



Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday, 4:30 p.m. | December 12, 2009 Bill McAuliffe by family & friends |
| Sunday, 7:30 a.m. | December 13, 2009 Manual Guerra by SueAnne & Bill McGrath |
| 9:30 a.m. | Frederica Walsh by the Cunningham family |
| 11:00 a.m. | John Uccello (12 th anniversary) by his wife |
| Monday, 7:45 a.m. | December 14, 2009 Edward Flanigan by his family |
| Tuesday, 7:45 a.m. | December 15, 2009 John E. Gurovich (40 th anniversary) by his parents |
| Wednesday, 7:45 a.m. | December 16, 2009 Raymond T. Fiora (25 th anniversary) by his family |
| Thursday, 7:45 a.m. | December 17, 2009 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy |
| Friday, 7:45 a.m. | December 18, 2009 George & Amelia Kramer |
| Saturday, 4:30 p.m. | December 19, 2009 Louis Genest by Peg & Steve Flower & family |
| Sunday, 7:30 a.m. | December 20, 2009 Salvatore Casasanta by his family |
| 9:30 a.m. | Dora & Edmund Meheran by the Kane family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Paul St. Martin by Bernice & Rick Tonucci |

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2009

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| Sunday: | Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 |
| Monday: | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 |
| Tuesday: | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 |
| Wednesday: | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23 |
| Thursday: | Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 |
| Friday: | Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 |
| Saturday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 |
| Next Sunday: | Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 |

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This weekend's second collection supports the Retired Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generosity.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Doris & George "Butch" Lasek

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

Calendar

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| 12/13 | 4:00 p.m. | Christmas Pageant - Church |
| 12/14 | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary – Hart House |
| | 5:30 p.m. | First Reconciliation - Church |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room |
| 12/19 | 4:30 p.m. Mass | Two or More |
| 12/20 | 2:00 p.m. | Carol Sing – Church |
| 12/21 | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary – Hart House |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room |

From Fr. Golas,

Due to increased attendance, I ask your cooperation in making room in your pew for others. Please follow the ushers' instructions when they ask you to move to the center of the pew to allow others to enter the pew or by removing yourself for a moment from the end of the pew. I appreciate your cooperation.



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 at 4:00 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.

Parish Community Carol-Sing Next Weekend
Plan to attend our parish **Community Carol-sing** offered here in our church next Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. This will be an exceptional opportunity for all to gather in the spirit of the Christmas season and to enjoy the fellowship brought about by family and friends sharing in song. We hope you will attend with your family and friends. Thank you.



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) 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 14th.

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.*

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.

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

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost & Found box in the table in the worship space near the Usher Room for items you may have left behind. Items not reclaimed by the end of each month will be donated.

Marriage Moments

“Be watchful! Be alert. You do not know when the time will come.” (Mk13:33) Although death comes most often to the old, don’t put off words and acts of love for later. We don’t know how much time we have. Love your spouse today.

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

Mia Susanne Williams

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

Paul & Lynn Stanislaw & family, Burlington



Who, What, Where, and When...

Mass of Healing and Hope – Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. The Archdiocesan Center, St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, with rosary at 6:55 p.m. Presider: Rev. James Fanelli. Trained prayer teams available after Mass. Call the Charismatic Renewal Office 860-243-8234 with questions.

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas: Sign up now for the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! Upcoming weekends are January 29-31 and April 23-25. Call Joe and Jane Staszowski at 860 644-7260 for more information.

A Friendship Like No Other Wisdom House, Litchfield, Ct–Friday, January 8 – 6:00 p.m. (dinner) to Sunday, January 10 (lunch). An opportunity to explore in prayer God’s desire for our friendship and our response. For fees and more information call Wisdom House 860 567-3163.



Children and Christmas

There was a little boy who approached Santa in a department store with a long list of requests. He wanted a bicycle and a sled, a chemistry set, a cowboy suit, a set of trains, a baseball glove and roller skates. “That’s a pretty long list,” Santa said sternly. “I’ll have to check in my book and see if you were a good boy.” No, no,” the youngster said quickly. “Never mind checking. I’ll just take the roller skates.”