



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>March 28, 2009</b> Rosemary Witkewicz by her husband Ed
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	<b>March 29, 2009</b> Helen Thomas by her son Kay Hunter Carmen Surprenant by Rosann Santos
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>March 30, 2009</b> Eleanor Burnett by Shirley & Fred Hatfield
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>March 31, 2009</b> Addy Ryan
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>April 1, 2009</b> Florence Larkin
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>April 2, 2009</b> Fr. Joseph Keating
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>April 3, 2009</b> Donald Ryan, Jr. by Claire & Dick Selinga
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>April 4, 2009</b> Helen & Alphonse Szewczul by David & Lisa Szewczul
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	<b>April 5, 2009</b> Intentions of Thomas & Joan Gunning by the Gunning family & Kathy Arle Muriel Sulli by her husband George Jeanne Carrier by the Carrier family

### Readings for the week of March 29, 2009

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

Next weekend the second collection is the monthly offering. On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Thank you for your support.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Peter Clinton Johnson*

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

### LENT

*Stations of the Cross - Friday - 7:00 p.m.*

### Calendar

3/29	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Soup & Bread - Gathering Space
3/30	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary - Hart House
	6:00 p.m.	Gr. 7, 8, 9 Reconciliation
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary - Hospitality Room
4/4	1:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
4/5	9:30 a.m. Mass	Adult Choir
		No Children's/Teen Rehearsal
4/9	7:30 p.m. Mass	Adult Choir
4/10	3:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

### Palm Sunday, April 5

Procession at 9:30 a.m. Mass

Distribution of Palms at all other Masses

Tuesday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Confessions

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Procession to Repository - Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday, April 10

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Reading of Lord's Passion - General Intercessions

Veneration of the Cross - Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Confessions

11:30 - Blessing of Easter Food and Prayer Service

8:00 p.m. - Service of Light

Easter Proclamation - Liturgy of the Word

Easter Liturgy

#### Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses at 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### St. Mary's Women's Guild

will hold a tag sale on May 30. While we are excited by the number of people who have committed to help with this huge project, we welcome anyone else who would like to work with us. We ask that as you clean out your attics, cellars and garages that you consider holding onto those old treasures until we start to collect items for the tag sale in late May.

Items that **WILL NOT** be accepted are: adult and children's clothing, bed linens, blankets, televisions, ski equipment, computers/printers, paint, chemicals, fertilizers, full size appliances, magazines, textbooks, books, encyclopedias, water beds, car seats, large exercise equipment like bikes or NordicTrack, old propane tanks, "illegal" cribs, sleep sofas, upholstered furniture pieces, hard sided luggage, adult bikes. More information will follow regarding our need for help and particulars about drop off times and place. ***Please call Barbara Wolf at 673-0273 with questions.***

The Guild would like to thank everyone who contributed items to our recent Bake Sale. It was a real success due to your efforts and purchasing with a profit of \$601.

The Coffee Committee of the Guild would like to thank all who helped with our Coffee Sundays. We appreciated your help and look forward to seeing you next year.

**First Friday Adoration**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, April 3 from after the 7:45 AM Mass until 5:00 PM 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.

**Jesus, King of Mercy!**

Jesus made a special promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (your soul would go back to the state it was when baptized) to those who would fulfill the following conditions on Divine Mercy Sunday:

1. Celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter.
2. Go to confession, preferably before that Sunday. (If you have gone during Lent that would count.)
3. Sincerely repent of all our sins.
4. Place your complete trust in Jesus.
5. Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.
6. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy.
7. Be merciful to others through actions, words, and prayers for them.

**Catholic Bible Study**

A 22 week Bible Study entitled *David and the Psalms*, using a guide published by Emmaus Road Publishing Company, will be conducted on Saturday mornings at the Hart House starting on April 25th. An informational meeting will be held at the Hart House at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th. If interested, please call Bob Murphy at 673-9551.

**Our Choir to Sing on TV**

Once again, our adult choir has gratefully accepted a gracious invitation to sing for the televised Easter Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell. The mass is telecast as a public service provided by the Office of Radio and Television for the Archdiocese of Hartford and will air on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on WTXX-Ch 20 (Cable Channel 11). Our best wishes to the dedicated membership of our choir.

**Parish Council Elections**

Your parish is looking for a few good members to help lead it now and into the future. The Parish Council's role is to lead the parish and is comprised of 12 elected members each serving for three years. Each year 4 members' terms expire. On the weekend of April 4-5, 2009 ballots will be left in the pews for you to nominate up to four persons (yourself being one if interested and circling your name) to run for election to the parish council. The top ballot recipients will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve on the parish council and present a photo and resume. Six to eight will then look for your note the weekend of April 25-26 to fill the four expiring terms starting July 1, 2009. This is your parish; make it the best it can be!

**St. Mary's Human Needs Committee**

will be hosting a Soup & Bread Meal with proceeds to benefit Catholic Relief Services this Sunday, March 29 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. **Tickets will be available at the door** for \$5:00 for adults; children 6 and under are free.

During the month of April the Human Needs Committee will collect food to replenish the Farmington Food Pantry. All nonperishable items are needed. If there is an expired date on the item, the Food Pantry cannot distribute it so please be sure to check the dates of the items you donate. We will not be collecting monetary contributions this time. **If you would like to make a donation, please send your checks directly to "Farmington Food Pantry", 75 Main St., Farmington, CT 06032.** Thank you for any contribution you are able to make! If you have any questions, please contact Alice Crozier 673-4282.

**5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**TODAY is the last day** to sign up your children, ages 12 and under, for our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!! **WHEN is it? Next Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 PM** in the Gathering Space. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space, or you can email [stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com) with the following information: *Parent's Name, Phone#, and Ages of children attending.* This is a rain or shine event so please dress for the weather. For questions, please call Laura Roberts 673-2307

**Please take 10 minutes**

to join our Legion of Mary after mass next Saturday to pray the rosary for peace in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. 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 De Montfort, 1954). Call Barbara Clark 674-9574 with questions.

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the Sacrament of baptism:

*Maximo Benjamin Mann*

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer job training to the unemployed, and make available medical care to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2009 Annual Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need.

**One liners**

People are made to be loved and things are made to be used. There is much chaos in this world because things are being loved and people are being used.

If you need time alone, try cleaning the house.