

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4:30 PM	May 2, 2009 Sabrina Crowe & John Bergstrom by the Hemingway family
Sunday, 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	May 3, 2009 Virginia Hatfield by her husband Fred Intentions of Thomas & Joan Gunning by the Gunning family & Kathy Arle Agnes Boucher by her family
Monday, 7:45 AM	May 4, 2009 Mildred Bonk by the Peterson family
Tuesday, 7:45 AM	May 5, 2009 Raymond Camiel & Dorothy M. Blaisdell by family
Wednesday, 7:45 AM 7:00 PM	May 6, 2009 Special Intention Sarah & Mike Berard Confirmation
Thursday, 7:45 AM	May 7, 2009 Fr. John B. O'Connell
Friday, 7:45 AM	May 8, 2009 Fr. Robert Grace
Saturday, 2:00 PM 4:30 PM	May 9, 2009 Wedding – Scott Spurr – Meghan Vacca Robert Frombach by Ed Witkewicz
Sunday, 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	May 10, 2009 Joan Slabinski by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski Babe & Grace Lesiak by family the Intentions of Mary by the Legion of Mary

Readings for the week of May 3, 2009

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24---13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

John Anthony Giarratana

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

Calendar

5/4	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Human Needs Committee – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
5/5	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
5/6	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
5/9	4:30 p.m. Mass	Two or More

From Fr. Golas,

The census of 2009 has begun with over 600 parishioners registering at this time. For many this re-registration is an opportunity to update information for our parish records. I would like to thank Fran Javaruski, our parish council president, and the census committee for organizing this effort. I appreciate the work of the entire council in helping with the project. I would also like to thank Farmington Savings Bank for providing the pens for this project. Phase II of the census will begin shortly by contacting all those presently in our database who have not registered. As this project moves forward, I will update information on it in the bulletin. To all who have completed their new census, my thanks.

From St. Mary's Cemetery Committee

So many parishioners have spoken to me recently regarding the purchase of burial plots at our cemetery I thought it is time to place a notice in our weekly bulletin with some information on the subject. We have over 600 plots available in the cemetery mostly in what we classify as sections W and A.

Families who would like to have a monument installed sometime in the future are required to purchase a minimum of 4 graves. There are also many and single and double graves available in which an in-ground marker could be placed. Costs are \$450.00 per grave for Section W and \$500.00 each for Section A. A record of the purchase is maintained at the rectory and a deed is provided when the plots are paid in full. For further information or to make an appointment to meet at the cemetery, please call Bob Archer 673-9941. Thank you.

Parish Council Elections

Thank you for your great response in electing to three-year terms on the Parish Council: Neil Kelsey, Dave Popielarczyk, Judith Reilly and Charles Thomas. These four will do their best to represent the parish's needs as they replace outgoing members Bernie Erickson, Mike Gurski, Fran Javaruski and Phyllis Nedorostek who retire after serving their three-year terms.

The Human Needs Committee

will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hart House. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Crozier at 673-4282.

The Pilgrim Virgin

is returning to St. Mary's beginning next Sunday. A sign-up poster is in the gathering space this week. Invite Mary to spend a week with you and enjoy time praying with the mother of our Risen Lord. Please call Anne Daino 675-4906 with questions.

.St. Mary's Women's Guild

Please note that this year's Guild's annual *Spring Banquet* will be held on *Wednesday, May 20*. At 6:00 pm we will gather at church to celebrate a Mass for all deceased members of the Guild. Dinner will be at 7:30 at Confetti's Restaurant, 393 Farmington Ave., (Route 10), Plainville. Dinner choices are: Herb Crusted Sole, Baked Manicotti or Chicken Piccata. The cost of all dinners is \$24. All reservations and dinner choices must be prepaid and made no later than May 6. Please call Barbara Wolf at 673-0273 to make your reservation. Your checks can be made payable to St. Mary's Guild and mailed to Barbara at 14 Catalpa Court, Avon, CT 06001.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who attended the recent Pasta Supper. Your support is appreciated and the profit from the dinner helps to provide funds for our scholarship fund. The 50/50 raffle was won by Judy Welcome.

The Tag Sale will be held on May 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Items can be dropped off beginning Monday, May 18th** at the Hart House. Hours to drop off items are Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **NO DELIVERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SUNDAYS.** Be considerate – PLEASE no anonymous drop offs except for the designated hours as there is minimum storage space. Last time for donations is Wednesday, May 27th. **Please no drop offs on Memorial Day.** Please contact Barbara Wolf 673-0273 with questions. The proceeds from the tag sale will be shared between the beautification of the property of the old church and The St. Vincent De Paul Society. We thank you in advance for your donations and your time.

We need volunteers to sort, price on the day of the Tag Sale and on the drop-off days (including clean-up after the event). Many hands make light work. You can work a few hours on one day or everyday. You'll meet new people and have some fun. Call Barbara Wolf at 673-0273 if you are able to help. Those who have already signed up to help will be contacted in order to let us know what day(s) they will be able to help.

Registration for the 2009/2010 Religious Education Year

has begun and will continue until June 14. Registration forms will be placed in the entrances to the gathering space. **All students (new and returning) must register to be included in the program which begins in September.** Only registered members of the parish and religious education registration forms accompanied with the tuition payment will be accepted. The tuition structure for 2009/2010 is: grade K - \$25, grades 1-8 - \$40, grades 9-10 - \$55. **A late fee of \$15 per household will be assessed for registrations received after June 14.** Late registrants will be assigned to classes on a space available basis. Please contact the Office of Religious Education with any questions at (860) 675-8522. Deacon Tom Sutak

Prayer Shawl

will meet Friday, May 8 at noon in the gathering space. This will be the last one until September. Please call Pat Robotham 673-3435 with questions.



St. Mary parish welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

Abigail May Van Hoof

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Wojciech & Jenny Budrewicz & daughter Unionville
Christopher Ryan & Kristen Menghetti, Unionville
Anthony & Thomas Shockley & family, Unionville
Donald & Amanda Turano & family, Canton
Lance & Danyle Wilkes & family, Avon*

Dominican Sisters Bake Sale

was very successful. \$1,003.00 was raised to help the Sisters in their mission to aid lepers. They are very grateful for your support.

From Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your very generous gift (proceeds from our recent Soup & Bread meal.) Your recent offering of \$659.00 provides vital support for our programs around the world. Our programs are dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering without regard to race, belief or nationality. Thanks to you we can touch the lives of 80 million people this year. Thank you for embracing our one human family with your generosity and your prayers.

From Fr. Jeremy Harington, OFM

Thank you for your check for \$1,064. We appreciate your generous contribution and your support for the 2009 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land! The people of the Holy Land and the Franciscans and others who minister to them are grateful to you. The money is used to help the needy. We minister to Holy Land Christians in 29 parishes. The money you and your people give is needed and will be well spent. Thank you for helping to continue a living Catholic community in the Holy Land!

Gift Bearers

Please let the ushers know at least 15 minutes prior to Mass if you would like to bring up the offertory gifts if you have requested the Mass Intention that day. Thank you!



Are you or is someone you know ready to explore the Bible? Registrations for the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School are being accepted until August 15, 2009. Classes will be held at locations around the diocese and both in the evening and during the day. For information contact Barbara Jean Daly Horell at 860 243-9465, ext. 11.