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MASSSES:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday Evening): 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month (during the 11:00 am Mass) and third Sunday of the month by appointment. Required Baptism Preparation Program, please call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Couples please call for appointments at least six months in advance.

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.

VISITORS: Thank you for worshipping with us. If you would like to join our parish, please give us a call or email us at parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org

DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 3 Massaco Street, PO Box 575

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30- 4:00 PM

Friday: 8:30- 12:00 PM

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ST. MARY'S PARISH, SIMSBURY

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	JULY 4 Wedding-Everett/Stratton People of St. Mary's Parish
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	JULY 5 Paul Dluback In Memory by: His Family Lucia Turisco 1st Anniversary by: Her Family People of St. Mary's Parish
Monday 8:00 AM	JULY 6 Francis Mary & Francis Jr. Gallagher by: Jim , Paula Gallagher & Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	JULY 7 Marie L. Kelley Birthday Remembrance by: Her Family
Wednesday 8:00 AM	JULY 8
Thursday 8:00 AM	JULY 9 Mary E. Lane Birthday Remembrance by: Her Friend Mari Lou
Friday 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	JULY 10 Wedding rehearsal Rea/ Meskevich
Saturday 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	JULY 11 Wedding-Rea/Meskevich Mark & Debra Knutti Living Intention by: Paul & June Krippner
Sunday 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	JULY 12 Paul Dluback In Memory by: His Family People of St. Mary's Parish Nancy Elliot Richard Birthday Remembrance by: Mom & Dad

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacrament of Penance: Confessions will be heard on Monday, July 6th, the first Monday of the month from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Holiday Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July.

Daily Mass: Daily Mass is now held Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM. If your summer schedule permits, come and join us for the Eucharist.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): In the fall we will begin our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) for those who would like to join the church. Would you like to become a Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to become Catholic? If so, please contact Fr. Garcia at the Parish Office (860) 658-7627.

If You Are Not Registered with Us: If you attend St. Mary's Church but are not registered with us, please take the time to call the Parish Office (860) 658-7627 and register with us. Or, take one of the registration packets that you will find in the vestibule of the church. By registering with us, we are able to serve you better.

Singers Wanted for Summer Choir: Would you like to sing with the choir at the Sunday 11:00 AM Mass during the summer? The choir rehearses only on Sunday mornings during the summer, prior to Mass at 10:30 AM in the Lower Church starting June 28th. Come and help us praise the Lord through song!

Bridge League: The St. Mary's Bridge League is now forming the 2015-2016 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 a partner. The sign ups are due by July 31st. If you are interested please contact Patty Howland at (860) 408-9485.

Parish Directory – Submitted Pictures:

Thank-you to all the families who scheduled an appointment to have their pictures taken for the Parish Directory. We are now starting the process of putting the directory together. If you were unable to have your family photo taken you can submit a picture.

Below are the guidelines for submitted pictures:
High quality, Vertical pose, Head & shoulder view, Color and 5x7 or smaller size.

The deadline for submitted pictures is July 15. If you have any questions please contact Joanne Russell (joanne.russell@comcast.net).



Rejecting Jesus

Now that we are in the period the church calls “Ordinary Time,” we have been reading from the Gospel according to Mark. If you have been following the story line, you have noticed that the Gospels for the past few weeks have focused our attention on Jesus’ powerful deeds, which point to the kingdom of God: the stilling of the storm at sea, the curing of a sick woman suffering from hemorrhages, and the raising of Jairus’s daughter from the dead. But in today’s Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth, having preached about the kingdom of God and performed so many mighty deeds. Once he is home, he enters the synagogue where he worships every Sabbath, and there he is rejected.

Jesus is rejected by those who know him best because they cannot understand how this man, with whom they have grown up, can make the claims he does. How can this Jesus be the preacher of the kingdom of God? Where did he get this wisdom? How can he perform such mighty deeds? How can he make such claims about God? How dare he call us to repentance!

Jesus is too much for his compatriots because they think they know him so well; he is too familiar to them. They cannot understand how he can be a prophet. They do not understand that he is the Son of God. And so they reject him. They do not heed his message despite its wisdom. They do not heed his message despite his mighty deeds. They reject him because he is too familiar to them. He is one of them.

The world has been rejecting Jesus for a long time. Nearly everybody agrees he was a good man. Most people, even those who are not Christian, admire his message of love and compassion. And nearly everybody agrees that he performed extraordinary deeds during his lifetime. But the world refuses to accept his central message: that he is God’s messenger of the kingdom of God, that the kingdom of God has made its appearance in him. The world refuses to believe that his death was the redemption of the world, the act by which God overcame the powers of sin and death. The world refuses to believe that Jesus was sent by God to reveal God to the world for the salvation of the world. The world refuses to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. And so the world has always rejected Jesus, and continues to do so.

It is not surprising that the world rejects Jesus. What is surprising, and more disturbing, is the way in which believers unknowingly reject Jesus. To be sure believers do not explicitly reject Jesus in the way the world does. After all, believers continue to profess their faith in him. But there are moments when we become so familiar with Jesus that we take him from granted. There are moments when we become so familiar with Jesus that we no longer hear the word he speaks to us. We are no longer challenged by that word, which we take for granted. We no longer hear the word spoken to us.

Jesus can be rejected in many ways. He is rejected when we pick and choose what we believe about the gospel he preaches. When we follow Jesus conditionally, depending our mood, we reject Jesus. When we mold Jesus and his message to our own image and likeness, we reject Jesus. When we chose what we want to believe and what we refuse to believe, we reject Jesus.

Jesus has always been rejected. But we of all people should know better. After all, we have been given the grace of faith, the grace of knowing and loving him.

Father Matera

July 5, 2015

ST. MARYS CARNIVAL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration: Have you registered your child for class this fall? Registrations received after July 15th will incur a late fee. Register today by visiting www.stmarysimsbury.org. Registrations are taken first come, first served. For additional information email, ReLED1-6@StMarySimsbury.org.

ADULT ENCHRICMENT

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Deacon Art Miller is currently scheduled for Bible Study for the following dates: **July 7 & 21, and August 4 & 25**. All classes are currently scheduled to be held in the Parish Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Prayers for healing and special intentions begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring your Bible and a friend. All are welcome!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

School Summer Office Hours - The school office will be open from 9am-1pm on Tuesday - Thursday or by appointment. Voice mail and email will be checked daily. CHOICE Cards will be sold at the School Office on the following dates and times:

9:30-11:30 - July 8th & 22nd

9:30-11:30 - August 5th & 19th

OTHER

A Religious Education Program for Children and Families with Special Needs: Celia R. Lofink, Special Needs Religious Ed. Coordinator at St. Therese Church in Granby, is forming a program to teach and share the Catholic Faith with special needs children from the surrounding towns of the Hartford and Farmington Valley who are willing to travel to the home base of the program at St. Therese. If you would like information about this program, contact Celia LoFink at (860) 653-3371 or email staffsttherese@gmail.com. Families who participate in this program retain membership in their own home parish and their children receive the sacraments in their own home parish.

What's happening at St. Mary's this week?

Sunday, July 5

Monday, July 6

6:00 PM-7:00 PM: Confessions

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10

5:00 PM: Wedding rehearsal for Ryan Rea & Lane Meskevich

Saturday, July 11

2:00 PM: Wedding-Ryan Rea & Lane Meskevich
3:30 PM-4:00 PM: Confessions

Reminder:

July 12: Mercy Shelter Deserts due



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