

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 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
Monday 8:00 AM	July 10 Pasquale Natale The father of Christine Peterson In Memory of By: The O'Sullivan Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	July 11 Mark and Deb Knutti Living Intention By: Paul and June Krippner
Wednesday 8:00 AM	July 12 Kris Moore By: Karen
Thursday 8:00 AM	July 13 Nancy Richards Birthday Remembrance By: The Elliots
Saturday 5:00 PM	July 15 Rosemary Neidle 10th Anniversary Mass By: Her Loving Family
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	July 16 Paul J. Dlubac, III In Loving Memory By: His Family Michael Zikovich Birthday Remembrance By: His Wife and Children People of St. Mary's Parish

Baptism: We welcome Maya McDermott, James Furey, and Emila Furey who were baptized into Christ last week.

Wedding: Congratulations to Kristen Weldon and Brandan Letson who were married at St. Mary's last week.

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 \$ 11,577.58. Of this amount, \$3,263.58 came from 93 E-Givers, and \$8,314 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.

Youth Survey: The Archdiocese of Hartford is requesting that all parishes and schools encourage their young people (ages 16-29) to fill out the Archdiocesan Survey for Young People <https://oec.typeform.com/to/qPt9f0>. This survey will be beneficial for the Archdiocese, as it strives to hear and respond to the voice of our youth and young adults, who will have the chance to express their thoughts and concerns about their faith and values.

Rosary Rally: There will be a public Rosary in front of St. Mary's Church this 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: This summer we will meet on Monday, July 10, August 7, and September 11 from 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM, in the Lower Church. Are you interested in knitting or crocheting? Beginners to experts welcome. Thankful for generous donations from the parish community, we are able to supply yarn if you would like to make a shawl for the Ministry. If you cannot attend meetings: contact Rhoda at (860 651 4027).

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.

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 this Sunday, July 9, before 1:00 PM. Thanks for all the donations!

The Mass (5) *The Offertory*

For the past month, these columns have dealt with the first part of the Mass, which is called the Liturgy of the Word. The remaining columns in this series will deal with the second part of the Mass, which is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist consists of three parts: (1) The Offertory; (2) The Eucharistic Prayer; (3) The Communion Rite. Today, I will discuss the first of these three parts, the Offertory.

Just as the Liturgy of the Word begins with a procession in which the Book of the Gospels is brought to the altar, so the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with a procession in which bread and wine are brought to the altar. Those who bring the gifts to the altar represent the entire congregation. The gifts they bring symbolize our very lives, which will we offer to God in and through Christ.

Bread and wine are the staples of life. Bread brings us nourishment, and wine brings joy to our heart. This bread and wine, however, will become the very body and blood of Christ, whereby we will be nourished unto eternal life.

After the priest receives these gifts, he says a brief prayer as he offers first the bread and then the wine; As he offers the bread he prays: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you, it will become for us the bread of life." Then, as he offers the wine, he prays: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through you goodness we have received the wine we offer you, it will become our spiritual drink."

After offering the bread and wine, the priest washes his hands. In the past, when the faithful brought many gifts to the altar, this was a necessary action. Today, it has taken on a symbolic meaning of inner cleansing. As he washes his hands the priest prays: "Wash me of my iniquity and cleanse me of my sins."

Having received the gifts of bread and wine from the congregation and offered them to God, the priest concludes the Offertory with the Prayer over the Gifts, in which he asks God to receive the gifts we offer so that they will become the body and blood of Christ. After this prayer, the priest will proclaim the great Eucharistic Prayer that we will discuss next week.

Campus Connection Update

As you saw from the handout that we distributed a few weeks ago, our Construction Committee has been and remains busy. We meet every week, Thursday or Saturday, to do the necessary ground work so that we can begin construction. What can you do? How can you help?

There are two things that you can do at this point: First, if have made a pledge, please fulfill your pledge so that we will have the cash on hand to complete what we have begun. Second, if you have not yet made your pledge, or if you can increase your pledge, please do so. I made and fulfilled my pledge some time ago, and have since increased my pledge. I hope you will consider doing the same so that we can complete the good work we have begun.

Father Matera

July 9, 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.

Knights of Columbus

The 2016-2017 Annual Campaign to Benefit those with Intellectual Disabilities - the ‘Tootsie Roll Drive’-has recently concluded. We are pleased to announce that KofC Council 2758, which serves the Parishes of St. Mary’s, St. Catherine of Sienna, and St. Therese’s, has once again been recognized as the #1 Council in Connecticut in collections. We raised a combined \$8,000 from donations at our Parishes after Masses and at area grocery stores this past October. Thank you for your continuing generous support of our local Special Olympics and group homes!

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.

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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Address:

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