



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, 4:30 PM	November 10, 2007 Sally Ryan by the Nicksa family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	November 11, 2007 James Kozyra by Barbara Wolf
9:30 AM	Agnes Maiorano by her husband
11:00 AM	Fr. James Boyle
Monday, 7:45 AM	November 12, 2007 Dora & Edmund Meheran by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kane & family
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	November 13, 2007 Mae & Tess Rourke
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	November 14, 2007 Lorraine Rivers Mass for the Deceased of our Parish this past year
7:30 PM	
Thursday, 7:45 AM	November 15, 2007 Michael Gaughan by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
Friday, 7:45 AM	November 16, 2007 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Saturday, 4:30 PM	November 17, 2007 Anne B. Burke by Mary Louise Anders
Sunday, 7:30 AM	November 18, 2007 Deceased Legionnaires worldwide
9:30 AM	Albert Alissi by family
11:00 AM	Lois A. Shea (25 th anniversary) by her husband

Readings for the Week of November 11, 2007

Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Imagine life below the poverty line, where one in eight Americans struggles every day to hang on. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities. Be part of the numbers that care; give generously to the CCHD Appeal next weekend. Visit povertyusa.org to learn more.

Calendar

11/12	9:30 AM	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 PM	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
11/13	7:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
11/17	4:30 PM	Choir Sings
11/18		Women's Guild Bake Sale

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of:

Anne B. Burke

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

Special Mass for the Deceased

In remembrance of all St. Mary's parishioners who have died this past year, there will be a special Mass on November 14 at 7:30 PM. During the Mass a list of names will be read and a candle will be lit in their honor. If you would like to include a member of your family who was not a parishioner, please write down their name and place in the basket at the back of the church prior to Mass. We will light one community candle for all the names. A small reception will follow the Mass.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service sponsored by First Church of Christ, Unionville and St. Mary Church for our community on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served by St. Mary Guild after the service.

Human Needs



During the month of November the Human Needs Committee will collect food to replenish the Farmington Food Pantry. This year, as well as all nonperishable items, the following items are needed by the Food Bank: small cans or containers of fruit such as fruit cocktail or backpack-size applesauce, etc.; condiments such as ketchup, mustard. If there is an expired date on the item, the Food Pantry cannot distribute it so please be sure to check the dates of the items you donate. The collection will end the weekend of November 24.

For Our Children Attending Mass...

Rick will soon invite all interested parish children, (who have received their First Communion and older), to attend the 9:30 AM mass on the first Sunday of each month and have them sit "together" in the section of pews nearest the organ. He hopes from this initial step to eventually build a children's voice ensemble which may sing at mass on a periodic basis. For more information parents interested in having their children participate are asked to please speak with Rick after mass or e-mail him at rickdaddario@hotmail.com for a response detailing how this concept will work. Thank you.

St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
of Sept. 4, 2007

The first Parish Council meeting of the 2007-2008 year was held on September 4. Bob Slabinski, the newly elected president of the council, presided over the meeting.

Committee Reports and New Business Items:

Finance Committee: The committee reported the budget approval and completion of work on the new furnace in the Hart House. In addition, the committee is reviewing the costs and funding of parish projects given priority status including: Old Church land renovation, the rectory floor renovation and Gathering Space acoustics.

Website: Ed O'Reilly, the parish webmaster, announced his procedure to update St. Mary's parish website. Each committee and person represented on the website will be contacted to provide updated information.

Cooperative Parish Sharing: The Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford invited our parish to participate in "Home Front Day", a program to aid low income elderly and disabled parishioners in need of critical home repairs. An effort will be made to determine if a committee of skilled and interested parishioners can be assembled to participate in this program in the future.

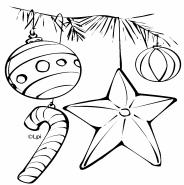
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: George Marcello, a council member, expressed an interest in increasing the parish's program for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. After a discussion, it was decided that this issue be referred to the Liturgy Committee.

Family Life Education: Evelyn Rodriguez, a representative of Family Life Education, discussed the organization's program, thanked the parish for its support and outlined its needs in the future.

St. Mary's Women's Guild

A Bake sale will be held after all masses on Sunday, November 18 in the gathering space to benefit various projects and scholarship fund. You may help by preparing a homemade item or baked goods. It would be helpful for the committee if you would price your own items. For more information, please call Helen Pasler 673-9424.

HOLD THE DATE: Women's Guild Christmas Party will be held on December 11. Look for more information coming soon.



The FUN Committee will once again be holding its annual **Christmas Ornament Workshop** on November 25 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM for children of the parish. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering space beginning this weekend. All supplies will be provided; children only need to bring

creativity and a smile. Please call Alan Norris 675-5952 with questions.

The Fun Committee will meet on Monday, November 19 at 7:00 PM in the gathering space.

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners our third and fourth graders were able to pack 30 shoebox gifts to ship to needy children all over the world in time for Christmas. A big thank you to our parishioners who donated shoeboxes and items to fill them. Without your generosity this event could not happen each year.

Baptism Preparation Program

As you prepare for the birth of your child, please plan to attend the pre-baptism program scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the rectory. The date of the baptism can be scheduled after attending the program. Parents must be registered parishioners. For more information and to register, please call the rectory.

Candle Offering Reminder

The amber-colored votive candles located in our worship space beneath the statue of our Blessed Mother are available for your lighting in prayerful remembrance and special intention. The suggested offering is \$1.00 and is to be placed into the self-contained box located in the center of each of the two racks. PLEASE remember to light a candle from the top rows – DOWN, to avoid the risk of injury which can be caused by placing your arm over a lighted votive. Thank you.

From Reverend Brian W. Monnerat, Archdiocesan Director of the Catholic Mission Aid Society:

Thank you very much for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$2,693.00 from the people of St. Mary Star of the Sea. I am most grateful to you for encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parish family. Know that you and they remain in my prayers – and in the prayers of the people of the Missions.



Upcoming Events

The Church of St. Ann's in Avon will celebrate the **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, November 11 from 2:30 – 3:30 PM. All are invited to this special devotion.

St. Patrick Church, Farmington – **Fair Trade Bazaar** – Saturday November 17 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Sunday, November 18 – 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Jewelry, clothing, handcrafts, pottery, home goods, chocolates and much more. Call Lynn 674-8058 for more information.



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