



Saturday,	February 28, 2009
4:30 PM	Mrs. Mary Neulinger by her family
Sunday,	March 1, 2009
7:30 AM	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
Monday,	March 2, 2009
7:45 AM	Anna Callini by the Turski/Sheintop family
Tuesday,	March 3, 2009
7:45 AM	Robert Krenn (1 st anniversary) by his family
Wednesday,	March 4, 2009
7:45 AM	Florence Larkin
Thursday,	March 5, 2009
7:45 AM	Genave Wolf (1 st anniversary) by Barbara Wolf
Friday,	March 6, 2009
7:45 AM	Catherine Flanigan by her children
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 7, 2009
4:30 PM	Richard (Slip) Tribuzio (5 th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	March 8, 2009
7:30 AM	Joseph & Helen Jankowski by Ellen & Joseph Jankowski
9:30 AM	Janet Weber by her husband & children
11:00 AM	Dennis Paul Devin (26 th anniversary) & Paul W. Devin (6 mo. anniversary) by family

Readings for the week of March 1, 2009	
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Barbara Lombardi

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

Calendar

Month of March	St. Agnes Baby Shower
3/2	9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – Hart House
	6:00 p.m. 2 nd Gr. Parent Mtg. – Church
	7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
3/3	7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
3/6	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:30 p.m. First Friday Fun Night
3/7	4:30 pm Mass Two or More
3/8	Coffee Sunday Children’s Choir
	9:30 a.m. Mass

From Fr. Golas,

We begin these forty days of Lent focusing on how important our faith is for our lives. The gospel today on this first Sunday of Lent tells us to reform our lives for “this is the time of fulfillment”. Jesus faced the temptation to serve his own interests rather than to do God’s will. May these days help us to see clearly what God seeks for us and follow it fully and faithfully.

The Parish Council and I are planning to conduct a general census of all parishioners to begin the weekend of April 18 and 19. The last census of the parish was taken in 1999. A census is important for the parish to maintain accurate records and to help in the planning of parish programs and addressing parish needs. The parish census is important for all parishioners to be included so that sacramental records, sponsor certificates, and access for programs will be available. More information to follow.



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

This Week’s Double Header!

Please plan on joining us this coming Friday, March 6 for The Fun Committee’s second game night. The games will begin shortly after Stations of Cross. There is plenty for everyone to do so please plan to stay and help Bob beat Laura at Setback.

Winter Gathering

St. Mary’s Small Church Community Groups invite you to join them for an evening retreat on March 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House. The theme is “*Celebrating the Lenten Season as a time of homecoming-a return of a Compassionate God*”. Cost is \$10.00 a person which includes dinner. For information and to register please contact Liz McNamara by March 4 at 675-9608.

Save the Date! – Soup & Bread

St. Mary’s Human Needs Committee will be hosting a Soup & Bread Meal with proceeds to benefit Catholic Relief Services on Sunday, March 29 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. If anyone would like to help by preparing soup for 8-10 people or providing bread or desert (no brownies, please) please call Alice Crozier 673-4282.

Religious Education News**Last Call!!! Grade 10 Confirmation**

Candidates and Parents -Confirmation information forms and documents are overdue to the Office of Religious Education. The information requested is required (the sacrament cannot be conferred upon candidates whose information is not complete) and is needed to complete the planning of the Confirmation retreat and celebration. **Student letters requesting the sacrament and sponsorship certificates are due in the Office of Religious Education March 2.**

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

Jason Evert—"Romance Without Regret" Presentation - "Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waivers" are required of all students 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. **Parents and catechists are welcome to attend the "live" presentation as space permits. Overflow adults will be able to watch the presentation on closed circuit TV in the St. Gregory's church hall.**

Additionally, there will be a special presentation by Jason Evert of "**How to Raise Chaste Teens**" open to any adult interested in attending. The "no cost" presentation will be held in the St. Paul High School auditorium on March 15th at 8:15 p.m.

The Women's Guild

will hold their regular meeting on March 17 in the gathering space at 6:00 pm. An Irish dinner will be served at a cost of \$10 per member and \$12 for a guest. 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. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee and wish to attend please call Betty Faitella or Marilyn Slabinski.

A Bake Sale will be held after all masses on March 15 in the gathering space to benefit various projects and the scholarship fund. You may help by preparing a homemade item or baked goods and dropping them off in the gathering space on Saturday, March 14. Please price your own items and mark the item ingredients, especially if it contains nuts. If you have questions, please call Betty Faitella at 485-0551.

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, 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.

St Mary's Guild scholarship applications are available in the guidance departments of Farmington, Avon, Lewis Mills and St Paul High Schools. Applicants must be parishioners of St Mary's Church, 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.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, March 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 in case of cancellation or a funeral. Call Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655 or George Marcello 673-8399 with questions.

The Power of the Rosary

Please take 10 minutes to join our Legion of Mary after Mass next Saturday after the 4:30 Mass 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.

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Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus **Fish and Chips Night** is back not just for one night but two! We will be serving our Fish and Chips (\$10.00 per serving) and/or Homemade Macaroni and Cheese (\$4.00 per serving) on Fridays, March 13 and March 20 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 301 New Britain Avenue. We will be selling tickets at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7 and 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 masses on Sunday, March 8. For more information please contact Geno Tilley at (860) 202-4166.

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.

Name _____

Address _____