study in the Lower Church Hall at 7:00 PM. Please bring your Bible and a friend.

Rosary Repair

Free Rosary Repair: We have lots of parts! Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty and Dick Holden 7930 Estero Blvd., Apt. 502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Include a note indicating repair and return to me or that this is a donation. Please email: HoldenBnD@comcast.net with any questions.

Stephen Ministry

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, call (860) 992-2149 or email stephenministry@stmarysimsbury.org.

Save the Date

Tuesday, February 28. 7:00 to 9:00 PM

An Evening of Reflection for the men of our parish with Bill Walsh of Holy Family Monastery.

Saturday, March 4. 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

A Day of Reflection for the women of our parish with Amy Ekeh.

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 to 7:00-8:30 PM. A Lenten Series by Father Matera on Entering into God's Rest.

Saturdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18 at 1:00 PM. Altar Server Training for new recruits for grades 4 and above.

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