



<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>December 5, 2009</b> Robert Frombach (1st anniversary) by his family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>December 6, 2009</b> Fr. Mario Pepe Margaret Grenier & Rod Macdonald by family Prosper LaRose by his wife Marilyn & family
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 7, 2009</b> Rita Flanigan by her family
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 8, 2009</b> St. Mary Parish St. Mary Parish
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 9, 2009</b> Edward Murphy by his son
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 10, 2009</b> David Andrews by Theresa & Jerry Stross
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 11, 2009</b> Adam Kaminski by his family
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>December 12, 2009</b> Bill McAuliffe by his family & friends
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m.  9:30 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>December 13, 2009</b> Manual Guerra by SueAnne & Bill McGrath Frederica Walsh by the Cunningham family John Uccello (12 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his wife

Calendar

12/7	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
12/9	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Guild Party – Gath. Space
12/11	noon	Prayer Shawl
12/12	4:30 Mass	Choir
12/13		Coffee Sunday
	9:30 Mass	Angel Voices
	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Timothy Scully*

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



*Immaculate Conception*

Tuesday, December 8 is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**December 21**

Advent Parish Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Midnight

**December 25 – Christmas Day**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

**December 31 – New Year’s Eve**  
4:30 p.m.

**January 1 – New Year’s Day**  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 am.



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Approximately 50 children have been working hard and are excited to present the **2009 Children’s Christmas Pageant**. They would love for you to attend and help celebrate Christmas on Sunday, December 13 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the church. Members of St. Mary adult choir will be entertaining as well, and cake and refreshments will be served following the pageant. If you have any questions, please call Sage Bailey at (860) 329-2807.

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009	
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
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Your tax-deductible donation to next weekend’s Retirement Fund for Religious supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Thank you for your support.

You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any mass.

# Religious Education



**Catechists/Students (K-10)** - Once again our religious education classes will be offering Christmas gifts to the residents of Farmington Care Manor (FCM). The need is greater this year than ever before so please consider visiting our parish website ([www.stmary-unionville.org](http://www.stmary-unionville.org)) to sign up to provide one of the gifts listed there for someone less fortunate. Gifts may be dropped off at Hart House the week of December 14<sup>th</sup> for delivery to FCM on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Grade 2 Student Information** - A number of **Student Information Forms** and other associated documents have yet to be returned to the Religious Education Office for those students planning to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on Monday, December 14. Please note that all the required documentation must be on file **prior** to the celebration. **There can and will be no exceptions in this regard.**

**Altar Servers** - Please remember to sign up for Christmas Eve and Christmas day masses. A sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the Usher Room.

**Additional Servers Needed** - Seven additional altar servers are needed to cover the 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. masses. If you are interested in joining the server team, please call the Religious Education Office (860-675-8522) for more information. **Only those willing to serve at those two masses will be considered.**



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.

## Prayer shawl

group will meet on December 11 at noon in the gathering space at church. Bring your lunch if you wish. The shawls are given to people who are sick, having an anniversary, baby, or special birthday. Call Pat Robotham if you have questions at 860 673-3435.

## The Women's Guild

would like to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Charles Thomas for his generous donation in memory of his wife Marylin Thomas. The donation made by Mr. Thomas will be used towards our scholarship fund. Thank you again Mr. Thomas.

## Gift Bearers

If you are attending the Mass scheduled for your loved one and would like to bring the gifts to the altar, please let the ushers know 15 minutes before Mass.

## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Parents feel outclassed by Twitter, Facebook and MTV as they battle for their children's attention. Our high-tech culture can make a parent feel like an out-dated "voice crying out in the wilderness." As God came to John the Baptist "in the wilderness" God is with you in your "wilderness" moments as a parent.

## FOR YOUR INFO

The **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will be celebrated at St. Ann's in Avon on Sunday, December 6 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. All are invited for this powerful devotion.

**Hope for the Holidays**, a program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be held at St. Stanislaus Church, Bristol on Tuesday, December 8 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Bartlewski Center on the Church grounds at 510 West St. Call Karen at 860 582-3652 to register.

**Children's Holiday Party** – Saturday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Avon Health Center, Avon – The Magic of Tom O'Brien, visit with Santa 11:15 a.m. The event is free but a donation of a non-perishable food item for local food bank would be appreciated.



## Out of the Mouths of Babes

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. Pastor Mike was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures. Immediately, Pastor Mike turned towards the church to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Jimmy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Pastor Mike walked up to Jimmy and said, "Well, Jimmy, where did you get the little infant?" Jimmy replied, "I got him from the church." "And why did you take him?" With a sheepish smile, Jimmy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it."