



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 PM	May 10, 2008 Frances Tolotti by the Meigs family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	May 11, 2008 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
Monday, 7:45 AM	May 12, 2008 Fr. James Boyle
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	May 13, 2008 William Manning by the Petersons
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	May 14, 2008 Mary Gray by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Thursday, 7:45 AM	May 15, 2008 Thomas Kappalumakkel by Deacon Michael & Marian Sponzo & family
Friday, 7:45 AM	May 16, 2008 Reed St. Pierre by Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Zaccheo
Saturday, 4:30 PM	May 17, 2008 Joseph Matarese & John Matarese by wife & mother
Sunday, 7:30 AM	May 18, 2008 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
9:30 AM	Albert Wisausky (23 rd anniversary) by family
11:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving (60 th wedding anniversary) Donald & Agnes Perrault

Readings for the Week of May 11, 2008

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
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday:	Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

The second collection next weekend is in support of the Catholic Communications Campaign. This gift helps provide inspirational Catholic programming provided to ABC, NBC affiliates, cable outlets; weekly Catholic radio programming, movie reviews, videos for children, families, parishes and schools, and public service announcements. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar

5/12	9:30 AM	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 PM	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
5/13	7:00 PM	Women's Guild Executive Board Mtg. – Gathering Space

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

John Harris

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

From Fr. Golas,

This weekend ends the celebration of Easter with the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate the Holy Spirit's entrance into the lives of those first Christians after the Lord's Ascension. The Holy Spirit continues to be a sign that the Risen Lord is active in our lives and world as it was for those first Christians. Baptism and Confirmation are the Sacraments that strengthen our relationship to the Holy Spirit. May we be guided by this Spirit of God to live fully in the light of the Risen Lord.

Today is also Mother's Day. We ask God to bless all mothers, living and deceased with divine love and care. In the blessing for Mother's from "The Book of Blessings" the prayer for mothers concludes: "Grant that we, their sons and daughters may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect." May this respect be offered fully and generously this day and every day.

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).

St. Mary's 2nd Softball Game – May 18

If you missed the hot dogs at our last game, fear not, they will be there at Union School, Unionville, Sunday, May 18 and not just the ones on the field. Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon; skill level is not important, just ask Rick. Please come with a glove and bat, (if you have one), but don't worry, if you don't, everyone is happy to share. Game time is 4:30 but come early to warm up and put your order in with our grill master chef for your hot dog.

The Pilgrim Virgin

is currently visiting the Szewczul family. Mary will be welcomed by the Driscoll family on May 11. Sign up sheet is in the gathering space. Questions, call Karen Herbert 675-7970.

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!

From St. Mary's Cemetery Committee

Many parishioners have expressed an interest in purchasing burial plots at St. Mary Cemetery on Huckleberry Hill Road in Avon. We have over 700 plots available in the cemetery mostly in what we classify as sections W and A. Families who are interested in having a monument installed sometime in the future would need to buy a minimum of 4 plots. There are many single and double plots available in which an in-ground marker would be placed. Costs are \$450.00 or \$500.00 per grave and a one-time \$50.00 charge per grave for perpetual care. After payment is received, a deed is issued and the records are maintained at the rectory. For further information or to make an appointment, please call Bob Archer at 673-9941 or the rectory 673-2422.

St. Mary parish welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

Lars Charles Munterich

From the Farmington Food Pantry:

Thank you for supporting the Farmington Food Pantry with another generous donation of over \$800 and a Stop & Shop gift card. Please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make an immediate difference in the Farmington Food Pantry's fight against hunger. Gifts such as yours enable us to stock the food pantry shelves with much needed food items and go a long way towards offering meaningful support to our Farmington residents in need. The Pantry is a totally volunteer organization and our continued service is dependent on the kindness and generosity of donors such as you. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your continued commitment and support to the Farmington Food Pantry.

Flip Tabs

The Human Needs Committee will be collecting flip tabs from metal beverage containers during the month of June. The flip tabs are for the Boston Shriner's Hospital. Each pound of tabs is worth three minutes of treatment. A container for these donations will be available in the gathering space of the church NEXT MONTH. Any questions, please call Pat Robotham 673-3435 or Alice Crozier 673-4282.

From the Coffee Sunday Committee

A very gracious and heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered and served as hosts for the coffee Sunday program this year. We would especially like to thank the Harrison family, Linda, Robert, Kathleen, Paul for their outstanding support throughout the entire year, the McKenna family, Linda, Mark, and Greg, for their tireless efforts and the Knights of Columbus for their special assistance as well. Thank you for your support of St. Mary's and the Women's Guild. God bless!

Religious Education

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.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend! All parishioners will have an opportunity to make a pledge to the 2008 Archbishop's annual Appeal during Mass.



Upcoming Events

The Church of St. Ann's in Avon cordially invites all parishioners to join them on Sunday, May 18 for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30 – 3:30 PM.

Fr. Derek Gosciniak, Pastor of St. Bernard Parish, Enfield, CT invites you to join him on an exciting tour to Ireland from October 2 – 10. The tour will include Dublin, Knock, Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Galway, Klifenora, Killarney, Cork Waterford and Glendalough. For more information, please call Fr. Derek at 749-8353 or 416-1794.



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