



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, 7:45 AM	February 23, 2009 George & Amelia Kramer
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	February 24, 2009 Gary Schoenherr by the Civitillo family
Wednesday, 7:45 AM	February 25, 2009 St. Mary Parish
5:00 PM	Prayer Service
7:00 PM	St. Mary Parish
Thursday, 7:45 AM	February 26, 2009 Donna L. Miller by the Peterson family
Friday, 7:45 AM	February 27, 2009 Cecilia Jennings
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 4:30 PM	February 28, 2009 Mrs. Mary Neulinger by her family
Sunday, 7:30 AM	March 1, 2009 Intentions of Thomas & Joan Gunning by the Gunning family & Kathy Arle
9:30 AM	Henry Grenier by his family
11:00 AM	Kristina Platkiewicz by her family

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly offering.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Carl Niederer

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

2/23	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Mini-mission – Gathering space
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary- Hospitality Room
2/24	7:00 p.m.	Mini-mission – Gathering space
2/26	7:00 p.m.	Human Needs Mtg. – Hart House
3/1	9:30 a.m.	Teen Choir Reh. –Hospitality Room
	10:20 a.m.	Angel Voices Reh. – Hospitality Room
	11:00 a.m. Mass	Adult Choir

From Fr. Golas,

We will welcome Fr. John Murray, C.S.S.R., to our parish this week for our parish mission. The conferences will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation by Father Murray, priests from the area and me will be available after Sunday's conference. A collection to support Fr. Murray and the Redemptorist community will be taken up at the Masses on Ash Wednesday. May this be a time of spiritual blessing for our parish.

ASH WEDNESDAY

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
	Stations of the Cross Fridays – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our parish mission

Journeying with Saint Paul

Sunday Night -**Conversion** ~ Reconnect with the faith you were raised in! Do not conform – be transformed!

Monday Night - **Eternal Life** ~ We can only inherit it (Luke 10:25), never merit it! We can't earn it but we can lose it!

Tuesday Night **Faith and Works** ~ Just how are we redeemed? Who's right, James or Paul?

Wednesday Night **Mary, the Model Disciple** ~ Journey with her to a new life in Christ. Learn Mary's greatest lesson for us

Human Needs Committee

will meet on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hart House. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Crozier 673-4282.

Leap! Dive!

Our candy sale was a huge success thanks to everyone who bought lollipops and/or made a generous donation. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm we received for our youth groups. We are grateful to the many parishioners who stopped for a minute to talk. The encouragement they gave to us concerning our outreach and leadership programs was invaluable. Thank you very much for your tremendous support!

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

Stephen Fuller & Sylvia Lazicki, Unionville
Jeffrey & Jessica Mann & son, Unionville
Brian & Carla Martin & family, Avon

Religious Education News

Grade 2 First Communion Parents !!! There will be a parent/student meeting on Monday, March 2, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. in the church. Details of our **First Communion** celebration will be presented and class pictures taken.

Mini-Mission for Kids - A "*mini-mission*" for grades 3-5 (Mon., February 23) and 6-8 (Tues., February 24) at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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.**

Bulletin Minutes**Parish Council Meeting of January 27, 2009**

Finance Committee – St. Mary's financial position for year end 2008 remains sound. Income exceeded the budget and the prior year. Expenses were under budget and only slightly higher than the prior year. The net surplus is invested in the parish savings fund.

Liturgy Committee – The committee will meet in February. The Mass for the deceased was well attended. Meetings with the ushers to review the procedures for the Christmas Masses helped with the orderly seating of the large number of attendees. Attendance was more evenly spread among the Masses this year. All went well.

Planned Giving – The Council has endorsed the concept of giving parishioners the opportunity to make financial gifts to the parish through trusts, annuities, wills and other forms. A motion was passed to invite the archdiocesan representative back to the parish to advise us on initiating the Planned Giving Program for the parish.

Mezzanine Clean-Up Project - Clean-up will begin after Easter. Father Golas is looking for volunteers to work with him. We are running out of room and the area is congested. If items have not been used in a year, they should be removed. All committees and groups need to attend to this issue.

Women's Guild - Betty Faitella gave a review of the Guild's calendar of events and activities. The Guild sponsors the Coffee Sundays from October to April. They held a bakeless bake sale in October. They also sponsor a corned beef supper on March 17th, a pot luck dinner in October and two pasta suppers during the year. They serve as hostesses at First Communion and are contemplating a tag sale in May. College Scholarship applications will be available in February. They may be obtained at each of the high schools within the parish and in the Gathering Space. Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The 2009 Nominating Committee for elections to the Parish Council was formed. Bob Prindiville, Sylvie Doyle and Mike Gurski have volunteered to serve on the committee.

A Sunday Mass in the spring will be dedicated in honor of **Deacon Michael Sponzo** in recognition of his service to our Parish and his spiritual leadership.

Religious Education Committee – The Committee will meet on February 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

A recommendation was made to invite a representative of every parish committee to attend a Parish Council meeting once a year to provide an overview of their activities. The invitations will be made by the President of the Council. The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

From the Legion of Mary

Our Lord fasted forty days in the desert before He started His mission. As Christians we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord's Death and Resurrection by a penitential season of forty days. Praying the rosary and concentrating on the birth, life, death, and resurrection is a means of showing our gratitude to our Lord for having suffered and died for us. The Legion of Mary encourages you and your family to pray the rosary together daily during Lent. Special Lenten rosaries are available at the entrances of our church.

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 next weekend.

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 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.

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Address _____