

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4:30 PM	August 9, 2008 Mom Gondek (2 nd anniversary) by her family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	August 10, 2008 In Honor of Bob & Marilyn Slabinski - 50 th Wedding Anniversary
9:30 AM	Joseph Buckley by Betty Manion
11:00 AM	Fr. James Boyle
Monday, 7:45 AM	August 11, 2008 Cecilia Jennings
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	August 12, 2008 Phil Sidoti by Mary O'Donnell
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	August 13, 2008 Paul St. Martin by Jim & Sylvie Doyle
Thursday, 7:45 AM	August 14, 2008 Jim Nicksa by Florence Noble
Friday, 7:45 AM	August 15, 2008 St. Mary Parish
5:30 PM	St. Mary Parish
Saturday, 4:30 PM	August 16, 2008 In Honor of Tom & Joan Gunning 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, 7:30 AM	August 17, 2008 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
9:30 AM	Michael Robert Crowe by his family
11:00 AM	Eugenia Lee (1 st anniversary) by her family

Readings for the Week of August 10, 2008

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28

Calendar

8/11	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Edward L. Burke

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

From Fr. Golas,

I will be away on vacation from Monday, August 11 - August 17.



Friday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

What are we celebrating on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary?

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the Church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The Church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the Church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values, is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

This is the hope and assurance that Mary's Assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

The Pilgrim Virgin

is currently visiting the Pfister family. Mary will be welcomed by the Cruess family on August 10th. Questions, call Elaine Atiyeh 673-8655.

Mission Appeal – August 16/17

Dear Rev. John,

Thank you for accepting us to preach mission in St. Mary Church Unionville, Connecticut. We hope this appeal will help us to raise most needed money for mission work in Owerri Archdiocese, and to share our missionary experience with your parishioners.

The Archdiocese of Owerri is one of the nine Archdioceses in Nigeria, situated in the southeastern part of Nigeria. It has a Catholic population of about one million people, 125 parishes and more than 250 diocesan priests. We want to continue to provide pastoral, spiritual, educational, healthcare and emergency services to our people. Urged by pitiable financial condition, it is very difficult for us to carry out these tasks. This mission, just to mention a few, will help provide funds for the rehabilitation of the 350 bed Holy Rosary Hospital Emekuku which was built in 1933 by the early missionaries to Owerri. This single Catholic hospital provides subsidized health services to the indigents and the needy, and in conjunction with some other poorly equipped clinics and hospitals help in providing health care need of more than 4 million people of our province.

Our other pressing needs include: primary and secondary education and training of seminarians, catechists and other lay ministers. We value early childhood Christian education because it offers meaningful opportunities and provides channels for the young people to escape the grip of ignorance and its saddening effects, and further equips them to withstand our ever-changing, secularizing society. Evidently, firm evangelization helps prepare our people to faithfully withstand the constant Moslem onslaught in Africa. We do not want to relent in encouraging and raising candidates to priestly and religious life. With more than 280 major seminarians preparing for priesthood, we are concerned with their well-being and to continue to produce holy priests for our churches and other mission areas of the world.

Once more thank you and your parishioners for helping us in pursuit of achieving our missionary goals and vision.

Rev. Michael C. Okere, Mission Coordinator

Religious Education News

“The harvest is abundant – but the laborers are few”

Catechists (religious education instructors) are needed in every grade. Classes are slated to begin September 21st - so if you – **perhaps with a friend** - can spare an hour or so each week (September through April) to bring Christ’s Gospel message to the children of the parish, please contact the Office of Religious Education to see where you might best fit in. Team teaching is encouraged. Contact **Deacon Tom Sutak - (860) 675-8522 - st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net**

Registration Update

Please note that the registration process for the 2008/2009 Religious Education year will be suspended on August 24th so that the forming of classes and scheduling can be completed. Registrations will be processed on a **“space available”** basis after September 21st. Home Study will be available for those who cannot be accommodated in a regularly scheduled class.

Registrations received after July 15th are subject to a \$15 per household **“late fee”** in addition to the regular tuition of \$40 (grades 1-8) and \$55 (9-10).

Kindergarten registration for the 2008/2009 Religious Education year is closed as the class is now full.

Children’s Choir to Return??!

One very exciting initiative being explored by our newly-formed “Children’s Liturgies” Committee is this fall’s reinstatement of our children’s choir - including our Christmas Pageant. Parents who feel their children would like to participate and commit to this choir, which will sing at the 9:30 a.m. mass, one Sunday per month from October through May, are asked to please contact April Mock at 673-3146 (email: aprilmock@yahoo.com, or Rick Daddario at 793-2737 (email: rickdaddario@hotmail.com) or speak with him between masses. Thank you in advance for your support.

Baptism Preparation Program

As you prepare for the birth of your child, please plan to attend the pre-baptism program scheduled this month on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

From St. Mary’s Cemetery Committee

Because of some acts of vandalism, (stealing of flowers, small statues, plants, sprinklers, hoses, timers, etc.) and because of unauthorized activities, as well as limiting our liability at the Cemetery, we have decided to post some NO TRESPASSING signs about the area. These are not meant to prohibit or discourage visitors and family members from visiting the grave sites of their loved ones. Any neighbors who walk in the cemetery alone or with their pets are also still welcome as long as they are considerate of our grounds and understand they do so at their own risk. We will also be posting signs prohibiting snow-boarding, sledding, etc. on the hill to the north end of the cemetery. Again this is for liability purposes and to show respect for people visiting their loved ones’ graves. We thank you for your cooperation.

