



Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	August 15, 2009 George Assenza by Christine, Mark & Chris Napolitano
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	August 16, 2009 Special Intention – Thomas & Joan Gunning by family
9:30 a.m.	Prosper Larose by George Larose
11:00 a.m.	Florence Larkin
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	August 17, 2009 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 18, 2009 Cecilia Jennings
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 19, 2009 Katherine & Joseph Gresh
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	August 20, 2009 Olga Bombara by her family
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	August 21, 2009 Special Intention –Chris Banasiak by his family
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	August 22, 2009 Robert Krenn by Richard F. Miller
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	August 23, 2009 Viola Delaney by Bob & MaryJane Oliveira
9:30 a.m.	Prosper Larose by George Larose
11:00 a.m.	Gerald Dionne by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Morin

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009	
Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

Calendar

8/17	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:

George "Butch" Lasek

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

Religious Education News

We know you're out there somewhere!!! Catechists are still needed!



The start of the 2009/2010 religious education year is not that far off and we are in need of catechists to help the children of the parish 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. Please contact Deacon Tom at the Office of Religious Education to see how you might support our program this year tel: (860) 675-8522 e-mail: st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net



What's the focus of the focus question?

If you would like to hear a few thoughts or share a few thoughts on the weekly focus question then save a little time, next week (starting 8/23), after the 9:30 or 11:00 Mass in the gathering space to share ideas.

From Farmington Community Services:

Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of school supplies. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be put to great use. There are many families in town that can use the assistance.

The Human Needs Committee also expresses its gratitude to all who participated in our annual school supply collection. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

- Frank & Sally Chaves & son, Farmington*
- James & Patricia Gallagher, Farmington*
- Stephen & Patricia Randall & family, Avon*

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)

Created by Design - Science has shown that no two people's fingerprints are exactly alike. We each leave our unique mark on the world around us - physically, in relationships and in how we affect our culture. What kind of an impact will you have on this world? At all of the Peer Connections we believe we were all created for a greater purpose. Explore with us God's blueprints for our lives. Join us - it might leave a positive imprint on your life!
On Sunday, Aug 30 we will be hosting our 1st annual 'Pre-Season kick-off'. We invite everyone and their families and friends to join us for an energetic game of kick ball and ice cream sundaes. It is the perfect way to come and check out what it is like to have fun while sharing your faith with your peers. We will meet at the Teen Center on School Street (next to the fire station) from 6:00-9:00 pm. Please contact Karen Herbert-kherbertct@comcast.net or call 675-7970 to get the info!

If you are an adult who would like to make a difference to the youth of our parish, we are growing our facilitator team. You can be sure that they are our church's future and they are excited about being the difference they want to see in the world. We need up front and behind-the-scenes people who would like to leave their mark! Contact Karen 675-7970.

From The Catholic Mission Aid Society,

It is with deep appreciation that your parish check in the amount of \$3,830.00 was received in response to the Mission Appeal. Your financial help is so necessary to meet the crucial needs of our missionaries and the poor in their care. We are most grateful to you and your parishioners.

How Does a Person Become Catholic?

Simply through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Our parish-based RCIA program begins in October, meets weekly and culminates at the Easter Vigil. If interested, or if you know someone who might be, please contact Deacon Tom Sutak, Faith Formation Coordinator, at (860) 675-8522 for more information.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus reminds us today: life comes from flesh and blood. Parents often feel 'drained' because their children's needs continually demand personal sacrifice. This is the vocation of parenting: to give our flesh and blood so our children may live.



Upcoming Events

Mass of Healing and Hope: Tuesday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, with rosary at 6:55 p.m. Presider: Rev. John Golas. Music by "Two or More." Trained prayer teams available after Mass. Call the Charismatic Renewal Office 860 243-8234.

Faith and Family Day- Join the Rock Cats for Faith and Family Day at New Britain Stadium on Sunday August 23. Gates open at 12:05. Game begins at 1:35: Minnesota Twins/Rock Cats vs. Philadelphia Phillies/Reading Phillies. Following the game stay for the concert by ETX (Emmanuel Transmission). Entertainment throughout the day. Call for Group discounts. 860-224-8383 www.rockcats.com

Beginning Experience Retreat for all who are divorced, widowed, or separated. There is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. Divorced, separated and widowed men and women of all ages are invited to attend a Beginning Experience weekend designed for those who would like to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The retreat will be held September 18 – 20 at Montfort Spiritual Retreat Center, Litchfield, CT. Please call Yvonne 860 693-1913 for more information.

Adult Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics, who have made their first communion and are over the age of 18 will be held in the fall at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield on Tuesdays beginning September 15. Please contact Mary Marsan 860 243-9465 ext. 14 for more information.



Summer is the season when a man thinks he can cook better on an outdoor grill than his wife can on an indoor stove. —Anonymous

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. — James Dent

A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. —

St. Francis of Assisi