



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday,	January 7, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Joseph McMahon by Cindy, Bryan & Megan Rourke
Sunday,	January 8, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Mom, Dad & Robert Gondek, Jr. by family
9:30 a.m.	Mary Hepp by the Macbeth family
11:00 a.m.	Alice Flynn
Monday,	January 9, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Ruth Heafey Riley by Bob & Clare Archer
Tuesday,	January 10, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Charlie Williams by Gary, & Mary-Ellen Kasey
Wednesday,	January 11, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Claude Maras by the Dossot family
Thursday,	January 12, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Helen Murphy by Dick & Claire Selinga
Friday,	January 13, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Saturday,	January 14, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Paul Kramer (6 th anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	January 15, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Ed Welcome by his family
9:30 a.m.	Rachel McGovern by her family
11:00 a.m.	Kathryn Fitch by her children

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Calendar

1/9	9:45 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism class – Rectory
1/15	11:00 a.m. Mass	Adult Choir

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

John Harris

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

From Fr. Golas:

I will be away for Seton Hall's Winter Institute for Priests from January 8 – January 20 and a week of vacation. The conference is being held at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Focus Question for Christmas 2011

Christmas is our celebrating God's gift of Jesus, the Son who does His Father's will. Through Jesus, we understand the Father's love for us. Focus: *What person or persons do you consider a gift of God's love for you?*

From the Human Needs Committee

Members of the Human Needs Committee will be taking orders for **butter braids** next weekend, January 14 & 15 and also the weekend January 21 & 22 after all masses to benefit Meals on Wheels and other local charities. Butter Braids come frozen and are thawed and baked at home. They come in a variety of flavors: Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Apple, Bavarian Cream, Blueberry Cream Cheese and Caramel Rolls. Payment of \$12.00 (check payable to the St. Mary's Human Needs Committee) is required when placing your order. Pick up will be Friday, January 27 at the church between 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All orders not picked up during that time will be donated to a soup kitchen. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Kelly 860- 675-5120 or Alice Crozier 860-673-4282

Thanks to all in the parish for your generous gifts under the Giving tree. Many gifts were collected to help so many people have a Merry Christmas. The amount collected for the Farmington Fuel Bank was \$1,185.00. That will help keep people warm this winter as well. Thanks again.

Alice Crozier (chair) and the rest of the Human Needs Committee and Friends that help

The Women's Guild

would like to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Charles Thomas for his generous donation in memory of his wife Marilyn Thomas. The donation made by Mr. Thomas will be used towards our scholarship fund and other charities that the Guild supports. Thank you again, Mr. Thomas.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

George & Gilda Anderson, Jr. & family, Burlington
Jonathan & Denise DeZinno, New Britain
Robert & Judith Lamoin, Burlington
Lisa J. Macaro, Unionville
Thomas & Tammy Nogles & family, Unionville

We thank all who were so generous with their Christmas memorial donation to the flower fund. Our sanctuary is a beautiful tribute to the presence of the Risen Christ and those who have shared with the community in worship and prayer.

In memory of:

Domenick & Mary Bianchi, Betsy Katz
Fred & Rose
Deceased of Grimm & Generose families
Jakiel & Machowski families
Schave & Sheridan families
Elizabeth Villa
The Wallace & Malscheske families

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.



Please check the Lost and 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.

Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



Who, What, Where, and When...

St. Paul Catholic High School will have an ***Open House*** on Thursday, January 12. Tour time 7:00 p.m. Please contact 860 583-0911, Ext. 34 for further information and questions.

Holy Cross Parish, New Britain will host a ***dance*** on January 28 from 8:00 – 1:00 a.m. The dance will feature RYTMY 95 band and benefits parish needs. To purchase tickets and for more information, please contact Holy Cross Rectory at 860 229-2011.

Wisdom House in Litchfield will hold a program on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. entitled ***Beating the Winter Doldrums***. Master Drummer, John Marshall leads a welcoming community of drummers in traditional rhythms from around the world. Fee: \$30. Please contact 860 567-3163 for further information.

You can help a mother give birth to her baby. At Birthright we realize that no woman wants an abortion, but she might resort to it if there seems to be no other answer. Through loving care and practical support, we can help her give birth to her child and face the future with dignity and hope. Volunteers at Birthright are blessed with the opportunity to love a mother to life. Weekly volunteer opportunities are available. Please call 860 290-8800 for more information.

Bible Study

Q: How do we know Abraham was smart?

A: He knew a Lot.

Q: Why couldn't Cain please God with his offering?

A: He just wasn't Abel.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

THE BEST WAY

to get something done

IS TO BEGIN