



*Mass Intentions*

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>March 10, 2012</b> Antoinette Maras by Ann Dawson
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>March 11, 2012</b> Bryan Urso by his family Andrew Welna by the Welna family Ileana Mercadante by Chip & Linda Caney
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>March 12, 2012</b> Joseph Blaha by Cheryl Chester & Terry Cauller
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>March 13, 2012</b> Nate Wilson by Tony DeMarco
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>March 14, 2012</b> John & Alyce Smolen by their daughter
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>March 15, 2012</b> Donald W. Ryan by his wife
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>March 16, 2012</b> Robert Gondek, Jr. by Dad and the Gondek family
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>March 17, 2012</b> Alice Flynn
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>March 18, 2012</b> Ed Welcome by his wife Judy Mrs. Alvine Gagnon by St. Mary's Choir Thomas, Michael & Sandy Crowe by family

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2012	
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Envelopes for Easter flowers may be returned at any Mass. Thank you.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Ted Eddy*

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

### Calendar

3/12	9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
3/18	Women's Guild Bake Sale after masses
	4:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Meal – Gathering space

### From Fr. Golas,

On this Third Sunday of Lent we hear the gospel of John describe Jesus' cleansing of the Temple of Jerusalem. When he was challenged for driving the money changers from the Temple, Jesus responded, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The gospel adds Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body. Lent is a time of repentance and cleaning out the temple of our soul. We are blessed to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us to be freed from our sins and closer to God. On Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a reconciliation service and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Several priests of the area will join Fr. St. Martin and me in hearing confessions.

**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 next Sunday, March 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door and 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.

**A Sound Apology -** Recently the sound mixing board (which allows for piano amplification through our speaker system) was replaced with a new model after the prior board failed. Only then after several masses, did I think to have someone listen from the back of the church to determine if the piano volume from the new board was adequately balanced. Unfortunately, the volume was TOO LOUD. I am very sorry for the "Woodstock Effect" which I may have created these past 3 weekends. I have adjusted the settings on the sound board to properly balance the piano volume. Please do not ever hesitate to offer feedback (yes, probably a pun) or comments regarding any aspect of our efforts with our music program. We are here for you. Thank you so much. Rick Daddario

**New Small Church Communities** are still forming at St Mary's Small Church Communities. Gather to reflect on the Sunday scriptures and make real life connections in our modern day world. Groups are informal and friendly! For more information please contact Maureen Moskowitz at [mwmosk@comcast.net](mailto:mwmosk@comcast.net) or 860-673-6145. Everyone is welcome!

**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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!**

The 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Space for children ages 12 and under. This year we are again featuring Fair-Trade Chocolates. These are certified to be human-trafficking-free. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space, or you can email [stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarysrsvp@yahoo.com) with the following information: *Parent's Name, Phone#, and Ages of children attending.* This is a rain or shine event so please dress for the weather. For questions, please call Laura Roberts 860-673-2307.

**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.

**Religious Education News**

**Registration** for the 2012-2013 Religious Education year will begin March 18<sup>th</sup> and extend to May 20<sup>th</sup>. **All new and returning students are required to complete a registration form.** Forms will be located in Hart House and in the entrances to the Gathering Space. Registrations received after May 20<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a late fee with placement in a regularly scheduled class on a space available basis only.

**Grade 10 Students** - Candidates for confirmation are reminded that the following documents must be submitted to the Religious Education Office: 1) Confirmation Information Requirements form; 2) evidence of a completed service project; 3) a letter addressed to Father Golas requesting the sacrament; and 4) a sponsorship certificate for their sponsor.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty** – The Obama Administration has left many questions unanswered regarding the federal health care insurance mandate. In a so-called “accommodation,” President Obama said that insurance companies will pay for sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives that go against our Catholic moral teachings. But, he has neglected to address the many religious organizations that are self-insured! These include the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Diocese of Bridgeport, and the Diocese of Norwich. Under the current mandate, these institutions would still be expected to pay for these controversial procedures. The administration needs to address this crucial question, and many more, before the elections. Please contact the offices of your State Representatives and State Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phones numbers, please visit: [www.ctcatholic.org](http://www.ctcatholic.org) or [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

**The 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are continued and carried forward. We hope you can help meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, simply mail in your pledge card. You may also contact our parish secretary, visit the Archdiocesan website at [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org), or call the Annual Appeal Office at 800 781 2550.

**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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_