



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Rydzial by Patty & Bob Cables
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	November 30, 2009 Thomas Brady by the Stross family
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	December 1, 2009 George Bonetti by his wife Anita
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	December 2, 2009 Lee Foryan
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	December 3, 2009 Grace Clancy by her son
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	December 4, 2009 Eileen Rolfe by Judy Welcome
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	December 5, 2009 Robert Frombach (1 st anniversary) by his family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	December 6, 2009 Fr. Mario Pepe
9:30 a.m.	Margaret Grenier & Rod Macdonald by family
11:00 a.m.	Prosper LaRose by his wife Marilyn & family

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

11/30	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Usher Meeting – Gathering space
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
12/1		2 nd Gr. Church tours
	7:00 p.m.	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Mtg. – Gath. Space

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Prosper LaRose

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

Unionville Uncas Council #32 Knights of Columbus

working with the Pro-Life Committee will be selling **"Keep Christ in Christmas" lapel buttons** after Mass next weekend. The cost will be \$2 or 3 for \$5. Proceeds will be distributed to the Unionville Crisis Pregnancy Center. What a nice way to say "Merry Christmas".

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.

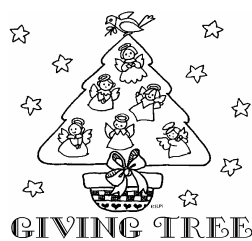
Catch-up Time For Our Souls

With Advent starting up, please take a few minutes a day and use **Catch-up Time for Our Souls** to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just five minutes a day reading these daily reflections and prayers 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!



St. Mary parish welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

*Keegan James Delaney
Kellina Irelynn Casey
James Tyler Harwell*



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 have been hung on our **Giving Tree** by members of the Human Needs Committee. 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.

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.

Religious Education

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.

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.

From the Staff and Residents of Holy Family Home and Shelter, Willimantic, CT

Thank you from all of us at Holy Family Home and Shelter. Your generosity, as always, makes our work easier. May you be truly blessed for your kindness to us.

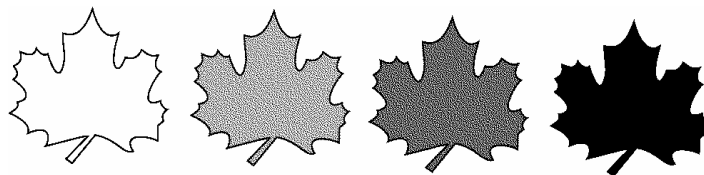


Who, What, Where, and When...

St. Matthew School's 12th Annual **Holiday Craft Show**, Welch Dr., Forestville – Saturday, December 5 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission \$1. Raffle, homemade food, bake sale, dozens of crafters. Please contact Sally Pauloz (860)583-6582 for more information.

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.

Day or Evening Retreat on St. Francis of Assisi at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will sponsor a day or evening retreat, *A Revolution of Joy in the World of Chaos: Exploring the Radical Vision of St. Francis of Assisi*, on December 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (same program). The presenter is Associate Retreat Director Brandon Nappi. The offering of \$30 includes lunch or dinner. Information is available at 860-521-0440.



Just for Laughs

Stolen Turkey

George rushed into the confessional with a turkey under his arm. "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned," he said. "I stole this turkey to feed my family. Please, would you take it and relieve my guilt." "Certainly not," the priest said. "As penance, you must return it to the one from whom you stole it." "But I tried and he refused," sobbed George. "Father, what should I do?" "If what you say is true, then it is all right for you to keep it for your family," the priest said. "Thank you, Father," George replied as he rushed off. When the priest returned to his residence, he entered the kitchen and found that someone had stolen his Thanksgiving turkey!