



<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>May 3, 2008</b> Sabrina Crowe & John Bergstrom by the Hemingway family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 4, 2008</b> John Slabinski by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
9:30 AM	Thomas Kappalumakkel by Rita Anderson & Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Dean
11:00 AM	Kathleen Hewitt by the Hewitt family
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>May 5, 2008</b> Skip Woods
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>May 6, 2008</b> Rocco Cifaldi by his family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>May 7, 2008</b> Robert Krenn by VFW Post 511 New Britain
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>May 8, 2008</b> Mark Pasek by William Burson
7:00 PM	Living Rosary
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>May 9, 2008</b> Jim Hodges by the Peterson family
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>May 10, 2008</b> Frances Tolotti by the Meigs family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 11, 2008</b> Mary Charette & Eleanor Majewski by Wilbur & Carole Charette
9:30 AM	Edward & Jean Cypus & Jeanne Dionne by the LaRosa family
11:00 AM	Donna Gil by her daughters & family

#### Readings for the Week of May 4, 2008

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14, 1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a (59)
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 17:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day:	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

## Calendar

5/4	6:00 PM	Fatima presentations – Church & Gathering space
5/5	9:30 AM	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:30 PM	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
5/6	7:00 PM	Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
5/7	6:30 PM	Child Lures Parents' mtg. – Church

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of

*Hector Boucher*

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

## New Church Memorial Plaque

On the weekends of May 17 -18 and May 24 - 25 there will be a member of the Finance Committee in the gathering space after all masses to verify the wording to be inscribed on the memorial plaque for donations made on behalf of the new church. These were the donations made in memory of loved ones (at the level of \$3,600 and above).

## Religious Education News

**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 a program overview **for parents only** will be presented at **St. Patrick’s on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM** and again at **St. Mary’s on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM**

**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.

**First Communicants – Rosaries:** Due to an unfortunate scheduling conflict, the Uncas Council of the Knights of Columbus was unable to distribute rosaries to the **Group “A” First Communicants**. Rosaries, First Reconciliation and First Communion certificates may be picked up at Hart House Monday – Friday 9:00 AM– 12:00 noon.

**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 seasoned servers to gain experience.

**Volunteers Needed**

Family Life Education is a non-profit organization based in Hartford. They are located in the former Our Lady of Sorrows grammar school. The organization provides outstanding programs for teens and young parents. Their success in helping to develop great parents is based on education, responsibility and self-esteem. They have a better than 90% success rate with first-time teen mothers not incurring a second pregnancy and going on to complete their education. Fr. Golas and our Parish Council have endorsed providing support to this noble organization. Their facility is in need of repair and renovation. Currently, we are looking for volunteers who have the skills to help assess the work needed and estimate the costs that may be involved. If you are a plumber, carpenter, electrician or painter, we welcome your advice. Then we will need volunteers to perform the work. Building families is so important to our faith and our society. Please join us in support of this valuable organization. Please contact Jim Shortley, 860-539-2728.

**New Piano Arrives**

The new grand piano has been installed in our worship space and we look forward to its welcomed addition to our liturgical celebrations. Frequent keyboard alignment/adjustments and tunings may be necessary throughout the next few months as this new instrument acclimates through usage. Thank you for your patience. (For ear plugs please see Rick).

**The Respect Life Committee**

is sponsoring a fund raiser to benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center. This organization supports and counsels young mothers before and after their baby's birth. Baby bottles will be distributed after Mass next weekend. We ask you to put your spare change into the bottles and they will be collected at the Masses on May 31 and June 1. The committee thanks you for your generosity.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue**

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima begins its pilgrimage this Sunday. Our goal is to have Our Lady visit every home in the parish. If you would like a visit of our statue, we have a new sign-up sheet in the gathering space. The statue will remain in your home for a week to bring your family, friends and neighbors together in prayer. We pray God will bless us and our endeavors.

**Why Fatima Now**

When Our Lady appeared in Fatima, Portugal in 1917, World War I was raging in Europe. Her message was one of peace. "If you do what I tell you, the war will end and there will be peace". Obviously enough people did not respond and we can see the state of the world is not better. The Faith Formation Committee invites you to an excellent presentation on Fatima. As mentioned last week, it gives the historical background of the world conditions prior to Our Lady's visit with comments from Catholic educators and historians. We have a film for adults and a film for children. The adult film will be shown in the church. A children's 30-minute film will be shown in the gathering space followed by special activities. Please join us this Sunday, May 4 at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will follow the programs.

**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!

The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Pasta Supper. It was a fun evening for all. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mrs. Sylvia Susdorf.

**Hail Mary!**

Just a reminder – The Candlelight Living Rosary is scheduled for Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 PM in the church. Please answer Mary's call to pray the rosary. Hope you will find time to join us. Free rosaries and rosary leaflets are available during May at the entrances of the Church.

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

*Kassidi Lynn Houck  
Kenna Catherine O'Brien*

**First Communion DVD/VHS orders**

will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 4 between the 9:30 and 11:00 mass or by appointment. The completely edited tape includes the names of your child along with the names of all other children in the session and their CCD teachers. Please feel free to call Olivia Germano, at 673-0597 for further information. Additional orders will be accepted until May 10.

**To Parishioners who use Direct Bank Payments**

Some parishioners have their banks issue checks automatically for their offertory contribution or religious education payment. In order to receive proper credit, PLEASE indicate what the check represents, i.e. religious education payment or offertory contribution. Checks received in the rectory without a designation, may not be credited properly. This will affect your end-of-year tax statement or religious education tuition payment. If you have any questions, please call Paula at the rectory 673-2422.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

The 2008 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now well underway. Every parish family is asked to consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Please return the commitment card you received in the mail as soon as possible. Your support of the 2008 Archbishop's Annual Appeal ensures that essential educational, pastoral and charitable ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are sustained and carried forward.