



Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Monday, 7:45 AM	May 19, 2008 Thomas Walsh by Msgr. Greylish Council Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	May 20, 2008 Fr. James Boyle
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	May 21, 2008 Patrick Clark by Dick & Diane Hrinak
Thursday, 7:45 AM	May 22, 2008 Gordon Hamel by his wife
Friday, 7:45 AM	May 23, 2008 George Wolf by Barbara Wolf
Saturday, 4:30 PM	May 24, 2008 Louise Niederer (6 th anniversary) by her family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	May 25, 2008 Henry P. Engel by his wife Irene, David & Michelle
9:30 AM	Fr. James Boyle
11:00 AM	Vilma Gerger by Jose & Carol Marques & children

Readings for the Week of May 18, 2008

Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17

The second collection this weekend is in support of the Catholic Communications Campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

Calendar

5/19	9:30 AM	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 PM	Pre-Baptism Mtg. – Rectory
	7:30 PM	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
5/21	6:30 PM	Child Lures Program–Church-Gr. 4 – 6
5/22	6:30 PM	Child Lures Program–Church-Gr. 7-8

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Marie & Jacob Goldberg

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

Bulletin Minutes - Parish Council Meeting of May 6, 2008

St. Mary's Parish Council met on May 6, 2008. Committee reports and discussions included the following:

Small Church Core Group: This committee will seek to replace one of its members, Virginia Cooper, who has moved.

DIVE and LEAP: Karen Hebert reported on the very successful year for both the middle school and high school groups. DIVE members are scheduled to attend retreats this spring.

Nomination Committee: Their work was completed with the election of four new Parish Council members whose three-year terms begin July 1, 2008.

Papal Youth Mass: Anne Daino showed a video of and reported on the wonderful experience of our 55 parishioners who attended the Papal Youth Mass.

Family Life Education: Jim Shortley and Sylvie Doyle are recruiting volunteers to help with improvements to this organization's facility in Hartford. They hope to conduct a fundraiser for this cause through the Knights of Columbus.

St. Joseph's Image: The Décor Committee reported the finding of a statue of St. Joseph, comparable to the statue of Mary, for the church. Further consideration will be given to the cost of this project and placement of the statue in the church.

Gathering Space Acoustics: This committee reported on its research to provide an improved instructional environment for the 90+ member Confirmation class that meets in this area. They will pursue long and short term solutions for the parish.

Request for Outdoor Mass Schedule: A parishioner requested the placement of an outdoor sign(s) providing our mass schedule for passersby. The feasibility of this in light of town restrictions will be researched.

Silencing of Cell Phones: Parishioners have complained about the ringing and use of cell phones and other electronic devices in the church. A reminder to silence all cell phones and electronic devices prior to entering church will appear in the bulletin.

Religious Education News

Registration for the 2009 Religious Education year is upon us and **this year there will be no automatic re-enrollment.** Parents wishing to enroll their children must submit a completed registration form and **tuition payment** to the Office of Religious Education by **July 15, 2008.** Only registered members of the parish are eligible to participate in our Religious Education program.

Registration forms are located on the racks at the entrances to the Gathering Space. Completed forms may be mailed to the Office of Religious Education or dropped in the weekly collection basket. The **“per child”** fee for the 2009 Religious Education year is unchanged from last year - Grade (K) - \$25, Grades (1-8) - \$40, Grades (9-10) - \$55. **Registration forms received after July 15th will be subject to a \$15 late fee.**

The policy of waiving fees for Catechists/Hall Monitors and those citing financial hardship remains in effect.

New parishioners are asked to contact the Office of Religious Education for additional requirements and details.

Re-registration will provide an opportunity to clear our database of incorrect addresses, phone numbers and students who have either left the program or the parish. Additionally it will facilitate class planning/scheduling and the procurement of appropriate numbers of textbooks and supplies for the upcoming year.

Think First & Stay Safe

Life skills presentations to keep children from being “lured” into dangerous situations (abduction and abuse) are scheduled for the following dates and places:

Grades (1-3) - Tuesday May 20 @ St. Patrick’s (Collinsville)

Grades (4-6) – Wednesday, May 21 @ St. Mary’s

Grades (7-8) – Thursday, May 22 @ St. Mary’s.

All sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their children. ***Our goal is to enlighten – not frighten.***

The Respect Life Committee

is holding its annual “baby bottle drive.” Bottles are available in the gathering space for your family to fill up with coins. Your efforts will help support The Unionville Crisis Pregnancy Center, a place where a compassionate team helps new mothers and their baby’s future. Please return all bottles by June 1.

DIVE -Deeply Inspired - Visualized Eternity

Save the date – Our next gathering for middle school students will be June 14 at the Unionville Teen Center

LEAP -Life Everlasting – Awakening Possibilities

Please reserve the date – Our next gathering for high school students will be May 31. Details to follow.

Attention: Photo Contest Participants

Entries from the photo contest are available for pick up in the gathering space. All photos not retrieved by June 1 will be discarded.

Pilgrim Virgin

is currently visiting the Driscoll family. Mary will be welcomed by the Mucci family on May 18. Questions, call Elaine Atiyeh 673-8655.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Katie Leavitt, Farmington
John & Carol Trani, Farmington*

Reminder

to save your flip tabs from metal beverage containers. The Human Needs Committee will be collecting these tabs during the month of June. Each pound of tabs donated to the Boston Shriner’s Hospital is worth three minutes of treatment. Call Pat Robotham 673-3435 or Alice Crozier 673-4282 with questions.

Thank you

From the Dominican Sisters for supporting their recent bake sale. Proceeds of \$1,211 will benefit their mission to support lepers.

Dress for Worship

With the warm summer weather near, a reminder is advisable about appropriate dress for Mass. Mass is the most sacred hour of the week and ought to be reflected in our way of dress. Overly casual clothes or what would be appropriate for yard work or the beach are not suitable for Mass. *Of course being present is more important than what one wears* but this time of gathering for prayer and worship ought to reflect our respect for the Mass, the sense of our own Christian dignity and regard for other members of the congregation.

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

The 2008 Archbishop’s Annual is in its final month. We are grateful to the 300 families who have made a sacrificial gift to this year’s Appeal. Our parish has raised \$81,585.00 toward this effort and is 128.7% over goal. Thanks to all who have supported this year’s Appeal.

Please retain the acknowledgement letter you received from Archbishop Mansell for your contribution to the Annual Appeal. This information will be required for your 2008 tax return and is not furnished by the rectory. Thank you!