

St. Mary's Church

Directory

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www.stmarysimsbury.org

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Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 4:00 PM
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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 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	July 1 Wedding-Weldon/Letson Ann & Donna Feola In Loving Memory By: Their Family
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	July 2 Joseph William Reilly By: John & Maria Reilly Charles Shepherdson By: Caroline LaRock People of St. Mary's Parish
Monday 8:00 AM	July 3 Lori Francis Pinette 23rd Anniversary By: Her Parents, brother Allen, Carmen & Stuart H. Pinette
Tuesday 8:00 AM	July 4 Valeria Miller In Memory By: Ron & Dorothy Miller
Wednesday 8:00 AM	July 5 Kris Moore By: Karen
Thursday 8:00 AM	July 6 Ami D. Angeli In Memory of By: The Bible Family
Saturday 5:00 PM	July 8 Rosemary Reynolds
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	July 9 People of St. Mary's Parish Rosemary Reynolds In Memory of By: Rhoda & Lou Obermeier Paul Mikkelson Prayers for healing

Deceased: Please pray for Richard Cousins. May he rest in peace of Christ.

Parish Office Closed: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

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 Friday's.

∞ **Parish Announcements** ∞

Weekly Offertory: Last week's offertory was \$ 10,498.25. Of this amount, \$4201.25 came from 101 E-Givers, and \$ 6,297 came from envelopes and cash. Please consider E-Giving. To meet our project budget, our weekly offertory should average \$14,900. 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.

Rosary Rally: There will be a public Rosary in front of St. Mary's Church on Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 PM in honor of the 100th anniversary of our Lady of Fatima.

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.

Summer Wedding Anniversaries: We will celebrate the anniversaries of those who were married during the months of June, July & August on Saturday, July 29th, 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 open to everyone in the congregation will follow in the Parish Center. If your marriage anniversary falls during June, July or August, please join us.

Books by Amy Ekeh: You will find a book of reflections by Amy Ekeh at the exits of the Church and 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.

Mercy Shelter: Desserts and fruit are needed to take to Mercy Shelter in Hartford. All items can be dropped off in the Lower Church on Sunday, July 9, before 1:00 PM. Thanks for all the donations!

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

Daily Rosary App: Find inspiration to pray anytime, anywhere on your iPhone or iPad mobile device. Available in English and Spanish, you can pray the Rosary silently following daily text that reflects one of the Mysteries or allow audio to guide you in prayer. Purchase on iTunes application. Learn more at [www.SadlierReligion.com/Daily Rosary](http://www.SadlierReligion.com/DailyRosary).

The Mass (4)
Understanding How We Worship
Gospel, Homily, Creed, Prayer of the Faithful

Last week, I discussed the Liturgy of the Word. I noted that at Mass we are fed from two tables: the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist. At the first table, we are fed by God's life-giving Word that is found in the scriptures. At the second table, we are fed with the Bread of Life that is the Eucharist.

The Proclamation of the Gospel: The highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word is the proclamation of the Gospel. Before the Gospel is proclaimed we sing an extensive Alleluia, which means "Praise God." Then the Book of the Gospel is carried from the altar to the ambo, from where the Gospel is proclaimed by the Deacon or Priest. Because the Gospel is the Word of Christ, we stand when it is proclaimed.

When the priest or deacon proclaims the Gospel, the Living and Risen Christ speaks to us, his congregation. It is as if we were standing before the Lord, listening to him proclaiming his words to us. And indeed, this is what is happening! The voice we hear is the voice of the Deacon or the Priest, but the one who is speaking is the risen Christ.

The Homily: Following the Gospel, the deacon or priest delivers a brief homily in which he applies the words of the living Christ to our lives. The homily is most successful when it breaks open the scriptures in a way that we understand how Christ's words apply to our lives today. While the burden of doing this falls on the homilist, our task is to listen carefully and attentively so that we can understand what the Word of God is saying to us.

The Creed: After the homily, we recite the Creed. The Creed we recite is an ancient summary of our faith that goes back to the fourth century. The central elements of our faith are found in this Creed: our faith in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Holy Spirit the Lord and Giver of Life, and the Church. This Creed is our response to the Word of God we have just heard. The next time you recite the creed, reflect on its meaning. Take some time to study and better understand it.

The Prayers of the Faithful: The Liturgy of the Word concludes with a series of petitions whereby we pray as a community of believers for the needs of the Church, the Word, the Sick, the Faithful Departed, and any other specific needs. These prayers are an important moment in the Liturgy of the Word, because they bring the Liturgy of the Word to a fitting climax. Having heard God's Word and responded to it by reciting the Creed, that Word inspires us to pray for others.

The Liturgy of the Word takes about 25 to 30 minutes on a typical Sunday. That is not a long time. But it is a powerful moment when we come in contact with the Risen Christ who speaks to us in the scriptures and teaches how to live as once he taught his disciples. Prepare for this liturgy of the Word by reading and meditating on the scriptural passages before Mass. Then continue to reflect on them throughout the week. It will change and transform your life.

Father Matera

July 2, 2017

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. 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.

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).

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.

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 pm on most school days. The pay is good and the service is welcomed by parents. Interested parties please contact Margaret Williamson mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net or at (860 658 9412).

A Catholic School Education for Your Child: If you would like to know the difference that a Catholic Education can make for your child, please visit St. Mary’s School this summer. To visit the School, simply call and make an appointment (860 658 9412). St. Mary’s School enrolls children from Pre-K through Eighth Grade. If you are searching for academic excellence for your child in a faith-filled and faithful environment, learn more about St. Mary’s School.



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.

Name:

Address:

Phone: