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| 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 |
| Monday, | April 2, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Alice Flynn |
| Tuesday, | April 3, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Charles Neubauer |
| Wednesday, | April 4, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Francis & Elizabeth Clark |
| Thursday, | April 5, 2012 |
| 7:00 p.m. | St. Mary Parish |
| Friday, | April 6, 2012 |
| 3:00 p.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, | April 7, 2012 |
| 8:00 p.m. | St. Mary Parish |
| Sunday, | April 8, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Irene Driscoll by Shirley & Donald Kosloski |
| 9:30 a.m. | Jeanne Griffin by her family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sid Riendeau by his family |

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2012

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| 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 |
| Monday: | Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday: | Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| Wednesday: | Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 |
| Thursday: | Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 |
| Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 |
| Friday: | Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42 |
| Saturday: Vigil: | Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7 |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/J20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35 |

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering. There will be a collection taken up on Good Friday to support Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Calendar

Food Pantry Month

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| 4/2 | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary - Hart House |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary - Hospitality Room |
| 4/5 | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| 4/6 | 3:00 pm. | Adult Choir |
| 4/7 | 8:00 p.m. | Adult Choir |

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 - Holy Hour

From Fr. Golas,

Today we begin Holy Week as we carry palms and sing "Hosanna to the Son of David". As Lent closes, we reflect upon the Passion of Jesus. Our reading of the Passion of Mark's Gospel highlights the centrality of death by Resurrection of Jesus for our lives. As Jesus emptied himself to the point of death to demonstrate his love and commitment to God, so we his followers are called to that complete sense of self giving in living according to the way of Jesus. We are to follow the way of the cross by our charity, compassion, forgiveness, and pursuit of justice and peace. To live according to the example of Jesus has consequences. Are we willing to follow Jesus no matter where it leads and with whatever personal commitment it takes? During this week in our prayers may we think about why Jesus suffered in this way for us. This will help us realize the great meaning of this week for our lives.

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

The rectory office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday in accordance with the Archdiocesan schedule.

Women's Guild News - Correction: Completed scholarship forms must be returned no later than April 14, 2012 and not as previously stated. The forms should be returned to Carole Charette, P. O. Box 266, Unionville, CT 06085. Scholarship applications are available in the guidance departments of Farmington, Avon, Lewis Mills and St Paul High Schools and are also available at church in the bookcases at each entrance. If you have questions, please call Betty Faitella, 860-485-0551

The Guild would like to thank all the parishioners and Guild members who baked and bought items at our recent Bake Sale. A profit of \$369 was made which will be used for our scholarship fund and various other charities that the Guild supports.

Save the date! On April 25 the Guild, with the help of the Knights of Columbus, will hold a Pasta Supper at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 5-8 pm. Tickets will be on sale after masses on April 14, 15, 21, and 22 and will also be available at the door the night of the supper. If you plan to attend, it would help to purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10 and free for children under the age of 5. This function helps the guild to give scholarships to students within our parish. Last year the guild gave three \$1500 scholarships from funds raised.

What is Divine Mercy? It is the devotion to Jesus and His "Divine Mercy" based on the diary of St. Faustina. The diary is composed of revelations she received directly from Jesus. He expressed His desire to grant "unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in His Mercy." **TRUST Divine Mercy "Heals the hurts and unforgiveness that prevent us from drawing closer to You."** The Divine Mercy novena begins immediately following the Good Friday Service on April 6 and will end on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15 at the 2:30 p.m. service. The novena will be prayed publically each day after the 7:45 a.m. weekday Mass throughout the 9 days. Novena pamphlets are available at the entrances of our church.

Easter Flower Sale - On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Knights of Columbus will be having its Annual Easter Flower Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on New Britain Avenue, Unionville. All proceeds are used to help community projects. Come early for best selection. Hope to see you there!

Would you like to meet the BAG MAN? Did you know that the average American each year discards 500 flimsy single use plastic bags? These plastic bags end up in local landfills, imperil about 267 marine species. You might have seen them sticking their ugly heads at your favorite picnic place. Stop the bag gluttony. Visit and meet the bag man at: bagmonster.com. For more info call Clara Ryan at 860-673-0756.

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

Elijah David Ansara
Luke Thomas Badera
Alyssa Ann Grad

St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes for March 6, 2012~ Bulletin Edition-Nominations:

Parish Council nominations will take place on 3/24-25; Elections will be held on 4/21-22. Chuck Thomas solicited volunteers to work on both weekends and also encouraged council members to consider heading the committee next year, as his term is expiring in June.

Finance Committee: A financial report was recently distributed to the parish as a bulletin insert. We realized a slight gain in 2011. The online giving program is now online. Father reiterated that it is a voluntary program; parishioners may choose to donate online or through the traditional envelopes.

Human Needs: Butter Braid proceeds of \$875 will be distributed amongst Services for the Elderly, the Farmington Food Bank and the Farmington Fuel Bank. The "Soup and Bread" meal will be held on 3/18 from 4-6 pm in the gathering space. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services. April is Farmington Food Pantry month.

Youth Ministry: In January and February, the high school and middle school youth groups enjoyed laser tag followed by a discussion of Christ as our Light. Planning is underway for an August trip to Soul Fest. Amanda is working to establish a set date each month for Youth Ministry meetings. Membership is growing in both groups.

Haitian Ministry: Mary Hagadorn met with new parishioner Scot Scala to discuss the possibility of St. Mary's assisting with the Haitian Ministry at St. Patrick's in Collinsville. Specifically, he is looking for help with fundraising. Mary will invite Scot and Deacon Tim to the May Parish Council meeting to discuss the project further and to answer questions such as whether they want individuals from our parish to help with their fundraising efforts or whether we will need to form a separate group to plan and execute our own fundraisers. *Minutes will conclude next week.*

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$71,189 for the 2012 **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal is needed more than ever. If you have not yet made your commitment to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout the Archdiocese.

Defending Our Religious Liberty -By not adhering to the health care insurance mandate, religious institutions will be subjected to exorbitant fines, which could force them into bankruptcy. Have you and your family considered how this country would be impacted without Catholic hospitals, which make up one-sixth of the hospital work force, and the nearly 7000 Catholic elementary schools and high schools that educate our children? Have you thought about the effect it will have on the 250 Catholic colleges across the United States, and Catholic Charities, which employs over 70,000 employees? The ramifications are devastating. Help us get this mandate rescinded. Please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the mandate. For addresses and phones numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.archdioceseofhartford.org