



Saturday, 4:30 PM	April 26, 2008 Stella Snyder by Christine, Mark & Christopher Napolitano
Sunday, 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	April 27, 2008 Patricia Gilligan by the O'Reilly family Thomas Higgins Crowe by his family Fr. James Boyle
Monday, 7:45 AM	April 28, 2008 Mary Yale (4 th anniversary) by Carole & Wilbur Charette
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	April 29, 2008 Harry Zibluk by Marianne Masiulis
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	April 30, 2008 Philomena Arena by Joyce & family
Thursday, 7:45 AM 5:30 PM	May 1, 2008 Muriel Sulli (3 rd anniversary) by her husband George St. Mary Parish
Friday, 7:45 AM 5:00 PM	May 2, 2008 Virginia Hatfield by her husband Fred Wedding – Timothy Michael Parylak - Amy Curry
Saturday, 4:30 PM	May 3, 2008 Sabrina Crowe & John Bergstrom by the Hemingway family
Sunday, 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	May 4, 2008 John Slabinski by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski Thomas Kappalumakkel by Rita Anderson & Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Dean Kathleen Hewitt by the Hewitt family

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2008	
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Next Sunday:	7 th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14 1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - Jn 14:15-17

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

4/28	9:30 AM	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 AM	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
5/2	7:30 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal – Church

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Barbara Lombardi

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



Thursday, May 1, Ascension of the Lord, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 AM and 5:30 PM.

2008 Parish Council Election Winners

Thank you for showing your support for the parish with your great response in electing Dr. Robert Kozol, Amanda McCaffrey, David Parducci and Mary Parducci to three-year terms on the Parish Council. These four will do their best to represent the needs of the parish as they replace outgoing members Janice Rimiller, Bob Slabinski, Nelson Waters and Barbara Wolf who retire after serving their three-year terms.

St. Mary's Women's Guild

The Guild's annual Spring Banquet and installation of officers will be held on Tuesday, May 20. At 6:00 PM we will gather at church to celebrate a Mass for all deceased members of the Guild. Dinner will be at 7:30 PM at the Stonewell Restaurant, 354 Colt Highway, Farmington. The dinner choices are prime rib \$28; fresh broiled salmon \$25; and grilled chicken breast \$20. All reservations and dinner choices must be prepaid and made no later than May 15. You may make a reservation in one of two ways – either by calling Loraine Neff at 673-5018 or by placing your reservation when a member of the telephone committee contacts you. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to all who returned the *St. Mary's Women's Guild survey* so we could update our records. To those who haven't sent it back, this is a reminder. If you are a member and did not receive one, or you have any questions regarding the survey, call Judy Welcome at 673-5117.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Tuition: Please note that tuition payments for the 2008 religious education year are long overdue. Students with outstanding balances will not be automatically re-enrolled for the 2009 Religious Education year. If you are unsure as to whether or not a balance exists, please contact the Office of Religious Education (675-8522).

Parents of Confirmation Candidates: The Confirmation rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, May 2 at 7:30 PM in the church. Please be on time. Sponsors are encouraged to attend if possible.

Personal Safety Program for Grades 1-8: "Think First & Stay Safe" is a nationally recognized program that teaches children life skills to keep them safe from sexual abuse, abduction, and Internet crime. In collaboration with St. Patrick's in Collinsville this program will be made available to the children of both parishes. **A program overview for parents will be presented at St. Patrick's, May 6 @ 6:30 PM in the church hall and at St. Mary's, May 7 @ 6:30 PM in the church.**

Additional Altar Servers Needed: If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please call the Office of Religious Education, 675-8522, for details. Candidates must be in the fourth grade at a minimum and be willing to serve at various weekend times and on special occasions (feast days). Candidates will be required to attend a training session and work along side more experienced servers to gain experience.

Rosary for World Peace

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium of St. Mary's Church Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to say the rosary with them next Saturday, May 3 for the intention of world peace. Interested

parishioners are asked to join Legion members in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother after the 4:30 PM mass.

Save the Date – May 4 at 6:00 PM
Movie Night – "Our Lady of Fatima"

We will have a film for adults and a film for children. The adult film will be shown in church. A children's 30-minute film will be shown in the gathering space followed by special activities. The film we chose is the very best available as it gives the historical background of the world conditions prior to Our Lady's visit with comments from Catholic educators and historians. World War I was taking place at that time. "If you do what I tell you," said Our Lady, "there will be peace." then She gave us Her "Peace Plan from Heaven" - a plan for then and for now. Come and find out why Pope John Paul II would say "Fatima is more relevant today than ever before."

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Thank you for those who signed up for a visit of our pilgrim statue to your home. This program will be an ongoing one. We hope every home will welcome Our Lady. Watch the bulletin for more information about future sign-ups.

Hail Mary!

The Candlelight Living Rosary will take place Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 PM in the Church. Come honor our Blessed Mother in prayer and song under the title of Our Lady of Charity. This is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.



St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

Keith & Katherine Bouchard & son, Unionville
Richard Leavitt, Avon
David & Mary Beth Rosato & family, Avon
Richard & Lorraine St. Pierre & son, Unionville
Todd & Patricia Wolowicz & family, Burlington

Dominican Sisters Bake Sale

Next weekend bread, brownies, apple pies and blueberry pies will be sold by the Dominican Sisters of West Hartford. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support lepers.

From St. Agnes Home

Dear Friends,

Our thanks go out to everyone at St. Mary's Parish and especially the Women's Guild for the many donations collected for our St. Agnes moms and babies. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Your donations help us to continue to provide high quality residential care and support services for the young ladies and their babies. Again, thank you for your donations which further help to support our mission.

 **FOR YOUR INFO**

New Britain Chorale presents Johann Sebastian Bach – Mass in B Minor – April 27 at 7:00 PM – First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain – No admission. Reception following the concert.

Women's Association Clothing Sale – Friday, May 2 – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM - \$3.00 Admission. Clothing individually priced – Boutique items – Saturday, May 3 - \$2.00 Admission – \$2.00 per bag - Boutique ½ price– First Church of Christ Congregational, 75 Main St., Farmington