

# Ways to Give to St. Mary Parish!

## Online Giving

*Online Giving* is easy for you and it helps us. When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from coming to Mass, *Online Giving* allows your weekly offering to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) and click on the *Online Giving* logo to sign up. Or call the Parish Office for assistance, 203-438-6538 x106.

### **Benefits to you as a Parishioner:**

No more check writing, no cost to participate, confidential and secure, app for smartphones, easy updates and changes, weekly/monthly/quarterly and one-time donations, accommodates special collections, printable reports for tax purposes.

### **Benefits to our Parish:**

Creates a more consistent cash flow so the Parish can more accurately budget for expenses, safely secures transactions with no need to share personal info with staff, reduces administrative costs, simplifies adding, changing or discontinuing donations, increases recurring gifts, reduces liability.

## Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes are available for our Parishioners. They are dated and preprinted with your name, address, and Parishioner #. Contributions can be put in the collection basket at weekend Masses or mailed to the Parish Office.

## Stock Gifts

When making stock donations (transfers) to St. Mary Parish, please advise our Parish Accountant (203-438-6536 x106) ahead of time to ensure proper and timely handling of the transaction. She will provide you with information needed to perform the transfer.

## IRAs

You can designate your IRA distribution or a portion of it to St. Mary Parish. PATH Act of 2015 makes permanent the ability for taxpayers who are 70 ½ or older to exclude from income (up to \$100,000) distributions made from a traditional IRA that are made payable to a qualified charity. Please contact the Parish Office to expect distribution.

## Matching Gifts

Many companies allow their employees to make donations to charitable organizations through payroll deductions, and some will match the gift dollar for dollar. Ask your employer's human resources, matching gift or payroll department if there is a matching gift program. St. Mary Parish is an approved tax-exempt organization by the I.R.S. under section 501©3.

## Wills and Bequests

Once you have taken care of your family, please consider a bequest to St. Mary Parish. The best wording to use is "St. Mary's Corporation, Ridgefield, Connecticut." If you decide to name St. Mary Parish in your will, please notify our Pastor so we can thank you. It is a good idea to consult an attorney before writing your will.

## Tribute Gifts ("In Memory of" and "In Honor of")

Tribute and memorial donations provide a unique opportunity to remember family and friends. When you make your gift, we will send a notification of your thoughtfulness to whomever you designate. Please contact the Parish Accountant for more information.

*As always, please consult your tax advisor or financial planner prior to making financial decisions.*