

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 2008
 4:30 PM John Harris
 by his family

Sunday, August 24, 2008
 7:30 AM Skip Woods
 by his family
 9:30 AM Kathleen Hewitt
 by the Hewitt family
 11:00 AM Fr. James Boyle

Monday, August 25, 2008
 7:45 AM Cathy Gregory

Tuesday, August 26, 2008
 7:45 AM Robert G. Donahue
 by John & Jean Grocki

Wednesday, August 27, 2008
 7:45 AM Ted Parent (5th anniversary)
 by his wife

Thursday, August 28, 2008
 7:45 AM Ann Bissonnette by Kay Marek
 & John & Mary O'Connor

Friday, August 29, 2008
 7:45 AM Edward L. Burke
 by his family

Saturday, August 30, 2008
 4:30 PM Eleanor Majewski (10th anniversary)
 by Carole & Wilbur Charette

Sunday, August 31, 2008
 7:30 AM Daniel Arch
 by Marilyn & Bob Slabinski
 9:30 AM Jim Nicksa
 by Barbara & Priscilla Sutula
 11:00 AM Sal Failla
 by his family

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2008	
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Calendar

8/25 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – Hart House
 7:00 p.m. Pre-baptism class – Rectory
 7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Sally Ryan

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

Religious Education News

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

Grade	3	4	5	6	7
Catechists Needed	3	2	1	2	1

If you are interested in helping to pass on our faith to the children of the parish please contact Deacon Tom Sutak (tel: 675-8522 or e-mail: 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.

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).

‘Christ Our Hope’

The talks given by our Holy Father while in the U.S. last April are scheduled by the Faith Formation Committee for reading and discussion on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the gathering space beginning on September 22. Those interested are asked to contact Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655 as soon as possible as we need to purchase the books.

The Pilgrim Virgin

is currently visiting the Riendeau family. Mary will be welcomed by the Rosato family on August 24. If you have questions, please call Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655.

Parish Prayer Line

If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at 673-2945.



"New Mission" Magazine

The weekend of September 6 & 7 at all the Masses, the Missionaries Sisters will be here to sell their "New Mission" magazine. It is about families and living our Catholic faith. It has many topics very relevant for our times. Be sure to stop by and seem them as you leave Mass. The donation is only \$3.00.

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.

Candle Offering Reminder

The votive candles located in our worship space beneath the statue of our Blessed Mother are available for your lighting in prayerful remembrance and special intention. The suggested offering is \$1.00 and is to be placed into the self-contained box located in the center of each of the two racks. PLEASE remember to light a candle from the top rows – DOWN, to avoid the risk of injury which can be caused by placing your arm over a lighted votive. Thank you.

How Does a Person Become Catholic?

Look into our parish RCIA program which starts in October 2008 and continues to the Easter Vigil 2009 and meets weekly at 7:00 p.m. To register please call the rectory at 673-2422.



Don't Forget!

Our worship space is a very beautiful place for prayer and being present with the Risen

Lord in the Eucharist. Please maintain an atmosphere of silence to foster these sacred moments by silencing all cell phones and electronic devices before entering the worship space and by holding conversations after Mass in the gathering space. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep Us Informed

Please let us know if you have an address change. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to alert us and keep our census current. Thank you!



Upcoming Events

In gratitude for 50 years of prayer and pilgrimage at the Lourdes Shrine in Litchfield, Archbishop Henry Mansell will join with the Montfort Missionaries to preside in a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on Saturday, September 6 at 11:30 a.m. with a reception to follow. All the people of the Archdiocese are invited to join in praising the Mother of God for all the gifts and graces she has given during these past 50 years. Please call 860 567-1041 or visit www.shrinct.org with questions.

An Election Symposium will be presented on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph College in West Hartford. The symposium will feature Sister Sara Dwyer, A.S.C., from NETWORK – A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, whose topic will be "Moving Politics from beyond Selfishness and Division – Vote for the Common Good!" and Douglas Hall, PhD, from Connecticut Voices for Children who will address the importance of the State elections. The symposium is free and open to the public but due to limited seating, registration is required. For more information and to register, please call (860) 692-3066.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration - Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth and other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.

Family, friends and all married couples are welcome to attend the Mass. A brief reception immediately follows. Registration for anniversary couples is requested by calling the parish secretary. All registrations received by September 25th will be in the program booklet. For further information call the Family Life Office at (203) 230-2460.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

A pastor was giving a lesson to a group of children on the 23rd Psalm. He noticed that one of the little boys seemed disquieted by the phrase "Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life..."

"What's wrong with that, Johnny?" the pastor asked. "Well," answered Johnny, "I understand about having goodness and mercy, for God is good. But I'm not sure I'd like Shirley following me around all the time."



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