



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 PM	September 20, 2008 Frank Vicki by his family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	September 21, 2008 George Wolf by Bob & MaryJane Oliveira
9:30 AM	Roland Cyr by his family
11:00 AM	Fr. James Boyle
Monday, 7:45 AM	September 22, 2008 Ed Maloy by the Waters & Hancock family
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	September 23, 2008 John J. Schmitz
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	September 24, 2008 Joseph Brunelli
Thursday, 7:45 AM	September 25, 2008 Anna H. Jackavonis by the Golas family
Friday, 7:45 AM	September 26, 2008 Ben Kozyra & Matthew Wolf by Barbara Wolf
Saturday, 4:30 PM	September 27, 2008 Robert Krenn by Bev & Dick Miller
Sunday, 7:30 AM	September 28, 2008 Laurette Violette by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
9:30 AM	Jim Nicksa by Barbara & Priscilla Sutula
11:00 AM	Mildred Bove (9 th anniversary) by her family

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2008

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Ecll 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Ecll 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Ecll 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

“Research has proven that Catholic schools provide a uniquely powerful education for the child’s spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth. I ask you to help make the benefits of Catholic school education accessible to all who seek them by participating in the HOPES (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) collection next weekend. Your support of Catholic schools will make the future of our children, and our Church, all the more promising.”

The Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell
Archbishop of Hartford

Calendar

9/21	1:00 p.m.	Parish Picnic – Knights of Columbus, Unionville
9/22	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study – Gathering Space
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
9/27 – 28		Catholic Bookstore Bookmobile

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Keith Edward Legowski

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



The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person

“The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research and the use of the death penalty. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.” (FC)

Character counts! Ethics is fundamentally who we are, the link between our moral character and our actions. The person we ought to be is found in the 4 cardinal virtues: fortitude (courage), temperance (self-control), prudence (appropriate actions), and justice (rights and needs of others). Character is the quality of a person’s behavior. In forming our Catholic conscience we must take into account the candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Our vote should be guided by our moral convictions, focused on dignity of human beings, in pursuit of the common good.

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

*Logan Matthew Carrano
Joshua Thomas Miller
Isabella Lillie Papa*

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Laurie & Kory Beaver & family, Burlington
Kyle Devlin & Hee-Jung Kang & family, Unionville
Nancy Romppainen & family, Unionville*

Religious Education News

Confirmation Program News- There will be a combined parent/student kickoff meeting **September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** All 10th grade students and parents are asked to attend. An overview of the program and its requirements will be presented.

Home Study Students -Home Study materials will be available at Hart House for pickup beginning the week of **October 5 - Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon.** If special arrangements are needed, please call the Office of Religious Education (860) 675-8522.

Attention Parents of 1st Graders - The **“Think First & Stay Safe”** program will be presented on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** All 1st grade parents are encouraged to take advantage of this **“personal safety”** presentation for their children. **Please note this is a calendar change.**

LEAP! Life Everlasting-Awakening Possibilities

Dive! Divinely Inspired - Visualized Eternity

Our first gathering of the year will be Saturday, **October 4** at the Teen Center in Unionville (on School St. next to the Fire Station)-from 7-9:30. We will be seeing the movie we made when we saw the Pope last spring. It is totally awesome! It is time for us to 'pay it forward' and share the experience! We will have t-shirts for those who didn't make it. All those that did should wear theirs! Join us for a night of memories-fun-and food...bring a friend!

LEAP! & DIVE! - To come!

GOT LIGHT? Let's see how many you can touch with your light! On Saturday **October 18**-all teens (7th-and-up) will hop on a bus and go to Laser Quest to have a great time ... and then back to the Teen Center for some food, fun and faith sharing. The cost is \$10.00 -(2 full games each). We will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and pick-up time will be 10:30 p.m. at the Teen Center. There are only sixty spots available, so hurry and call Karen 675-7970 or e-mail me!

First Friday Adoration for the month of October

will be moved to St. Ann's Church, Avon on Sunday, October 5 from 12:30 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. Monday. Please read the notice entitled “40 Days of Eucharistic Adoration”. This is a national campaign of prayer which is taking place in all 48 states from Sept. 24 – Nov. 2. Please sign up on the poster in the gathering space. We need you! For further information, call Elaine 673-8655.

Forty Days of Eucharistic Adoration

Archbishop Mansell has asked the Pro-Life Ministry of each parish to participate in the ‘40 Days for Life Campaign’ which has three major components: prayer and fasting, a vigil at abortion clinics and community education. St. Mary, Unionville and St. Patrick's, Collinsville will join with St. Ann's, Avon to begin 24 hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament beginning on Respect Life Sunday, October 5. A sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering space to cover the hours. Please call Bob McGinnis 673-0064 if you have any questions.

The Guild of St. Agnes Home, Inc.

on Mayflower St. in West Hartford is conducting its annual drive for membership. St. Agnes Family Center provides residential care for expectant teens, young mothers and their babies. These pre-natal and post-natal programs protect the lives of the unborn and teach mothers parenting and independent living skills. If you do not receive a membership letter and would like to support this worthy cause, please pick up a membership envelope in the vestibule or contact Alice Flynn 673-2198 or Kathleen Ruzbasan 673-2038.

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue

is currently visiting the Kozol family. Mary will be visiting the Cables family on September 21. Questions, call Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655.



Upcoming Events

The **19th Diocesan Rosary Rally** for Conversion and Reparation will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on Sunday, September 28 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., host of several series on EWTN, author, lecturer, will speak on “Fatima, Divine Mercy and the Saving Power of Mass”. Free parking in the Municipal Parking Garage down the street. For info call (860) 673-8655.

Come to the **Respect Life Mass**, October 5, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Henry Mansell will offer the Mass celebrating the gift of life and joining with all dioceses in the United States commemorating Respect Life Month.

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 25 will be in the program booklet. For further information call the Family Life Office at (203) 230-2460.

Catholic Book Store Bookmobile

will be arriving at our parish next weekend. There will be spiritual books on every topic, religious gifts for all occasions, crucifixes, rosaries, medals, CD's and DVD's, children's books and seasonal items. Forms of payment include: cash, checks, Master Card and Visa, credit/debit cards. Don't miss this opportunity! Questions about specific items may be addressed to (860) 246-5628 or e-mail donnacbs@aol.com.

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