



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, 4:30 PM	February 14, 2009 Gordon Hamel (4 th anniversary) by his family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 15, 2009 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
Monday, 7:45 AM	February 16, 2009 Katherine & Joseph Gresh
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	February 17, 2009 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	February 18, 2009 Florence Larkin
Thursday, 7:45 AM	February 19, 2009 Katherine Judith Lord by her parents
Friday, 7:45 AM	February 20, 2009 Jim Hodges by the Petersons
Saturday, 4:30 PM	February 21, 2009 James Hodges (1 st anniversary) by his family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	February 22, 2009 Carl Niederer (12 th anniversary) by his family
9:30 AM	Ann Tilley by her family
11:00 AM	Lionel Therriault (12 th anniversary) by the Jay McCaffrey family

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2009

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31---11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34---9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Gordon Hamel

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

Lenten Rules

The law of *abstinence* obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat. The law of *fast* obliges all those from ages 18 through 59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. In the United States, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Calendar

2/15	2:00 p.m.	Volunteer Reception -Gathering space
2/16	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
2/17	7:15 p.m.	Rosary & Women’s Guild Mtg. – Gathering space
2/21	4:30 p.m. Mass	Adult Choir
2/22	9:30 a.m.	Teen Choir Reh. – Hospitality Room
	10:20 a.m.	Angel Voices Choir Reh.–Hosp. Room

From Fr. Golas,

Ash Wednesday is on February 25 this year. Lent will begin in just over a week. The schedule for that day is:

7:45 a.m.	Mass and Distribution of Ashes
5:00 p.m.	Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Mass & Distribution of Ashes which will include the final conference of our four-day parish mission.

I hope that many will attend at least part, if not all of our parish mission. It will be a good way to begin Lent 2009. Lenten booklets will be available on Ash Wednesday. At the conclusion of next Sunday’s, (February 22) conference, there will be an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. I have invited four additional priests to join Fr. Murray and me to be available for this sacrament.

Our Parish Mission

Journeying with St. Paul

February 22-25, 2009

Lent is an invitation to self-renewal. It is a time of prayer and meditation on our life in order to evaluate our relationship and intimacy with God. It is a time to put aside our old ways of doing things in order to be renewed in spirit and become spiritually refreshed. We are always beginning again and always making a new start on the path toward wholeness. "Return to me," the Lord says to each of us. It is a call to return, not in a half-hearted way, but "with your whole heart." What better way to begin Lent than attending our mission "*Journeying with St. Paul.*" Father John Murray, a Redemptorist priest, will preach at all Masses from Saturday February 21 until the Wednesday night closing on February 25. The main service of the mission will be in the evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sunday night. It isn't easy to disrupt your busy schedule to attend the mission, but the mission is a time to renew and strengthen your personal faith. Come, begin Lent renewed in spirit, strengthened in faith, and be enthused to spend 40 days walking with Jesus who is our example of a true purpose-driven life.

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.

Religious Education

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.**

Mini-Mission for Kids - A "mini-mission" for grades 3-5, Monday, February 23 and 6-8, Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the gathering space. This is an opportunity for you as parents to attend the parish mission with Fr. John Murray while your children attend the "mini-mission" and a great way as a family to prepare for the Lenten season.

Jason Evert – "**Romance Without Regret**" Presentation Parents are reminded that **Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waivers** are required of all those planning to attend. Please return the forms to the Office of Religious Education as soon as possible (*no later than March 8*) so that an accurate count of participants can be forwarded to the event planners. Also, please watch the bulletin for additional information as some elements of the event's plan are still emerging.

Bulletin Minutes

Parish Council Meeting of January 27, 2009

The Parish Council met on January 27, 2009. Discussions and actions involved the following:

Small Church Core Group – There are 20 total participants organized into three groups. A winter gathering will be held in March.

RCIA/Adult Faith Formation – There are no RCIA candidates this year however, there are four members of the Adult Faith Formation group. They will be setting their goals in the near future.

Religious Education – There are 722 participants in grades K-10 with 81 instructors. There are 61 children enrolled for First Communion, 62 in Reconciliation and 73 participants in the Confirmation class. There has been improved security provided including a lock box and new lighting. First Communion will be on April 25 conducted in two sessions. Confirmation will be held on May 6 with Archbishop Mansell presiding.

There will be a special presentation at St. Gregory's Church on chastity, March 15. 150 participants in Grades 9 and 10 are expected. There will be a mini mission for grades 3-5 and 6-8 that will run concurrently with the Parish Mission. Reconciliation will be held in March for the older kids. There are six new altar servers in training.

The Hart House remains adequate for our needs. A lock box and new lighting were installed for improved security.

The Religious Ed students did an excellent job providing Christmas gifts for all the residents at Farmington Care Center. The management and residents have expressed their great appreciation.

LEAP/DIVE – LEAP meets on two Saturdays a month. DIVE meets on two Fridays a month. Both groups are working on ideas to increase participation. Plans are being developed to visit agencies that support the needy. A New York City trip is planned for April.

Parish Mission – Father John Murray, a Redemptorist priest, will lead our Parish Mission. He will preach at all of the Masses on February 21 and 22. The Mission will be held over four evenings beginning on Sunday, February 22 starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Reconciliation will be held after the Mission session on Feb. 22. Each evening session is independent of the others. The mission will conclude on Ash Wednesday, February 25.

A Volunteer Reception will be held on February 15 in the Gathering Space from 2-4 p.m. Father Golas wishes to thank all who volunteer in support of our wonderful Parish Community.

Parish Census – The Committee will be meeting in the Rectory on February 4. The census will begin on April 19.

Cell Phones – Cell phones continue to go off during Masses. A recommendation was made to make announcements from the pulpit before each Mass reminding all to turn off their cell phones. This will be referred to the Liturgy Committee.

Minutes will continue in next weekend's bulletin.

The Women's Guild

will hold their regular meeting on March 17 in the gathering space at 6:00 p.m. An Irish dinner will be served at a cost of \$10 per member and \$12 for a guest. This year due to an overwhelming response in past years we are limiting the number of tickets for the event to 65. The telephone committee will be contacting members soon. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee and wish to attend please call Betty Faitella 485-0551 or Marilyn Slabinski 673-4669 for tickets. We will also sell any remaining tickets after masses on February 28 and March 1.

St Mary's Women's Guild is again sponsoring a baby shower during the month of March to assist unwed mothers, their newborns and toddlers at St. Agnes Home in West Hartford. Items needed are diapers size 1-5, blankets, strollers, bottles, pacifiers, wash cloths, baby wipes, baby toys, teething rings, and clothing through size 24 months. All items should be new, wrapped and tagged with sizes noted. Gifts may be left in the portable crib in the gathering space. For further information please contact Kathleen Ruzbasan 673-2038.

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 daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name _____

Address _____

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day,