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| Saturday, | March 17, 2012 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Alice Flynn |
| Sunday, | March 18, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Ed Welcome by his wife Judy |
| 9:30 a.m. | Mrs. Alvine Gagnon by St. Mary's Choir |
| 11:00 a.m. | Thomas, Michael & Sandy Crowe by family |
| Monday, | March 19, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Loretta Zanini by her family |
| Tuesday, | March 20, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Jack & Carrie Flynn |
| Wednesday, | March 21, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Francis Granato |
| Thursday, | March 22, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Andrew Welna by Mary Neulinger |
| Friday, | March 23, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Betty Flynn |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, | March 24, 2012 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Irene Farnan by Josephine Corso |
| Sunday, | March 25, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Helen Thomas (8 th anniversary) by her son |
| 9:30 a.m. | Elizabeth Rogliano by the Shortley family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Michael Vacca (11 th anniversary) by his family |

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| Readings for the Week of March 18, 2012 | |
| Sunday: | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 |
| Monday: | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a |
| Tuesday: | Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 |
| Wednesday: | Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 |
| Thursday: | Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 |
| Friday: | Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday: | Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 |
| Next Sunday: | Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 |

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.

Calendar

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| 3/18 | 4:00 p.m. Soup & Bread Meal – Gathering Space |
| 3/19 | 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – Hart House |
| | 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. Pre-baptism mtg. – Rectory |
| 3/20 | 6:00 p.m. Women's Guild Irish Dinner – Camp Happy Hill – Unionville |

LENT

7:00 p.m. Fridays – Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. March 26 – Parish Penance Service
Easter - Vigil April 7 – 8:00 p.m.
April 8 – Masses - 7:30 – 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

From Fr. Golas,

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we have completed over half of Lent 2012. Today we hear of the Mercy of God to us in spite of our sins and failures. This Sunday is Laetare Sunday in that we rejoice that as the Gospel proclaims "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16. This Scripture reference from John is frequently displayed at sporting events. We are reminded of the great Blessing of Jesus in our lives and our need to respond fully with lives of faith. Next Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a parish penance service in which there will be an opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and mercy.

The **Focus Question** for the third Sunday of Lent "B" cycle March 11, 2012: How zealous for the things of God are you?

Thank you to the many families that have signed up for Online Giving. If you manage your bills online, we're sure you'll like the convenience of giving to your church online. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. You can even view your giving history and pledge



progress at any time just by logging in. You may visit our website: www.stmary-unionville.org and click on the Online Giving link to get started or access your existing account. Next weekend, members our Finance Committee will be available after mass to offer information and answer any questions you may have. Please call Kelly Cruess 860 677-0116 with questions.

New Small Church Communities are still forming. Gather to reflect on the Sunday scriptures and make real life connections in our modern day world. "I enjoy hearing others' point of view on faith because we each have a personal perspective on our common faith. Being able to share those perspectives deepens my understanding." Steve Ferraro. For more information please contact Maureen Moskowitz at mwmosk@comcast.net or 860-673-6145. Everyone is welcome!

St. Mary's Human Needs Committee will host a **Soup & Bread meal** with proceeds to benefit Catholic Relief Services this Sunday, March 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door - \$5.00 for adults; children 6 and under free.



8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!

The 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 31st 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 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.

Religious Education News

Registration for the 2012-2013 Religious Education year begins this weekend and extends to May 20. **All new and returning students are required to complete a registration form.** Forms are located in Hart House and in the entrances to the Gathering Space. Registrations received after May 20th 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.

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. For further information please contact Kathleen Ruzbasan 673-2038.

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

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2012 Annual Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need.

Next weekend ballots will be left in the pews for you to nominate up to four persons for the **parish council** (yourself being one if interested and circling your name) to run for elections. The top ballot recipients will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve on the parish council and present a photo and resume. This is your parish: make it the best it can be!

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism:

Deo Aydon Koutouvides

Laila Ann Jackman

The Vicariate Outreach Program Making a

Difference -In the spirit of stewardship, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal initiated the Vicariate Outreach Program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and its teachings. The Archdiocese and its faithful have received broad acclaim for the principles they demonstrated by this effort, and we remain enthusiastic about continuing and improving the Program for this year as well. If you wish to suggest a worthy local charity for funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please contact the parish office by April 2, 2012. An outreach program of this scope to be fair, effective and equitable is a time-consuming project so please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible. Not all nominations may be eligible for final selection. The ultimate decision will be made by an Appeal Committee. Thank you for your concern and generosity.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Lenten **Fish Fry** on Friday, March 30 at their Council Home, 301 New Britain Avenue, Unionville. Fish & Chips Tickets are \$10.00, Macaroni & Cheese Tickets are \$5.00 Tickets are available at the Uncas Council Home 301 New Britain Avenue or will be on sale March 24 & 25 at St. Mary Church gathering space after all masses.

Compassion Thru Fashion Show to raise awareness for Not For Sale, an organization committed to supporting respect for others by eliminating human rights violations in our own community and worldwide. March 30 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. West Woods School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Show is 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$2 Donation.

The **Guild of St. Agnes Home**, Inc. would like to extend its sincere thank you to its members from St. Mary Church for their contributions to the September membership drive and for the Red Stocking Drive at Christmas. For more information about St. Agnes Home, there are brochures in the entrances of the church.

If you require a **"Statement of Contributions"** for 2011, please provide your name and address to the rectory. This 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