



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
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	September 21, 2009 Fr. Robert Bergin
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	September 22, 2009 Fr. Felix Maguire
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	September 23, 2009 Fr. John Edwards
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	September 24, 2009 Fr. Joseph Donahue
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	September 25, 2009 Fr. Stephen Ptaszynski
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	September 26, 2009 Mildred Bove (10th anniversary) by her family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	September 27, 2009 Ben Kozyra & Matthew Wolf by Barbara Wolf
9:30 a.m.	Mary Benlman by Bob & MaryJane Oliveira
11:00 a.m.	Marcella Getz by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crossley

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2009

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Catholic schools offer “learning that reaches higher.” Please help Catholic elementary school students reach their highest potential by supporting the HOPES (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) collection next weekend. Your gift will strengthen not only our schools, but our Church as well.

Calendar

9/20	1:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish Picnic – Knights of Columbus, Unionville
9/21	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism class – Rectory
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
9/26	4:30 p.m.	Choir
9/27	9:30 a.m.	Two or More

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Dallaire and Riendeau families

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

From Fr. Golas,

I have received the following memorandum from Archbishop Mansell expressing his concern of the threat posed by the H1N1 virus. He asks that the following guidelines be implemented at Liturgy (Mass):

The faithful should be encouraged to share the sign of peace without physical contact. A smile, a wave or nod of the head would be appropriate.

Communion should preferably be given only under the species of the consecrated host, and communicants should be encouraged to receive in their hands rather than on the tongue. If, however, there are communicants in your parish who have Celiac disease and can receive Communion only from the cup, they should be allowed to decide for themselves whether to receive from the cup despite potential health risks.

Provisions should be made for all ministers of Holy Communion to wash their hands carefully both before and after distributing Communion.

As the flu season approaches, let us all be aware of what we can do to address this health situation.

I want to thank members of the Knights of Columbus Uncas Council #32 for generously hosting our parish picnic at their facility and providing the main dishes and beverages. They are a great support to our parish and the Church.

Planning for the future

is one of the greatest gifts you can give to yourself and your family. Find out why at a free **Estate Planning Seminar** at St. Mary Church on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Office of Development of the Archdiocese of Hartford and St. Mary Church. This 90-minute session will provide simple and practical ways to plan for the future. An attorney will present a wealth of information on Wills, Advance Care Directives, Trusts, tips on reducing your taxable estate and other helpful financial information. You will receive a valuable packet of useful items. Refreshments will also be served. Space is limited so register early by calling the Office of Development at 860-547-0513.

Religious Education News

K - 9 Class Start Dates

Sunday classes for the 2010 Religious Education year will begin on September 20th. Weekday classes will begin the week of September 28th. ***Catechists will call with the exact day, time and location.***

Home Study - Home Study materials will be available for pickup at the Hart House the week of October 4th.

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

Grade 2 Parent Meeting - There will be an informational session for parents of students who will be receiving their first communion in the spring. The meeting will be October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



You are always invited...

...to participate in our parish music program and share your individual instrumental/vocal talent, or join one of our choral groups. Our Children's Choir, ***Angel Voices***, welcomes new members, and is presently in need of a pianist to assist Donna LeBlanc with one short practice each month (Nov through May), and possibly accompanying at their monthly 9:30 a.m. children's mass. Please call Donna 482-1638 with questions. Our Contemporary Christian music ensemble, ***Two or More***, has an IMMEDIATE need for an additional guitarist and always accepts new vocal talent as well. The ***Adult Choir*** invites sopranos, altos tenors and basses to join (reading music and prior choral experience ***is not*** essential). For complete information about our music program, please speak with Rick after any weekend mass, or call him at 860-793-2737. Thank you.

Piano Concert - Mark the Date

Rick Daddario, our music director, will present a one-hour piano concert here in our church on Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. The repertoire will reflect secular standard favorites, including popular ballads from film and Broadway. Admission is open to the public ***free of charge***, but a "free-will offering" will be accepted and donated directly to the ***Holy Family Home and Shelter*** in Willimantic. The shelter provides a safe haven for "women and children victims" of domestic violence. Thank you.

The Human Needs Committee

will meet in the Hospitality Room on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited! Please contact Alice Crozier 673-4282 with questions.



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 and 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.

St. Mary Cemetery

currently has about 540 plots available. Families who would like to have a monument installed are required to purchase a minimum of 4 plots. Many single and double plots are available in which an in-ground marker may be placed. Costs are \$450.00 or \$500.00 per grave and a one-time \$50.00 charge per grave for perpetual care. If you would like more information or to schedule an appointment to meet at the cemetery, please call Bob Archer at 673-9941 or Paula at the rectory 673-2422.

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.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

While it is true parents raise children, it is also true children raise parents. Children help us discover our ability to be tender, compassionate, understanding, forgiving, loving and much more. This is one of the perks of parenting; we discover ourselves.



Upcoming Events

Married couples' retreat- Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - September 25 – 27: "*Be Not Afraid: Living in God's Care*". An excellent opportunity to spend some quality time together. Retreat begins on Friday evening with a buffet dinner from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday around noon. Retreat offering: \$420.00/couple. Call 521-0440 for more information or to register.

The 2nd annual ***CT Catholic Men's Conference*** will be held on Saturday, October 3 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Chevrolet Theatre, (the former Oakdale Theatre) in Wallingford, CT. Fun, exciting, and informative. All three Connecticut Bishops will be in attendance. Enjoy dynamic speakers including Fr. Larry Richards, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Michael Cumbie. Come and join us for some male bonding. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ctcatholicmen.org or by calling 203-710-0440.