



Saturday,	March 3, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Chester Regeski by Aunt Chris & nephews Mark & Chris
Sunday,	March 4, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Special Intention
9:30 a.m.	Robert Krenn by his family
11:00 a.m.	John Harris by his family
Monday,	March 5, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Genave Wolf (4 th anniversary) by Barbara Wolf
Tuesday,	March 6, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Linda Lakis by Katharine Sands
Wednesday,	March 7, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Marshall Palmoski by the Peterson family
Thursday,	March 8, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Helen Mantie by the O'Connor family
Friday,	March 9, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Claire White (1 st anniversary)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 10, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Antoinette Maras by Ann Dawson
Sunday,	March 11, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Bryan Urso by his family
9:30 a.m.	Andrew Welna by the Welna family
11:00 a.m.	Ileana Mercadante by Chip & Linda Caney

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2012

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

	Month of March – St. Agnes Baby Shower
3/5	9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – Hart House 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
3/6	7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
3/10	4:30 Mass Two or More
3/11	Coffee Sunday

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Doris & "Butch" George Lasek

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

From Fr. Golas,

As we enter the second week of Lent, we hear the gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9:2-10). The transfiguration takes place on a mountain under mysterious circumstances. The appearance of Jesus changes and Peter, James and John see the glorified Jesus with Moses and Elijah. These disciples were to continue their trip down the mountain accompanying Jesus to Jerusalem and His passion and death.

Lent is our journey of faith. We are called to recognize the presence of the glorified Risen Lord in our lives. At times, it is difficult to see the Lord when trials, suffering and temptation beset our lives. Like the disciples in the gospel, we need to continue to trust that the Lord's words are true and to be followed. It can be difficult when there can be hostility and ridicule that confronts those who follow the way of the gospel. Jesus is with us to strengthen our resolve and give firm guidance to our steps of living His way. Our lives can be changed and seen in a new light by the transfigured Lord.

Bible Study

There will be a 22-week study of the Bible using the *Come and See* program, published by Emmaus Road Publishing. The book is entitled Acts and Letters and examines the Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's letters. We will meet on Saturdays at the Hart House from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In addition to the textbook, you will need a Bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will start the class on Saturday, March 17. If interested, please call Bob Murphy at (860) 673-9551.

Save the Date! – Soup and Bread

St. Mary's Human Needs Committee will host a Soup and Bread Meal with proceeds to benefit Catholic Relief Services on Sunday, March 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold after all masses next weekend Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11. The tickets are \$5.00 for adults; children 6 and under free. If you would like to help by preparing soup for 8-10 people or providing bread or dessert, please call Alice Crozier 860-673-4282.

Your parish is looking for a few

good members to help lead it now and into the future. The Parish Council's role is to lead the parish and is comprised of 12 elected members each serving for three years. Each year 4 member's terms expire. On the weekend of March 24 – 25, ballots will be left in the pews for you to nominate up to four persons (yourself being one if interested and circling your name) to run for election to the parish council. The top ballot recipients will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve on the parish council and present a photo and resume. Six to eight will then look for your vote the weekend of April 21 – 22 to fill the four expiring terms starting July 1, 2012. This is your parish; make it the best it can be.

St. Mary's Women's Guild

Please note: The **regular meeting** of the Women's Guild will be held on March 20 at Camp Happy Hill on West Avon Rd. in Unionville. An Irish dinner will be served at a cost of \$10 per member and \$12 for **a** guest. This year in order to have all members be able to attend we are limiting the number of guests a member can bring to **one**. The telephone committee will be contacting members soon. If you are not contacted by the telephone committee and wish to attend please call Betty Faitella at 860-485-0551. You must make your reservation for the meeting/dinner before March 12.

A **Bake Sale** will be held after masses on March 18 in the gathering space to benefit various projects and scholarship fund. Parishioners and Guild members may help by preparing a homemade item or baked goods and dropping them off in the gathering space on Saturday the 17th. It would be helpful for the committee if you would price your own items and mark the item ingredients especially if it contains nuts. If you have questions, please call Betty Faitella at 485-0551.

St Mary's Women's Guild is again sponsoring a **baby shower** during the month of March to assist unwed mothers, their newborns and toddlers at St. Agnes Home in West Hartford. Items needed are diapers size 1-5, blankets, strollers, bottles, pacifiers, wash cloths, baby wipes, baby toys, teething rings, and clothing through size 24 months. All items should be new, wrapped and tagged with sizes noted. Gifts may be left in the portable crib in the gathering space. St Agnes Guild will also accept monetary donations. For further information please contact Kathleen Ruzbasan 673-2038.

The 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.*



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

During Lent,

Undertake a new spiritual practice. Enrich your continuing journey with God.

Look at the balance in your life. Is there time for work, play, rest, friends, family and community?

Do you need to change any activities in your daily schedule?

Begin and end your day with thanksgiving for the gift of life and for the gifts of the day.

Try to go to weekday Mass once during each week.

Last week we announced that we're now offering **Online Giving**. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like giving to your church online. It's safe and secure and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Online giving lets you set up a recurring pledge or a one-time gift to our offertory and special collections. Please visit www.st.mary-unionville.org to get started with this convenient giving option.

This weekend marks the start of the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

in our parish. You will receive a letter from Archbishop Mansell seeking your support. Together we can impact the lives of thousands. Our work as a Church in social services, healthcare, and pastoral services is exciting, challenging and fulfilling. It is work we must do together in **Making a Difference** out of love for one another and for God. Please respond as generously as possible.

**Upcoming Events**

St. Anthony Church at 49 South St. in Litchfield, CT is inviting you to come on Sunday evening March 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. to see actor Frank Runyeon's one-man play of the Gospel of St. Mark. He uses dramatic lighting and entertaining audience interaction to translate the Gospel in contemporary American speech. He will engage the audience, surprise them with flashes of humor and drive them forward with dramatic suspense. All are welcome. Admission is free.

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.

Name _____

Address _____