



Calendar

	November	Food Pantry Month
11/10	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
11/11	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space Women’s Guild Exec. Bd. Mtg. – Hospitality Room

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>November 8, 2008</b>
4:30 PM	Dad Gondek by his family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>November 9, 2008</b>
7:30 AM	Thomas O’Connor by his family
9:30 AM	Ruth Hrinak by her son
11:00 AM	Thomas Walsh by Peter Simcik
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>November 10, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	James Kozyra by Barbara Wolf
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>November 11, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	John E. Gurovich by his parents
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>November 12, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Florence Larkin
7:00 PM	Mass for deceased parishioners
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>November 13, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Agnes Maiorano by her family
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>November 14, 2008</b>
7:45 AM	Dora & Edmund Meheran by the Kane family
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>November 15, 2008</b>
4:30 PM	Victor DiMugno by his daughter
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>November 16, 2008</b>
7:30 AM	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary worldwide by the Legion of Mary
9:30 AM	Ed Maloy by Tom & Marian Chrosniak
11:00 AM	Deceased members of the Rocco family

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Jim Nicksa*

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

***From Fr. Golas,***

Thanksgiving is two weeks from this Thursday. Three weeks ahead is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. As we take a moment to consider these upcoming occasions, it is good that we as Christians acknowledge God the source of all that is good and one who sustains our lives through all circumstances. God showed his love by sending his Son Jesus as the perpetual sign of divine love for our lives. As Catholics we gather for Mass in order to give thanks to God for our faith and lives. May our gratitude lead us to return with generous hearts and hands for helping others. I appreciate all the generosity of our parish during the holiday season in so many ways.

As is custom, there will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26. First Church of Christ, Unionville will host this service at 7:30 p.m. All are invited. Pastor Thomas Dean of First Church will lead the worship and the combined choirs of various churches in Farmington have been invited. Rick Daddario, our Choir Director, will lead the music. I will be the homilist. This is another way of our giving thanks in prayer, music and worship.

**Special Mass for the Deceased**

In remembrance of all St. Mary’s parishioners who have died this past year, there will be a special Mass on November 12 at 7:00 p.m. During the Mass a list of names will be read and a candle will be lit in their honor. If you would like to include a member of your family who was not a parishioner, please write down their name and place in the basket at the back of the church prior to Mass. We will light one community candle for all the names. A small reception will follow the Mass.

**Please remember**

to mark the amount of your donation on your weekly offertory envelopes. This will greatly assist our volunteer Sunday morning counters and also ensure a more accurate end-of-year tax statement. Thank you for your cooperation.

<b>Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008</b>	
Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



**Human Needs**



During the month of November the Human Needs Committee will collect food to replenish the Farmington Food Pantry. All non-perishable items are needed, especially macaroni and cheese, kids' snacks for lunch and toilet paper. If there is an expired date on the item, the Food Pantry cannot distribute it so please be sure to check the dates of the items you donate.

Also, for every \$1.00 donated, the pantry can purchase \$10.00 worth of groceries. (Checks may be made payable to Farmington Food Pantry). Thank you for any contribution you are able to make!

***From Dale R. Hoyt, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Hartford***

Peace and greetings! On behalf of the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I send sincere gratitude to you and your parishioners for supporting the 31<sup>st</sup> annual HOPES collection. The generous contribution of \$2,577.50 that we received from your parish will go directly toward grants that fund school projects vital to maintaining the high quality of our schools and to mounting the marketing campaign that promotes all of our parish elementary schools. Thus, your parishioners have made a real and positive difference in the lives of deserving children.

Once again, my deep appreciation goes out to you and your parish family for helping us to fulfill the teaching mission of the Church by supporting our Catholic elementary schools through your participation in the HOPES Collection.

***From Birthright of Greater Hartford, Inc.***

Birthright extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the baby clothing collection for Birthright. With the help of many volunteers and donations from a variety of sources, Birthright continues to do excellent work in helping mothers and babies. We at Birthright feel privileged to be able to help them choose life. We are very grateful for your church's financial support. Please keep all the volunteers of Birthright and the women and children we serve in your prayers.

**A New Tax Incentive to Give**

Have you been waiting for the federal government to make it easier to give? If so, this may be your opportunity.

New tax legislation permits people over 70 1/2 to donate from their IRA or Roth IRA to non-profit institutions such as St. Mary Church and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal without paying the deferred income tax. Instead of taking the required withdrawal from your IRA, you can donate the required amount for your Parish.

You can give up to \$100,000 total to as many organizations as you like for the remainder of 2008 and all of 2009. The opportunity ends December 31, 2009. Speak to Fr. Golas and he will put you in touch with the Diocesan Office of Development for further information.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a gift to St. Mary Church.



***Who, What, Where, and When...***

*Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive* will take place after masses on November 15 & 16.

*Christmas Boutique and Craft Fair* – Our Lady of Mercy, 19 South Canal St. Plainville, November 14 from 11 – 5; November 15 from 9 – 3. Arts and crafts, OLM Boutique, bake sale, holiday café. Admission \$1.00.

*One-Day Life in the Spirit Seminar* – Archdiocesan Center – St. Thomas Seminary – Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call the Charismatic Renewal Office 243-8234 to register.

St. Ann's, Avon will celebrate *The Divine Mercy Holy Hour*, Sunday, November 16 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say – the chaplet of Mercy. All are welcome.

**One-liners**

Always keep several Get Well cards on the mantel. If unexpected guests arrive, they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean.

A nice box of chocolates provides your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

Never say, "OOPs!" Always say, "Ah, interesting!"

Dear God,  
 You have called your people to many walks of life.  
 Some like St. Francis were called to a life of peace and others to the life of a soldier and warrior.  
 David, the Maccabees, Sts. Joan, George and Martin all were called by you to take up arms in the service and protection of their citizens.  
 On this day, bless those who have given their time, talents, and in some cases their lives, to protect our freedoms.  
 Guide them in their tours of duty.  
 Comfort the wounded and their families.  
 Remind us to appreciate their sacrifices.  
 Amen



**Veterans Day - November 11, 2008**