



# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>November 22, 2008</b> Michael Reilly by his family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>November 23, 2008</b> Marilyn Thomas (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by her husband
9:30 AM	Intentions of Thomas & Joan Gunning by the Gunning family & Kathy Arle
11:00 AM	Roland Cyr by his family
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>November 24, 2008</b> George & Amelia Kramer
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>November 25, 2008</b> Lillian Clark (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary) by her family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>November 26, 2008</b> Timothy Kelly
<b>Thursday,</b> 9:00 AM	<b>November 27, 2008</b> St. Mary Parish
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>November 28, 2008</b> Robert Flynn (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary) by his family
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>November 29, 2008</b> Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Joseph & Teresa Gondek by their children
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>November 30, 2008</b> George & Amelia Kramer
9:30 AM	Babe & Grace Lesiak by family
11:00 AM	Phyllis Tribuzio by Lucy & Edward Stanisz & family

Readings for the Week of November 23, 2008	
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/ Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Thank you for your support of this weekend's Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD supports community based projects – founded and managed by the poor themselves – that work toward building a better and more just community where poverty does not exist. Your prayers and generosity are very much appreciated.

## Calendar

11/24	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
11/26	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service–First Church of Christ Unionville

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Michael Vacca*

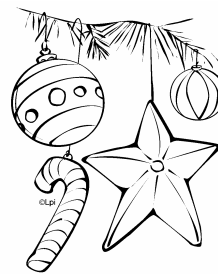
This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.

## The Women's Guild

will hold their annual Christmas party on December 9<sup>th</sup> in the gathering space. This year's party will start with a social hour at 6:00 pm followed by a Pizza Party at 7:00 p.m. Cost for the party will be \$10 per person. The telephone committee will be calling members for reservations and payment can be made to St Mary's Women's Guild and mailed to Barbara Wolf, 14 Catalpa Court, Avon. If you have any questions, please call Barbara at 673-0273. Reservations must be made no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to participate in the evening's festivities, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift.

**Reminder:** This year's Women's Guild dues must be paid by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't have the envelope that was provided in your weekly envelopes packet, feel free to use a plain white envelope and mark it Women's Guild dues and place it in the collection basket at mass. Dues are \$5 and checks may be made payable to St. Mary's Women's Guild.

Need a gift for a hostess, a good friend, or that person who has everything? The Guild will be selling cookbooks after masses during the month of December. The cookbooks will be beautifully wrapped with a blank gift card so all you have to do is fill out the card and give it to that special person. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping!



## Want to Meet Santa?

A sign-up sheet is available in the gathering space for our annual Christmas Ornament Workshop being held on Sunday, November 30 from 1:30 – 3:30. All materials are provided and refreshments will be served.

## Welcome

We welcome all who celebrate with us at St. Mary parish whether visitors, long-time resident or newly arrived at our parish. If you are not a registered member of our parish community, please fill out a census form located on the tables inside the worship space and return to the rectory. It necessary to be registered to arrange baptisms, marriages, enroll in CCD classes and to obtain sponsor certificates as Godparents and witnesses.

### Religious Education News

**Grade 2 Parents - Church tours are scheduled for December 2, 2008.** The tours will take place at the times indicated in the “*First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion 2008/2009 Program Schedule*” and will last approximately 15 minutes. Please mark your calendars and be prompt for your assigned time.

**Grade 2 Student Information** - Student information forms and documentation are due for those students planning to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time in January. Please note that all required forms and documentation must be on file in the Office of Religious Education prior to the celebration. There can and will be no exceptions in this regard.

### Human Needs

All non-perishable items are needed for the Farmington Food Pantry, 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! ***The collection will end next weekend.***

Next weekend members of the Committee will put up the Giving Tree. Tags for various organizations including Town of Farmington residents, Hispanic Health Council, H.O.M.E., Family Life Education, Farmington Fuel Bank, Hospital for Special Care, Tabor House, pediatric aids diapers (unwrapped) and Light One Little Candle will be placed on the tree. Parishioners may remove the tags and return the gifts no later than the weekend of December 14. Some of the tags represent a specific gift for someone. If you take a tag, please be certain to provide the item. ***If a gift is not returned or returned late, that person’s wish will not be met.*** Please return wrapped gifts with matching tags attached as soon as possible but not later than **December 14**. If you have any questions, please call Alice Crozier 673-4282.

### Sponsor Certificates

We are frequently asked to provide certificates of eligibility for persons asked to be sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation and find there is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding concerning this. A sponsor certification does not mean that the applicant was baptized and/or confirmed at St. Mary parish. It attests that one is a registered member of the parish and a convinced Catholic attempting to live the faith by regular participation at Sunday Eucharist, the Mass, and who witness to our Father by example and practice. A sponsor at baptism and/or confirmation accepts responsibility for an ongoing interest and willingness to assist in the spiritual growth and formation of the person sponsored in the Catholic faith. Therefore, a sponsor at these sacraments must be Catholic. A maid/matron of honor and best man at a wedding are official witnesses to the couple making their marriage vows. One need not be Catholic for this responsibility and no sponsor certificate is required.

### The Word Among Us

With Advent starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just five minutes a day reading *The Word Among Us for Advent* will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are located on the tables as you exit the worship space. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition!

### Gift Bearers

Please let the ushers know at least 15 minutes prior to Mass if you would like to bring up the offertory gifts if you have requested the Mass Intention that day. Thank you!

### For Your Information

All are invited to attend Trinita’s Family Day on Sunday, December 7. The program has fun activities for the whole family like songs, crafts, prayers, family sharing time and snack time and will take place from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. There is no charge for the program. Trinita is a Catholic Retreat Center located on Route 219 in New Hartford and is staffed by Sisters of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity. Please call 860 379-4329 to register or call with questions.

### Thanksgiving

Dear God,

In a world where much is available  
yet so many still go wanting  
we thank you for all you have given us.

In a time when family life  
is often fragmented and chaotic  
we thank you for the family we have with us today.

In a time when so many cannot express their faith  
we thank you for our freedoms.

In a world that moves ever more quickly,  
we thank you for this time today  
to share a meal with loves ones,  
and to rest, reflect and refresh ourselves  
on this Thanksgiving Day,  
Amen

The rectory and religious education offices will be closed on  
Thursday, November 27 and Friday November 28.

