

Mass Intentions

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
Monday, 7:45 AM	September 29, 2008 Ted Stepowski by his wife Teresa
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	September 30, 2008 Walter Golas by Maryanne Masiulsi
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	October 1, 2008 James Kozyra (2 nd anniversary) by his sister Barbara
Thursday, 7:45 AM	October 2, 2008 Sophie Golas by Maryanne Masiulsi
Friday, 7:45 AM	October 3, 2008 Cecilia Jennings
Saturday, 4:30 PM	October 4, 2008 Giuseppe Cugno by his family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	October 5, 2008 Paul Devin by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
9:30 AM	Patricia E. (Smith) Diego by St. Mary Choir
11:00 AM	Eleanor Ingvartsen & Mildred Schwarzmann by the Hewitt family

Readings for the Week of September 28, 2008

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Thank you! The Office of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford would like to express its deepest gratitude for your support of this weekend's HOPES Collection on behalf of our Catholic elementary schools.

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

9/29	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:

John Harris

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



Call to Family, Community, and Participation

“The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.” (FC)

The fundamental unit of society is family is based on marriage between a man and a woman. It is the sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended not redefined. Respect for family should be reflected in every policy and program. Parents' rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to choose their children's education, must be upheld. Pope Benedict XVI identified three non-negotiable principles: protection of life in all its stages, recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family, and the protection of the right of parents to educate their children.

Religious Education News

Confirmation Program News - There will be a parent/student kickoff meeting **September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the church**. It is asked that all 10th grade students wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring be in attendance along with their parents. An overview of the program and its requirements will be presented.

Home Study Materials will be available for pickup the week of **October 5 during regularly scheduled Office of Religious Education hours (Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – noon)**.

Grade 1 Students - The Archdiocesan personal safety program “**Think First & Stay Safe**” will be presented on **Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the church**. Designed for children - the program teaches critical safety skills (in an age appropriate format) that will help them play an **active and necessary role** in protecting themselves against **lures** that involve **abduction, sexual exploitation, Internet crime, drug abuse and school violence**. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children participate.

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue

is currently visiting the Cables family. Mary will be welcomed by the Podkowiak family on September 28. Questions, call Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655.

Angel Voices/Teen Choir

The interest and response for the children's "Angel Voices" choir and the Teen Choir has been extremely encouraging. Please be sure to read next weekend's bulletin which will provide information regarding an initial meeting/practice for those participating. Parents who may wish to involve their children in this ministry can still do so. Please see Rick or call him at 793-2737. Thank you.

Free Gasoline for a Year!!!

Wouldn't it be great to win free gasoline for one year? Maybe someday, that will happen. Meanwhile though, consider joining the choir which meets Wednesday evenings in the church from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Knowing how to read music is not required but having fun with some wonderful people is simply what it is all about. Please see Rick or call him at 793-2737. Thank you.

St. Mary's Women's Guild

The annual **Pot Luck Supper and Tea Cup Auction** will be held on Tuesday, October 21 in the Gathering Space beginning at 6:00 p.m. Each member is asked to bring their favorite dish to share along with an auction item costing a minimum of \$5. The Guild's telephone committee will be contacting members. All women of the parish are invited and may call Judy Welcome at 673-5117 for more information.

An **"All You Can Eat Pasta Supper"** at Marinelli's will be held on Wednesday, October 22 from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per adult; \$4.00 for children ages 4-10 and no charge for children ages 3 and under. Members will be sent tickets and tickets will be available at the door. For more information please call Carole Charette, 673-7508, Kathleen Ruzbasan, 673-2038 or Betty Faitella 485-0551. Members of the Guild will be selling tickets after masses on October 12.

The Guild is planning a Giant Tag Sale to be held in May. More details will follow in the coming months.

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium of
St. Mary's Church Legion of Mary

invites all parishioners to say the rosary with them for the intention of world peace. Interested parishioners are asked to join Legion members in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother after the 4:30 p.m. mass **next Saturday**.

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. Please sign up on the poster in the gathering space. Call Elaine 673-8655 with questions.

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'. 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. Please call Bob McGinnis 673-0064 with any questions.

Bulletin Minutes

Parish Council Meeting of September 2, 2008

The Parish Council met on September 2, 2008. Discussions and actions included the following:

Parish Website: Ed O'Reilly presented the new, improved website. The site includes Mass schedules, upcoming events and offers the opportunity to make suggestions. Photos of events are welcome.

Small Church Core Group: Representatives of the group will be present after mass on September 14 for any parishioner interested in learning more and possibly becoming involved with this ministry.

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation: As of the beginning of September there has been no expressed interest by any candidates for the RCIA program.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the first Friday of the month after morning mass until 5:00 p.m. with 2-3 adorers each hour. The Catholic Bookstore Bookmobile will be at church on September 27 for anyone interested in purchasing items. Starting Sunday, September 7, the bulletin will contain an insert about Faithful Citizenship. There will be a parish mission the weekend before Ash Wednesday given by Father John Murray. The group plans on giving a presentation during Lent on the topic of "The Year of St. Paul". The Pilgrim Virgin statue has been traveling to parish families and is introducing prayer and spirituality into the home.

Religious Education: As of September, 483 students have been registered with 81 catechists. Four additional catechists are needed.

LEAP/DIVE: Alison Verbyla has been appointed as the student representative to the Council for both youth groups. Members of LEAP and DIVE will be volunteering at New Horizons for their Pig Roast on September 7th. The group will be attending the Youth Rally on October 4th. They will also be serving dinner at Immaculate Conception Shelter in Hartford on December 26. More information to follow next weekend.

Bulletin Deadline

Please remember to submit articles for the bulletin by noon on Monday for publication in the following weekend's bulletin.



Rally for Marriage: You are needed at the Rally for Marriage to support that of traditional marriage on the steps of the State Capitol, Hartford this Sunday, September 28 at 2:30 p.m. sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford and the Family Institute of Connecticut.

St. Gregory Church will be selling car raffle tickets here after all the masses next weekend. Call Kathy Sirianni 583-8205 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. 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.