



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>February 7, 2009</b> Theresa & Modesto Bonini by their family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>February 8, 2009</b> Virginia Hatfield by her husband
9:30 AM	Lisa Anne Striebel (17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by Donna Dellacamera
11:00 AM	Emilia Berger by the Carrier family
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>February 9, 2009</b> Mary Bianchi by the Turski/Sheintop family
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>February 10, 2009</b> Rita Flanigan by her family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>February 11, 2009</b> James Anyagwa
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>February 12, 2009</b> Lillian Arcidiacono by her family
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>February 13, 2009</b> Fr. Albert Zanavich
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>February 14, 2009</b> Gordon Hamel (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>February 15, 2009</b> Intentions of Thomas & Joan Gunning by the Gunning family & Kathy Arle
9:30 AM	Chuck Marti by his family
11:00 AM	Ino Bouchard by his family

### Readings for the Week of February 8, 2009

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Mary Bianchi*

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

## Calendar

2/9	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism class – Rectory
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
2/15	9:30 a.m. mass	Adult choir
	11:00 a.m. mass	Two or More
		No Children's choir rehearsal

### *From Fr. Golas,*

At a recent liturgy committee meeting, there was a discussion about guidelines for those receiving communion. I mentioned that these guidelines are inside the back cover of the missalette. They provide helpful directions about the proper reception of holy communion.

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

A "Mardi Gras" celebration will be held for all who involve themselves in our parish ministries, committees and organizations to show appreciation for all your voluntary efforts.

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, February 15, 2009
<b>Time:</b>	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
<b>Place:</b>	Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church - 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 @ [di](mailto:di@stmarys.org) G Thank you.

### Our Parish Mission

#### Journeying with St. Paul

February 22-25, 2009

Scripture reveals to us the personality of Paul the man. He was a zealous Pharisee, well-trained in Hebrew Scriptures, fluent in Greek/Hebrew/Aramaic, and ardently observed Jewish law. After an extraordinary meeting with God, Paul turned his entire life to knowing Jesus Christ. Everything about Paul changed. His life and writings as a pastoral theologian dealt with practical, ethical, social, spiritual, and religious issues that are fitting today. Come to our parish mission and meet Christ with St. Paul through Christ's death and resurrection and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Experience your personal conversion and take on a new way of life. Jesus' love seeks us, finds us, calls us, and brings us back to him!

"Our faith is not born from a myth or from an idea, but from an encounter with the risen Lord in the life of the church. St. Paul's writings demonstrate that the same was true for him." Pope Benedict XVI

St. Paul's words speak for themselves, in all their power, wisdom and passion: "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" (Rom 8:31-32). "Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph 6:13)

**Religious Education News**

**Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates and Parents!!!**

Confirmation information forms and documents are **overdue** to the Office of Religious Education. This information is required and the sacrament cannot be conferred upon the candidate until all is in place. **Student letters requesting the sacrament and sponsorship certificates are due in the Office of Religious Education March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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, watch the bulletin for additional announcements and consider bringing your children. It will be a great opportunity to prepare for the Lenten season.

**Altar Servers** - The new altar server schedule is available in the Usher Room. Please stop by and pickup a copy.

**Support Your Parish Youth Group!**

*LEAP! Life Everlasting - Awakening Possibilities*

On St. Valentine's Day weekend - Feb 14 and 15 - the teens of our parish will be selling "Happy Hearts" lollipops and chocolate "Roses" 3 for \$4.00. All of the money will go to LEAP & DIVE! activities. All donations will be graciously accepted with many thanks.

**Wives Take Note**

If your husband is jittery and nervous from business and family worries, encourage him to make the parish retreat. It will restore his peace of mind and allow him to face his day-to-day problems with tranquility and composure. So have him sign up now for St Mary's Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford on Friday, February 27th - March 1st. For more information contact Ray Crozier at 673-4282 or Neil Kelsey at 678-1314. For more information about Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford visit them on line at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or call them at 521-0440 to register.

**From the Human Needs Committee**

We would like to thank everyone who purchased a butter braid or donated money. We were able to raise \$1,103.21 which will go to local charities such as Meals on Wheels, Farmington Fuel Bank and Farmington Food Bank. Thanks again for your support.

Notes of thanks below from recipients of gifts from our Giving Tree:

Please thank all the members of your Parish for the wonderful items that were donated to make the holidays special for our patients at the Hospital of Special Care.

Sincerely,  
Terri Larson (Therapeutic Recreation Practice Leader)

It is with sincere gratitude that we send our thanks to you for the wonderful Christmas gifts you sent to our residents. With your gifts, Christmas was far more special for the men and women of Tabor House and they are forever grateful. At Tabor House, we transform the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. Your generosity helped us with that mission. God bless you,

Sister Ann Kane, CSJ, Executive Director, staff and residents of Tabor House

**Prayer Shawl Group**

will meet on Friday, February 13 at noon in the gathering space. Call Pat Robotham if you have any questions 673-3435.

**It's Time to Ski or Snowboard!!**

St. Mary's ski trip to Mt. Snow is March 7. Did you make a New Year's resolution to have more family time? How about to be more active? Everyone is welcome. Come join us! It's fun!! Call Maureen 673-6145 for details.

**The Guild of St. Agnes Home, Inc.**

would like to thank all who contributed to the 2008 membership drive and the Red Stocking drive. If you haven't become a member and wish to do so, please contact Alice Flynn 673-2198 or Kathleen Ruzbasan 673-2038.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

- Kevin & Laura Fisher & son, Avon*
- Victor & Patricia Gervasio, Unionville*
- Walter & Teresa McTague & family, Farmington*
- Brian & Elizabeth Schoonmaker & son, New Hartford*

** FOR YOUR info**

*Touching the Heart - A Women's Experience* based on *The Secret Life of Bees* - Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Saturday, February 14 - 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. includes lunch, registration and \$30 offering. It is recommended that participants read *The Secret Life of Bees* in advance. Call 677-8519 or [www.ourladyofcalvary.com](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.com) for more information.

**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](mailto:rectory@stmary-unionville.org). *Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted.* Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via return mail daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

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