



Saturday,	February 18, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Claire White
Sunday,	February 19, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Eileen Woods by her family
9:30 a.m.	James Hodges by his family
11:00 a.m.	Ann Jakobowski (2 nd anniversary) by her family
Monday,	February 20, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Michael D'Amato by June Sponzo
Tuesday,	February 21, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
Wednesday,	February 22, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Eduardo Magalhaes by Tony & Peter DeMarco
5:00 p.m.	Prayer Service
7:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish
Thursday,	February 23, 2012
7:45 a.m.	William Miller by Katharine Sands
Friday,	February 24, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Kathleen Lamintini by St. Mary's Women's Guild
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	February 25, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Lionel Therriault (15 th anniversary) by Jay & Fran McCaffrey
Sunday,	February 26, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Carl & Louise Niederer by family
9:30 a.m.	John Franciosi by his family
11:00 a.m.	Dennis & Paul Devin by family

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2012	
Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Ann Jakobowski

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

Calendar

2/19	2:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Volunteer Reception Gath. Space
2/20	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
2/21	6:45 p.m.	Rosary -Guild meeting – Gath. Sp.
	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism mtg. - Rectory

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2012

7:45 a.m.	Mass and Distribution of Ashes
5:00 p.m.	Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:30 p.m.	Mass and Distribution of Ashes

February 24, 2012

7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
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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.

The **Focus Question** for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time "B" Cycle February 12, 2012: As followers of Jesus, there is no one outside the camp removed from the Lord's compassion. Is there anyone that you can bring the Lord's healing to.

Holy Family Men's Retreat-

The Courage to Hope, - Feb. 24

Being who we are as Christian people takes enormous courage. Courage is a gift, and hope is the virtue we need to live courageously. This year's theme is Courage to Hope: Finding God in all things. Revive your body, soul and mind by going on retreat. Through engaging conferences, workshops, services and delicious home cooking-along with plenty of free time-Holy Family invites you to enjoy rest, renewal, beautiful music and homemade cookies baked in Holy Family's kitchen. Join your fellow parishioners by calling Bob Bonato, 673-5251 or visit HolyFamilyRetreat.ORG. Scholarships and assistance are available.

DIVE!

GOT LIGHT? DIVE members it's your turn to share your "light". Join us for a night of Laser Tag, pizza and fun on February 25 at 7:15 p.m. at Blue Fox Run, Simsbury. For more details email Amanda at st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com or check out the Youth Group page on the parish website stmary-unionville.org

St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes for January 3, 2012 – Bulletin edition

Parish Website: Mary Beth Rosato is working with Ed O'Reilly to update the content on our parish website. The council discussed several ideas that she raised: whether to include all staff members on the website, whether to include their photos along with their bios, whether to add an altar server page with a password-protected serving schedule, the handling of photos, and highlighting upcoming events on the home page.

Not for Sale: Andrew McCaffrey gave the council an overview of the purpose and activities of the Note for Sale organization. Their goal is to end human trafficking and slavery. They will be hosting their third Freedom Sunday at St. Mary's on the first Sunday in Lent, 2/26, in conjunction with the social Justice Committee.

Other New Business: We will not be having a Lenten Mission this year. In its place we will be offering a 5-week Small Church Communities program which will help us apply the Sunday readings to our everyday lives. There will be a workshop in preparation for the program on Tuesday, 1/31 at 7 pm. The workshop is open to the parish; this program offering is the sole spiritual effort the Lent this year.

Fr. Golas received a letter from a new parishioner inviting us to join forces with St. Patrick's Collinsville in support of their sister parish in Haiti. Mary Hagadorn and MaryAnn Muccino will meet with the parishioner to learn more about the initiative and what type of support it would entail.

Mary Beth Rosato shared a suggestion by a parishioner to include a single page committee contact list in the bulletin several times a year, similar to the done at St. Ann's in Avon. The council expressed concern for the work it would require and noted that the contact information may be found by calling the rectory or viewing the parish website.

Mary Beth shared a second suggestion by another parishioner to use some of the Easter Flower money to buy flowers for our Blessed Mother statue during the year. This is infeasible, as the Easter flowers are purchased with funds that are donated in honor or memory of a loved one; they may not be used for another purpose. Alternate suggestions were proposed including establishing a separate fund, bringing in flowers from parishioners' gardens and providing flowers for Mary on her feast days.

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. 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 parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

*Cassidy Rose Middleton
Delilah Grace Lamarre*

Human Needs

The next meeting of the Human Needs Committee will be Wednesday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the gathering space. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Alice Crozier at 8606734282.

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.

"I enjoy sharing the scripture readings

with my **Small Christian Community** friends. We gain strength from each other and are able to get another perspective which allows me to continue on my spiritual journey!"

Donna Galvin

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

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Please visit our bulletin board, located in the gathering space, to view current job openings within the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The rectory and religious education offices will be offices will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

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 _____