



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday,	March 26, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Thomas Ginty
7:00 p.m.	Parish Penance Service
Tuesday,	March 27, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Genevieve Onyiuke by the Onyiuke family
Wednesday,	March 28, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Jack & Carrie Flynn
Thursday,	March 29, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Antoinette Maras by her daughter Sylvie
Friday,	March 30, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	March 31, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Joseph Egan Kane by the Barry family
Sunday,	April 1, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Henry Bernacki by Julie Bernacki
9:30 a.m.	Joseph DeFilippis (3 rd anniversary) by Rachele Schiappa
11:00 a.m.	Eugene Rudiak by his family

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2012

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy Father. Thank you for your generosity.

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

3/26	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	6:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
3/31	1:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt – Gathering Space
3/31	4:30 p.m.	Mass Adult Choir
4/1	9:30 a.m.	Mass Two or More

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.



March 26 – 7:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service
Stations of the Cross – Fridays – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 5

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 6

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 7

10:00 – 11:00 AM Confessions 11:30 AM – Blessing of Food

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 8

Masses at 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

(There are no 7:45 a.m. Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15

April 15 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

From Fr. Golas:

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus refer to "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." John's gospel views the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection as this hour. This reference to time is not a specific date and time but a critical event in history bringing salvation to humanity. As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week next week, we reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Passion for our lives. The gospel also refers to a grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to produce much fruit. As we approach the end of Lent of 2012, we are reminded that the penances we have been doing are to be a real sign of the death of sin and selfishness so that life of God in charity, forgiveness and compassion might bear much fruit for others.

The focus question for the Fourth Sunday of Lent "B" cycle March 18, 2012: At this midpoint of Lent, what are you doing to make this a time of spiritual renewal?



8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!

The 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held next **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.

Food Pantry Collection

During the month of April the Human Needs Committee will collect food for the Farmington Food Pantry. All nonperishable items are needed but the Pantry is in dire need of fruit juice, hot or cold cereal, coffee, tea, canned meals, beef stew, chili, spam, peanut butter, jelly, laundry soap, condiments and pasta sauce. Please check the poster in the gathering space for more and also check for expired dates. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry, please send checks directly to "Farmington Food Pantry", 75 Main St. Farmington, CT 06032. Thank you for any contribution you are able to make! Please contact Alice Crozier 860-673-4282 with questions

Registration for the 2012-2013 Religious Education year

is underway and will extend 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 20 will be subject to a late fee with placement in a regularly scheduled class on a space available basis only.

From the Hispanic Health Council:

Dear parishioners;
We would like to send our sincerest gratitude for all the donations made to our families this holiday season. The donation of wrapped toys is given to our most needy families. Without your donations many of these families would not have been able to provide their children with gifts Christmas morning. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all you do to support Hispanic Health Council.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal

provides help to those in need! This year's Appeal goal is a challenge, but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer each and every day of their lives. Please consider supporting this important effort. Every gift makes a difference. If you did not receive the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal mailing or have misplaced the pledge card and envelope that was mailed to you at home, please feel free to pick up one of the extra pledge cards and envelopes located in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

St. Mary Parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Gina Garafola & John Grad & daughter, Farmington
Thomas & Maureen Reilly, Farmington
Eugene & Christine Tully & family, Burlington
Sean & Marybeth Walsh & son, Unionville*



Holy Cross Church, 31 Biruta St., New Britain invites you to its "**Spring Wine Tasting**" on Saturday, April 21 from 5 – 9:00 p.m. in the school hall. Cost per person is \$20.00 for advanced tickets or \$25.00 per person for tickets purchased at the door. You must be 21 years of age or older for admission. The ticket price includes a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres, homemade desserts, coffee, tea, and water. Paczki, Babka, and bottled wines will also be available for purchase. A tea cup raffle will be offered. Please contact Olivia at 860-678-0597 or the church office at 860- 229-2011. Proceeds will be used for the church restoration project.

Please visit our parish website

at www.stmary-unionville.org to view our bulletins, access on-line giving, find links to The Archdiocese of Hartford, local charities, and more!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Obama Administration would have you believe that by opposing the federal health care insurance mandate, the Catholic Church is opposed to woman's health care. This could not be further from the truth! In fact, the Church is the largest private provider of health care for women and their children in the United States. The Catholic Church strongly opposes the health care mandate, precisely, because it clearly violates our Freedom of Religion by requiring the church and its institutions, including hospitals, schools, and charitable organizations to pay for procedures that go against our moral convictions. If this mandate carries through, it means devastation not only for the Catholic Church, but for other religions, as well. Please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phone numbers, please visit: ctcatholic.org or archdioceseofhartford.org.

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 _____