



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	August 1, 2009 Patricia Meehan by Tom & Marian Chrosniak
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	August 2, 2009 Skip Woods by his family
9:30 a.m.	Grace Jarrett by the Mock family
11:00 a.m.	Joseph Pisciotta by the Meyer family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	August 3, 2009 Fr. Patrick Curran
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 4, 2009 Arnold Judd (15 th anniversary) by Madeleine Cannon
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 5, 2009 Grace Jarrett by the Mock family
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	August 6, 2009 Jeannette Terwilliger
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	August 7, 2009 Florence Larkin
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.	August 8, 2009 Wedding – Michael Mazur Henry – Laura Ramond
4:30 p.m.	Mom Gondek (3 rd anniversary) by her family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	August 9, 2009 Joseph Facklemann (4 th anniversary) by his family
9:30 a.m.	Edward L. Burke by his family
11:00 a.m.	Mary Flynn (20 th anniversary) by her daughter Peggy

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." - Jn 6:34-

Calendar

8/3	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Viola Delaney

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

Year for Priests – June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed "Year for Priests" beginning June 19, 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and ending June 19, 2010. Archbishop Henry J. Mansell has stated, "It is an appropriate time to ponder with utmost appreciation the gift of the priesthood and to express with profound admiration our gratitude to our priests." Please take a "Prayer for Priests" card and the "Apostolate of Prayer for Priests" calendar which are located in the bookcases at the entrances to the church and pray for our priests. Please always remember our pastor, Fr. John, in your prayers.

Peer Connections- Feel the Vibe! - St Mary's Teen & Youth Ministries

DIVE! Divinely Inspired - Visualizing Eternity (6-8th grade)

LEAP! Life Everlasting - Awakening Possibilities (9-12th grade)

CALLED! Confirmed Adults Living and Learning Every Day (post high school)

An exciting part of your spiritual journey is to share your faith with others. At LEAP! and DIVE! and CALLED! we experience together - living and feeling our faith by connecting with peers while having fun. Come to our gatherings with an open heart and open mind to question, challenge, and experience the truth of our faith and have an enjoyable time doing it. We are all on a journey where **everyone** has purpose, is valued, is accepted, is invited! Our next gatherings are almost here so please contact Karen Herbert for more information kherbertct@comcast.net or call 675-7970.

First Friday Adoration

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

Did You Know?

There are members of St. Mary parish who would be happy to visit you at home if you are unable to get to church. Please call the rectory at 673-2422 to let us know if you would like to arrange a visit.

Religious Education News

“The Harvest is Abundant but, the Laborers are Still Too Few...”

Catechists are needed in the following grades:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
Catechists Needed	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	1

The start of the 2009/2010 religious education year is not that far off and we are in need of those willing to offer their time and talents to the children of the parish so that they may gain an understanding of our Catholic faith. Tuition is waived for active catechists and team teaching is encouraged.

Hart House hall monitors are also needed for us to be compliant with the “*Protecting God’s Children*” requirements set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Parents who wait patiently while their children are in class are asked to consider volunteering as a hall monitor. Tuition is also waived for hall monitors. Please contact Deacon Tom at the Office of Religious Education to see how you might actively support our program this year – tel: (860) 675-8522 e-mail: st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net

Altar Servers Needed

If you are interested in joining our Altar Server team please call the Office of Religious Education (675-8522) for details. Candidates must be in the fourth grade at a minimum and **be willing to serve at any weekend Mass and on special occasions (feast days) as scheduled.** Candidates will be required to attend a training session and work along side more experienced servers to gain experience.

Sponsor Certificates

We are frequently asked to provide certificates of eligibility for persons asked to be sponsors for baptism and confirmation and find there is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding concerning this. A sponsor certification does not mean that the applicant was baptized and/or confirmed at St. Mary parish. It attests that one is a registered member of the parish and a convinced Catholic attempting to live the faith by regular participation at Sunday Eucharist, the Mass, and who witness to our Father by example and practice. A sponsor at baptism and/or confirmation accepts responsibility for an ongoing interest and willingness to assist in the spiritual growth and formation of the person sponsored in the Catholic faith. Therefore, a sponsor at these sacraments must be Catholic. A maid/matron of honor and best man at a wedding are official witnesses to the couple making their marriage vows. One need not be Catholic for this responsibility and no sponsor certificate is required.

Welcome

We welcome all who celebrate with us at St. Mary parish whether visitors, long-time resident or newly arrived at our parish. If you are not a registered member of our parish community, please fill out a census form located on the tables inside the worship space and return to the rectory. It is necessary to be registered to arrange baptisms, marriages, enroll in CCD classes and to obtain sponsor certificates as Godparents and witnesses

Candle Offering Reminder

The votive candles located in our worship space beneath the statue of our Blessed Mother are available for your lighting in prayerful remembrance and special intention. The suggested offering is \$1.00 and is to be placed into the self-contained box located in the center of each of the two racks. Please remember to light a candle from the top rows – DOWN, to avoid the risk of injury which can be caused by placing your arm over a lighted votive. Thank you.

✓ Check This Out...

Join Father John Gatzak on a 10 day/8 night *pilgrimage to Germany and Austria* from July 17 – July 26, 2010 including the July 22, 2010 performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play, which has been performed every 10 years since 1634 in thanksgiving to God for sparing the town from a ravaging plague. The pilgrimage sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Radio & Television and WJMJ Radio 88.9 FM, visits Munich, Innsbruck, Neuschwanstein Castle, Salzburg and Vienna. Reservation deadline is this September 2009. For details please call the Office of Radio & Television (203) 758-7367.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration – Couples observing their twenty-fifty, fiftieth or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford. Family, friends and all married couples are welcome to attend the Mass. A brief reception immediately follows. Registration for anniversary couples is requested by calling the parish secretary.

One-liners

If the universe is expanding, why can't I find a parking space?

The best bridge between despair and hope is often a good night's sleep.

Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it.

Mark Twain

After Sunday school Nathan asked his mom, “Why would Jesus want 12 opossums?”