



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	September 12, 2009 Penny D'Addabbo by Lisa & Dave Szewczul
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	September 13, 2009 Stephanie & John Badera by their family
9:30 a.m.	Timothy Casey by his family
11:00 a.m.	John & Mary Legowski by Ed & Charlotte Legowski
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	September 14, 2009 Marcella Getz by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crossley
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	September 15, 2009 Fr. Raymond Paul
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	September 16, 2009 Fr. William Hilliard
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	September 17, 2009 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	September 18, 2009 Deceased members of the Coscina & Barrila families by Frank & Shirley Coscina
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	September 19, 2009 Paul Chauvy (10 th anniversary) by the Vibert/Holland families
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	September 20, 2009 Irene Heider by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
9:30 a.m.	Orrin Craigie (7 th anniversary) by his family
11:00 a.m.	Florence Larkin

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009

Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/Mk 9:30-37

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

Calendar

9/14	9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – Hart House 7:00 p.m. Fun Committee – Gathering Space 7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
9/15	6:30 p.m. Women's Guild Mtg. – Bingo – Gath. Space

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Doris and Butch Lasek

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

Religious Education News

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Sunday classes for the 2010 Religious Education year will begin on September 20th. Weekday classes will begin the week of September 28th. Catechists will be calling with the exact day, time and location. Home Study materials will be available for pickup the week of October 4th. Registrations received after August 31st will not be processed until after the start of classes.

Confirmation Class

There will be a Parent/Student meeting of the 2010 Confirmation Class on Sunday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Candidates and parents are advised to attend this information session. Classes will begin on Sunday October 4th.

DIVE! & LEAP! - Last Chance!

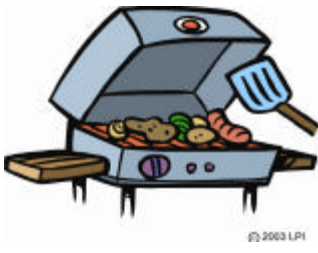
Sunday, September 20 is the Youth Rally! "Beyond Sunday: Reading the Signs-Getting Home". It is a blast sharing faith and fun with thousands of kids. This day-long event is open to all Dive and Leap participants. The cost is \$35. You must call Karen today. We will be going as one in our new-very cool- St. Mary's Peer Connections T-Shirts (included in the price of your ticket). Don't miss out on this amazing event! Contact Karen Herbert at kherbertct@comcast.net or call 675-7970.

LEAP! gathering –

Sunday night 9/13 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Teen Center We will be preparing for the Youth Rally, so get ready to share in the fun in discovering what it is to read the signs that God gives us to make our lives joyous! We will also be preparing a skit that we will share with the entire archdiocese at the rally. There is a place for everyone so come and share the excitement of letting your light shine! Call Karen Herbert 675-7970 with questions.

Bulletin Deadline

Please remember to submit articles for the bulletin by noon on Monday for publication in the following weekend's bulletin. Verbal/phone notices will not be accepted.



**St. Mary Star of the Sea
Annual Picnic**

September 20
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
300 New Britain Avenue
Hot dogs & Hamburgers and
beverages provided by the Knights

of Columbus. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space to bring a dish to share. Chicken wing contest! Games for kids! Please contact Denise Miller 860 404-0394 with questions.

The Focus Question

Rocket science is not what we're talking about but something very important to each of us. The Focus Questions asked each Sunday are asked to help each of us grow on a daily basis both spiritually and as just good neighbors, a chance to slow down, reflect, and yet grow while on our faith and life journey with others. Small Church Communities, SCC's, are also for that purpose. There will be a pot luck social after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 allowing us all to grow/learn a bit more. The Core Team, whose responsibility it is to foster SCC groups, as well as group members, will be present. We need your ideas and look forward to learning from you. Plan to join us but please RSVP to Jill Kozol via email at kozoljill3@gmail.com or calling (860) 404-0746 to allow us to provide for you.

Save the Date

On October 6, 2009 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. there will be a **Will and Life Planning Seminar** to be held in the gathering space conducted by the Committee for Planned Giving and Endowments and representatives of the Archdiocesan Office of Development. Please join us and find out how you can support St. Mary Star of the Sea and pass on our Catholic faith and heritage. For more information, visit www.Catholicgivingaoh.org. Our faith is the most valuable treasure we can pass on!

How Does a Person Become Catholic?

Simply through the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults (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.

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.

Baptism Preparation Program

As you prepare for the birth of your child, please plan to attend the pre-baptism program scheduled for the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The date of the baptism can be scheduled **after** attending the program. Parents must be registered parishioners. For more information and to register, please call the rectory.

Our worship space

is a very beautiful place for prayer and being present with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. Please maintain an atmosphere of silence to foster these sacred moments by silencing all cell phones and electronic devices before entering the worship space and by holding conversations after Mass in the gathering space. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Joseph & Sharon Fortuna & family, Burlington
Bob & Janet Weber, Burlington*

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

FOR YOUR INFO

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center presents *Seasons of Our Lives* opening of the 2009-10 retreat season Monday, September 14, 2009 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Presenter: Sister Mary Fahy, RSM. Offering \$10.00 Reservation required 677-8519.

The 20th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, Sunday, September 27 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Procession, rosary, talks, Divine Mercy chaplet and Benediction. For information call Elaine at 860 352-2281.

Introduction to the Bible offered at St. Ann's Parish, Avon on Wednesday nights in October beginning on October 7 from 7:00 – 8:30 in Father Bennett Hall. Sister Jewel Renna, CND, the founder of the Archdiocese Catholic Biblical School will be the facilitator. Please call St. Ann's 673-9858 with questions.

Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 2:00 PM. 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.