



Saturday, 4:30 PM	January 31, 2009 Paul J. Kramer (3 rd anniversary) by his family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 1, 2009 Alyre LeBlanc by Dick & Claire Selinga
9:30 AM	John Anderson by St. Mary's Choir
11:00 AM	Dorothy Crowe (90 th birthday) by her family
Monday, 7:45 AM	February 2, 2009 Joseph Bombara by his family
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	February 3, 2009 Michael Horan by Theresa Stross
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	February 4, 2009 Betsy Katz (1 st anniversary) by Nancy Turski
Thursday, 7:45 AM	February 5, 2009 Gary M. Schoenherr by Carl & Joan Schoenherr & family
Friday, 7:45 AM	February 6, 2009 George & Amelia Kramer
Saturday, 4:30 PM	February 7, 2009 Theresa & Modesto Bonini by family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 8, 2009 Virginia Hatfield by her husband Fred
9:30 AM	Lisa Anne Striebel (17 th anniversary) by Donna Dellacamera
11:00 AM	Emilia Berger by the Carrier family

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2009	
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

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.

Calendar

2/2	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Mtg. – Gathering space
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation Mtg. – Rectory porch
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
2/6		First Friday Adoration
	7:30 p.m.	First Friday Fun Night–Gathering space
2/7	4:30 p.m. Mass.	Adult Choir
2/8		Coffee Sunday
	9:30 a.m. Mass	Children's Choir

From Fr. Golas,

To all of St Mary's parishioners who graciously give of their time, talents, and effort,

We're having a party and **YOU'RE** invited! As the proud pastor of an ever-growing, vibrant parish family, I am genuinely grateful to you for your dedication, strong commitment and undying voluntary efforts which continue to create a more meaningful parish life for all. To show my appreciation to you and all others who involve themselves in our parish ministries, committees, and organizations I am hosting a "Mardi Gras" reception and hope you will attend to help celebrate the many blessings our parish.

DATE: Sunday, February 15, 2009
TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
PLACE: Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church
 (The Gathering Space)

Please RSVP no later than February 8 by calling and leaving a voicemail message with Laura Roberts at (860) 673-2307 or Email @ stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com Thank you. I look forward to seeing you at the party.

Our Parish Mission

Journeying with St. Paul
 February 22-25, 2009

Luke tells us in Acts 9 the story of St. Paul's (Saul) visions, miracles and conversion. Saul was out to stop the word of God and anyone who followed it in any way he could. On the road to Damascus, Paul meets Jesus in a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Through this personal contact with Jesus, Paul becomes a follower who wrote the most commentary on the Message of Christ in the bible New Testament (approximately 13 Epistles). Come to our parish mission. Experience your own "Road to Damascus," a change of thought or heart that will bring you to a close personal relationship with God. "Do not be afraid" is the most repeated command in the gospel. Come and meet Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Conversion. St. Paul's words speak for themselves, in all their power, wisdom and passion:

"In [Christ] who is the source of my strength I have strength for everything" (Phil 4:13).
"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom 12:21)

Religious Education News

Farmington Care Center Christmas Project - Once again this past Christmas our Religious Education classes donated 115 gifts and personalized cards to the residents of Farmington Care Center. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the residents as expressed in the following note:

To the people and children of St. Mary's:

On behalf of the Residential Council and people of Farmington Care Center I wish to thank you for all you have done for us during the holidays and throughout the year. Thank you!

Eleanor Myhalik, Farmington Care Center

Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates and Parents

Reminder – Confirmation information forms and documents are due in the Office of Religious Education. This information is required and the sacrament cannot be conferred upon the candidate until all is in place.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. with Archbishop Mansell presiding. The Confirmation rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Sponsors are asked to attend if possible.

Mini-Mission for Kids - A "mini-mission" for grades 3-8 is taking shape for February 23 and 24 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the gathering space. Parents, mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for additional announcements. Please consider bringing your children. It will be a great opportunity to prepare for the Lenten season.

St. Mary's Women's Guild

would like to thank everyone who purchased a cookbook during our Christmas season sale. We sold a total of 54 cookbooks during December. Donald Banta won the food basket and the Minniti family won the cosmetic basket. Thank you all again for your support!

St Mary's Guild will have scholarship applications available in the guidance departments of Farmington, Avon, Lewis Mills and St Paul High Schools on February 23, 2009. Applicants must be parishioners of St Mary's Church in Unionville who plan to continue their education beyond high school. Deadline date for applications is Saturday, April 11, 2009. Please send completed applications to Carole Charette, P. O. Box 266, Unionville. CT 06085. The applications will also be available at church in the bookcases at each entrance.

The Power of the Rosary

Please take 10 minutes to join our Legion of Mary after Mass on the first Saturday of every month to say the Rosary for Peace in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. Do you know the power of the rosary? What part does the rosary play in your life? Pope Paul VI urged Christians to pray to Our Lady Queen of Peace for World Peace. "Say the rosary every day, to obtain peace for the world." (Our Lady of Fatima, 1917). The Rosary is for world peace, a means for preserving the home, for courage in the hardships of life and a ready and easy means of preserving the faith (The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis DeMontfort 1954). Please call Barbara Clark at 674-9574 with questions.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, February 6 from after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. concluding with Benediction. We would like to have three adorers for every hour. Please sign up on the poster in the gathering space. We will need your telephone number of case of cancellation or a funeral. Call Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655 or George Marcello 673-8399 with questions.

It's Back!

Just when you thought it was safe to get comfortable on the couch with a bag of chips and watch television, IT'S BACK! Starting Friday, February 6, the Fun Committee will once again be hosting **First Friday Fun Night**. Please plan to join us for a night of fun, and games starting at 7:30 p.m. in the gathering space. All are welcome! We have a lot of games for everyone, so please come and join us and bring a friend.

FOR YOUR INFO

Avon Dental Group will join the nation in the "**Give Kids a Smile Program**" on February 6. Services will be provided at no charge to children in need of dental care on that day. Please call 673-0451 for more information.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **Pancake Dinner** on Sunday, February 22, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **Dinner is correct!** We are reviving an old Catholic tradition that began in the days before our Lenten Fast started. Before the days of refrigerators and freezers, all dairy, fat and other products which we were to abstain from became part of feast so none of it would be wasted -thus the **Pancake Dinner!** Tickets for the Dinner are \$10.00 per adult, \$8.00 per senior and children 8 to 14 years old. Children under 8 years old are free. Tickets will be available after all masses on Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8 or by contacting Geno Tilley Jr. at 860-202-4166 or Neil Kelsey at 860 678-1314.

Request for Tax Information

If you wish to ensure deductibility of your contributions to the parish, please use a check or your parish envelopes. The parish tracks contributions made through the parish envelope system and will upon request provide a "**Statement of Contributions**" for the year.

If you require a "**Statement of Contributions**" for 2008, please complete and return the following form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed or placed in the weekly collection basket. E-mail requests are acceptable and may be sent to: rectory@stmary-unionville.org. Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted. Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via return mail weekly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name _____

Address _____
