



Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	November 21, 2009 Deceased members of the Legion of Mary worldwide by the Legion of Mary
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	November 22, 2009 Marylin Thomas (5 th anniversary) by her husband
9:30 a.m.	Cecila Bede by the Kane family
11:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Rocco family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	November 23, 2009 Thomas Brady
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	November 24, 2009 Mary McGarth by Margaret Mitchell
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	November 25, 2009 Thomas Brady by Margaret Mitchell
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	November 26, 2009 St. Mary Parish
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	November 27, 2009 Marjorie Marcuson by Kathy Manion
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	November 28, 2009 Eileen Snyder by John & Dolores Cooleen
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	November 29, 2009 Delores Ouellette by Chuck & Nancy Cosgrove
9:30 a.m.	Karen Daigle by the English family
11:00 a.m.	Josephine Rydzziel by Patty & Bob Cables

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Thank you for your support of this weekend's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Calendar

11/23	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
11/28	4:30 p.m.	Mass Choir

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Michael Vacca

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



Grade 2 Student Information - Student information forms and documentation are due for those students planning to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on Monday, December 14. Please note that all required forms and documentation must be on file in the Office of Religious Education prior to the celebration. **There can and will be no exceptions in this regard.**

Grade 2 Parents - Church tours are scheduled for December 1, 2009. The tours will take place at the times indicated in the "First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion 2009/2010 Program Schedule" and will last approximately 20 minutes. Please mark your calendars and be prompt for your assigned time.

The Women's Guild

will hold their annual Christmas party on December 9 in the gathering space. This year's party will start with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Pizza Party at 7:00 p.m. Cost for the party will be \$10 per person. The telephone committee will be calling members for reservations and payment can be made to St. Mary's Women's Guild and mailed to Barbara Wolf at 14 Catalpa Court, Avon. If you have any questions, please call Barbara at 860 673-0273. Reservations must be made no later than December 1. If you would like to participate in the evening's festivities please bring a \$10 wrapped gift.



Christmas Ornament Workshop

How much fun can you have at the Annual Christmas Ornament Workshop (C.O.W.)? Sign up your kids age 12 and under for a fun afternoon to find out! Calling all kids! Make great ornaments for your Christmas tree! Enjoy a special visitor from the North Pole! Refreshments will be served! Sunday, November 29, Gathering Space, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. RSVP using sign-up sheets after all Masses OR use our On-Line Sign-Up: stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com. Any questions please call Lynne Murphy 860 673-9551 or Laura Roberts 860 673-2307.

Human Needs

Next weekend, November 28/29, is the last time food will be collected for the **Farmington Food Pantry**. The Pantry is in need of personal care products such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products, laundry soap, paper towels, condiments such as mayonnaise or ketchup, jelly, pasta sauce or easy-to-prepare meals for children. For every \$1.00 donated the pantry can purchase \$10.00 worth of groceries. Checks may be made payable to **Farmington Food Pantry and mailed to Farmington Congregational Church, 75 Main St., Farmington, CT 06032**. Thank you for any contribution you are able to make!



The Giving Tree

Tags for various organizations including Town of Farmington residents, Hispanic Health Council, H.O.M.E., Family Life Education, Farmington Fuel Bank, Hospital for Special Care, Tabor House, pediatric aids diapers, (unwrapped), Light One Little Candle and St. Vincent DePaul Society will be hung on our **Giving Tree** by members of the Human Needs Committee Thanksgiving weekend. Parishioners may remove the tags and return the gifts (with tags attached please) **no later than December 13**. Some of the tags represent a special gift for someone. If you take a tag, please be certain to provide the item. **If a gift is not returned or returned late, that person's wish will not be met.** If you have any questions, please call Alice Crozier 673-4282.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Paul & Catherine Tanasi & family, Avon
Jonathan & Lola Troutz & family, Farmington*

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

Samantha Elizabeth Dowd

The Word Among Us

With Advent starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just five minutes a day reading *The Word Among Us for Advent* will change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are located on the tables as you exit the worship space. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition!

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.

FOR YOUR INFO

St. Gregory Parish is holding their Annual **Christmas Crafts Fair** Nov. 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Nov. 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the CCD Center, 1043 Stafford Ave, Bristol. The fair features 38 vendors, bake sale, basket raffle and visits from Santa. Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase. Please contact Ginny DeLuzio 860-584-8050 (evenings) with questions.

K of C children's **Christmas Party** will take place on Sunday, December 6 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. All children, grandchildren and friends of members of the Knights of Columbus as well as St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Patrick parish members are welcome to attend. This year, children will be entertained by Mad Science and as always Santa and perhaps even Mrs. Claus will arrive to deliver cheer and goodies to the little ones. Please contact Olivia or Timothy Germano at 860 678-0597 so an accurate count of children and their ages can be made to prepare for this special day.

The Marthas + Marys will hold a **Christmas Marketplace** December 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and December 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Avon. The Marketplace will feature unique and special gifts, a yuletide café, live music and much more! Questions please contact Valerie St. Jean at 860 675-4747.

Thanksgiving

Dear God,

In a world where much is available
yet so many still go wanting
we thank you for all you have given us.

In a time when family life
is often fragmented and chaotic
we thank you for the family we have with us today.

In a time when so many cannot express their faith
we thank you for our freedoms.

In a world that moves ever more quickly,
we thank you for this time today
to share a meal with loved ones,
and to rest, reflect and refresh ourselves
on this Thanksgiving Day.

Amen

The rectory and religious education offices will be closed on
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.



**Happy
Thanksgiving**

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