



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	February 11, 2012 Modesto & Theresa Bonini by their family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	February 12, 2012 Jack & Carrie Flynn Katherine Judith Lord by her family Lisa Anne Striebel (20 th anniversary) by Donna Dellacamera
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	February 13, 2012 Claude Maras by Bob & Nancy Castonguay
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	February 14, 2012 Gordon Hamel by his family
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	February 15, 2012 Chuck Marti by his family
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	February 16, 2012 Gertrude Neubauer by Katharine Sands
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	February 17, 2012 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	February 18, 2012 Claire White
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	February 19, 2012 Eileen Woods by her family James Hodges by his family Ann Jakobowski (2 nd anniversary) by her family

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2012	
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday:	Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

Calendar

2/13	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
2/18	4:30 p.m.	Mass Adult Choir
2/19	9:30 a.m.	Mass Two or More
2/19	2:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras – Gathering Space

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Gordon Hamel

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

From Fr. Golas,

To all of St. Mary's parishioners who graciously give of your time, talents, and efforts:



You are invited – Sunday, February 19 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Gathering Space – Beverages and appetizers will be served. Our Annual **Mardi Gras reception** is to thank all of our dedicated parish volunteers, whether it's a committee, ministry, religious education, choir, parish council, or any volunteering for our parish. Please RSVP by February 14. You may sign up in the gathering space, or contact Laura Roberts at stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com or 860 673-2307. Please provide your name and the number of people attending.

The **Focus Question** for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time "B" cycle February 5, 2012: In what ways is the Lord calling you to go on in your life of faith?

The Women's Guild

is looking for the nominees for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you or someone you would like to nominate would be interested please contact: Cathy Kane, 860-677-8280, Rose Killiany, 860-673-0332, or Helen Pasler, 860-673-9424. A list of nominees will be presented at the March meeting, and elections will be held at the April meeting, **New: These positions do not have to be held by one person. Each office can be shared with someone.**

St. Mary's Guild will have **scholarship applications** available in the guidance departments of Farmington, Avon, Lewis Mills and St. Paul High Schools upon students' return from February vacation. Applicants must be parishioners of St Mary's Church in Unionville who plan to continue their education beyond high school. Deadline date for applications is Saturday, April 21, 2012. Please send completed applications to Carole Charette, P. O. Box 266, Unionville, CT 06085. The applications will also be available at church in the bookcases at each entrance. If you have questions, please call Betty Faitella, 860-485-0551.

St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes for January 3, 2012 ~ Bulletin Edition ~

Nominations: Parish Council nominations will take place in March with elections in April. Chuck Thomas will create a schedule for the nominations process and report back to the council in March.

Liturgy Committee: Rosemary Frombach reviewed the multi-faceted educational program offered in preparation for the changes to the New Roman Missal. She acknowledged her appreciation to her fellow subcommittee members: Elaine Atiyeh, Joyce Cruess, Claire Eddy, Neil Kelsey, Neil Lynch, Gus Swanson, Ed Witkiewicz, Fr. Golas and Fr. St. Martin. Fr. St. Martin has received positive feedback on the music program and Rick's uplifting choice of new musical settings.

RCIA: Deacon Tom has received several new inquiries into the program.

Adult Faith Formation: The presentation planned by Peter Wolfgang, Executive Director of the Family Institute of CT, was cancelled due to the storm. No rescheduled date has been set due to scheduling conflicts.

Religious Education: First Reconciliation was postponed until 2/6/12 due to Storm Alfred. The 11/7 Confirmation retreat was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Harwinton due to a lack of power at St. Patrick's Collinsville. Deacon Tom credited Paula for making more than forty calls to notify students of the last minute change in venue. Our Religious Education students and teachers donated 125 gifts to the residents of Touchpoints for Christmas, which exceeded their needs/requests.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is preparing the website for the implementation of the online giving program. They may engage a test group prior to offering it to the parish at large. Father Golas underscored that this program will be optional and not mandatory for our parishioners.

Human Needs: We collected 600 pounds of food for the Farmington Food Pantry in October. The giving tree was extremely successful. We also collected \$1,185 for the Farmington Fuel Bank and almost \$900 in gift cards for Tabor House. Butter Braids will be sold the weekends of 1/14-15 and 1/21-22. Soup and Bread is scheduled for Sunday, 3/18. *Minutes will conclude in next weekend's bulletin.*

Give from the Heart, Help the Poor

Consider giving fair traded chocolate for Valentine's. Day. Fair traded items are items purchased at a fair price, helping poor farmers and people, earn a livelihood by getting a fair price for their goods, helping them out of poverty. Search: crsfairtrade.org. Contact Clara Ryan with questions 860 673-0756. Happy Valentine's Day from St. Mary's Environmental Awareness Team.

"I am grateful

to have a group of caring adults equally hungry to share their faith and their story. It is done with joy and love and we are all blessed and grow from the exchange." Joanne

New Small Church Groups forming for Lent

A short video about SCC can be found at www.sccquest.org
(click on resources)

Contact Maureen 860 673-6145 mwmosk@comcast.net

Social Justice

At least 30 million people world-wide are currently held in modern-day slavery. "Viewed through the lens of Catholic social teaching, human trafficking is a crime against the most basic aspects of human dignity and human rights. It preys on the poor and vulnerable and exploits their labor." From "Catholics Confront Global Poverty," United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. **On February 26 St. Mary's** and churches around the world will ring freedom's bell, by singing redemption songs, praying and proclaiming God's gift of freedom in Jesus, the great emancipator. Join us in the call for all people to be free.

Check This Out...

Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford will host an **Interreligious Dialogue on Human Trafficking and Slavery** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on February 19. Consider joining leaders and scholars from several religious traditions to explore what we can do to address the reality of modern slavery. The evening will include a light dinner and refreshments, and will conclude with Sunday Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. (Free will offering). For more information or to register to attend, please visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann's, Avon on Sunday, February 19 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Pancake Dinner** on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 at their Council Home. Come celebrate a Catholic Family Tradition generations old. Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors and children 8 to 14 years old. Tickets are available at the Uncas Council Home, 301 New Britain Ave. or will be on sale Sat., Feb. 18 and Sun., Feb. 19 at St Mary Church gathering space after all masses. Contact Geno Tilley Jr. for additional information at (860) 202-4166.

Please visit our bulletin board for current job openings within the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Request for Tax Information

If you require a "Statement of Contributions" for 2011, please complete and return this form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed or placed in the weekly collection basket. E-mail requests are acceptable and may be sent to: rectory@stmary-unionville.org. Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted. Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via regular mail daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Address _____