

*Mass Intentions*

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 9, 2006</b> William McAuliffe by his family & friends
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>December 10, 2006</b> Bob Frascadore (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary) by his family
9:30 AM	Anthony F. Cesare (25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his family
11:00 AM	Hector Sanchez by his daughter
7:00 PM	Parish Penance Service
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 11, 2006</b> Adam Kaminski by his family
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 12, 2006</b> John Uccello (9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his wife
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 13, 2006</b> Katherine & Joseph Gresh
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 14, 2006</b> Daniel Manyak by Andrew & Mary Smolen
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 15, 2006</b> George Wolf by Tom & Marian Chrosniak
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 16, 2006</b> Raymond T. Fiora (22 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary) by his wife
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>December 17, 2006</b> Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
9:30 AM	Michael Reilly by his family
11:00 AM	Virginia Davis by the O'Reilly family

<b>Readings for the Week of December 10, 2006</b>	
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Thank you for your contribution this weekend to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes for Christmas flowers may be turned in at any mass. Thank you.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Robert J. Flynn*

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.

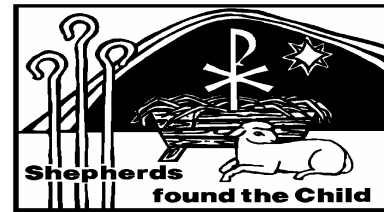
CALENDAR

12/10	7:00 PM	Coffee Sunday Parish Penance Service including 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
12/11	9:30 AM 4:45 & 6:15 PM 7:30 PM	Legion of Mary – Hart House First Reconciliation Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
12/12	6:00 PM	Women’s Guild Christmas Party – Gathering Space
	6:30 PM	Jr. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
12/17	11:00 AM 3:30 PM	Choir Sings Christmas Pageant

*From Fr. Golas,*

There are still two weeks left in Advent and before Christmas, and enough time to consider how we will accomplish all of our Christmas preparations and celebrations. It also is a time to consider how we will make a way for the Lord to be with us in prayer, Scripture reading and reflection, visits to those who are ill and confined, generosity to those in need and charity in thought and word to all at this hectic time.

At St. Mary’s it is also a time of increased Mass attendance. I ask your cooperation in making room in your pew for others. Please follow the ushers’ instructions when they ask you to move to the center of the pew or allow others to enter the pew by removing yourself for a moment from the end of the pew. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



ST. MARY’S CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Are you looking for a wonderful way to begin the holiday season? Join us in celebrating the birth of the Christ Child as seen through the eyes of a child. Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 PM.



**December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, Midnight

**December 25 - Christmas Day**  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

**December 31 - New Year’s Eve**  
4:30 PM

**January 1 - New Year’s Day**  
(Not a Holy Day of obligation this year)  
7:45 AM, 10:00 AM

**GIVING TREE**



If you have not yet returned your gift for the Giving Tree, *please do so by Sunday, December 17 at noon*. Gifts not returned by then will not be delivered in time for Christmas.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The second graders of our parish will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Monday, December 11. Please keep them in your prayers.

**LEAP!**

Saturday, December 16 6:00 PM - Meet at Bristol 10 Pin for a "highly competitive" bowling frenzy. Then on to Maple Village where we will bring songs of Christmas cheer and back to the Teen Center for a fun-filled, spirited Christmas party. Parent pick-up will be 10:00 PM. Cost is \$10.00

Sunday, December 17 12:30 – 4:00 PM– 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Service Project – Wrap it Up! New Horizons – While some are wrapping gifts, others will be playing Christmas Pictionary. Meet at New Horizons Great Room in back.

**DIVINE INSPIRATION**

The painting located near the statue of our Blessed Mother was painted by Mikahl Zarovny, a local artist who resides in West Hartford. This painting depicts his interpretation of The Annunciation. In 1998, the *Hartford Courant* featured Mr. Zarovny, while he was commissioned by St. Penteleimon Church in Hartford's South end. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Mr. Zarovny hand carved wooden sanctuary gates and painted Russian Icons on walls and ceilings. For more information about this artist, call Sandy Purrier 673-4989.

**2007 WOMEN'S RETREAT  
AT OUR LADY OF CALVARY RETREAT**

Registration forms for the 2007 Women's Retreat are available in the bookcases at both entrances to the gathering space. The retreat is scheduled for the weekend of February 2 – 4<sup>th</sup>. We are one of three parishes scheduled for this weekend so early registration is recommended. You can also register by calling the retreat house at 677-8519 or visiting their website at [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com). A 50% discount is being offered for first time retreatants. Gift certificates can be purchased. For more information, please contact Sylvie Doyle at 674-8454 or Maryann Dubin at 677-2028.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered parishioners:

*Robert & Christine Bernabucci, Unionville  
Kerry & Maura Callahan & family, Farmington  
Tom & Terry Quigley, Avon*

**FOR YOUR INFO**

The American Red Cross indicates blood supplies are critically low. Please donate blood this winter. Every year, as the weather gets cold and often stormy, and the busy holiday season arrives, our state's blood supply falls to dangerously low levels. This puts Connecticut patients at risk – whether it's a child who needs blood transfusions to treat cancer, or a man waiting for a heart transplant. Won't you please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit [bloodct.org](http://bloodct.org) and make your appointment today.

The Plainville Community Schools seeks volunteers to work with students as mentors or tutors or in school classrooms and offices as helpers. Mentors work one-to-one with students in Grades 1 – 12 to provide a positive, consistent role model. Tutors work, either one-to-one or in small groups, with students in Grades 1 – 12 to provide academic support and coaching. For more information on volunteer opportunities in the Plainville Community Schools, contact Gina Broadbent, at 860 793-3209 X326 or [broadbentg@plainvilleschools.org](mailto:broadbentg@plainvilleschools.org).

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

Cookbook recipes – Don't forget to drop off your favorite recipe in the basket provided in the gathering space. Please include your telephone number in case there are any questions. Thank you!

**PARISH PRAYER LINE**

If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at 673-2945.

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES**

We are frequently asked to provide certificates of eligibility for persons asked to be sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation and find there is some misunderstanding concerning this. A sponsor certificate does not mean that the applicant was baptized and/or confirmed at St. Mary parish. It attests that one is a registered member of the parish and a convinced Catholic attempting to live the faith by regular participation at Sunday Eucharist, the Mass and who witnesses to our Father by example and practice.

A sponsor at Baptism and/or Confirmation accepts responsibility for an ongoing interest and willingness to assist in the spiritual growth and formation of the person sponsored in the Catholic faith. Therefore a sponsor at these sacraments must be Catholic. Please call the rectory if you have any questions.



**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

*Dale Evans Rogers*

Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind;  
Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Amen

*Helen Steiner Rice*