



Saturday,	April 28, 2012
4:30 p.m.	Claude Maras by the Dossot family
Sunday,	April 29, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Dominic Ferraina by Meg & Tom Reilly
9:30 a.m.	Robert & Elenore Kennedy & William Gibbons, Sr. by family
11:00 a.m.	Prosper Larose by his wife Marilyn & family
Monday,	April 30, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Antoinette Maras by her daughter Sylvie
Tuesday,	May 1, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Betty Flynn
Wednesday,	May 2, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Alyce Smolen by Margaret Machingo
Thursday,	May 3, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Aura Welch
Friday,	May 4, 2012
7:45 a.m.	Margaret "Mag" Gregerick by her loving family
Saturday,	May 5, 2012
4:30 p.m.	John Bergstrom & Sabrina Crowe by the Hemingway family
Sunday,	May 6, 2012
7:30 a.m.	Alice Flynn
9:30 a.m.	Johneric Cosentino by his family
11:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Therriault & Daniels family by Jay & Fran McCaffrey

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2012	
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Doris & George "Butch" Lasek

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

Calendar

4/30	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
5/1	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
5/5	9:30 a.m. Mass	Adult Choir

Focus Question for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2012 "B" cycle: How do you hear the voice of the Good Shepherd in your life?

2012 election winners to the Parish Council-

Thank you for showing your support for the Parish Council with your great response in electing Betty Faitella, Rosemary Marek, Bob Murphy, and Ed O'Reilly to three-year terms on the Parish Council. These four will do their best to represent the parish's needs as they replace outgoing members Mary Hagadorn, Neil Kelsey, David Popielarczyk and Chuck Thomas who retire after serving their three-year terms.



May, the Month of Mary - One of the most beautiful and effective ways to Jesus is through Mary. Not only is she His mother but our mother also. The church sets aside this month to remind us of the value of this beautiful method of prayer. "Whatever you ask through the Rosary shall be granted," Our Lady promised St. Dominic. There

is no problem or request, great or small, which cannot be resolved by praying the rosary. Individuals, families and nations have had many favors granted, some of which can only be described as miracles, from the recitation of the rosary. The Legion of Mary has placed in the gathering space an intention box to Mary. All members of the parish of all ages are encouraged to write to Mary. Tell her what is in your heart. Give over to Mary all your hopes, fears, joys, sorrows and ask her to bring them to Jesus. The Legion will pray for all intentions throughout the month and present the box to her at the Candlelight Rosary on May 19th. The Legion of Mary encourages everyone to pray the rosary daily. Rosaries and pamphlets can be found at the entrances of the church throughout the month.

Last October when we had the prayer intention box, over 400 petitions were prayed over by the Legion of Mary! Added to the intention box table this month is a book for thanksgiving for your prayers answered. Please write your witness to the power that prayer has had in your life which, in turn, will bring hope to those who need our prayers now.

Congratulations and many thanks to our religious education classes that participated in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl this past Lent. Through their generosity a total of \$301.00 was donated to CRS to provide lifesaving support to our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

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!

St. Mary's Women's Guild will hold its Spring Banquet on Tuesday, **May 15**. We will gather at church at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate a Mass for all deceased members of the Guild and of new officers. Dinner will be at 7:00 at Matthew's Restaurant, Mill Street, Unionville. We will enjoy a buffet, which includes Matthew's famous roasted chicken, baked salmon, and sirloin tips, salad choices, assorted side dish choices and dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$24 which includes tax and gratuity. Reservations for the banquet **MUST** be prepaid and made no later than **May 8th**. Please feel free to call Barbara Wolf at 673-0273 to make your reservation. Your check can be made payable to St. Mary's Guild and mailed to Barbara at 14 Catalpa Court, Avon, CT 06001.

Come to the Feast! Small Church Communities will be holding their annual potluck dinner in the Gathering Space immediately after the 4:30 PM Mass, Sat 6/2/12. Come and meet members of other groups and share in the fellowship! There are about 40 of us now! All members of an SCC group or those contemplating joining or simply curious about SCC are all welcome to attend. Please contact Maureen to sign up: mwmosk@comcast.net or 860-673-6145.

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

*David James Papa
Christian Michael Turner*

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered parishioners.

*Jayra Andrade, Avon
Rachel Bush, Unionville
William & Sheila Gale, Burlington
Pierre & Christine Genest, Farmington
John & Barbara Pluym & family, Farmington
Michael & Sara Stinchon & family, Avon*

From St. Mary's Cemetery Committee

So many parishioners have spoken to me recently regarding the purchase of burial plots at our cemetery that I thought it was time to provide information on this subject. We have over 600 plots available in the cemetery mostly in what we classify as Sections W and A. Families who are interested in having a monument installed sometime in the future would need to purchase a minimum of 4 plots. There are also many single and double plots available in which an in-ground marker may be placed. Costs are \$450 or \$550 per grave and a one-time \$100.00 charge for perpetual care per grave. You will receive a deed for the plots after payment is made in full and we maintain a record of your graves at the rectory. Payment for at least one grave is required (within 10 days) after a selection is made. Please call me at 860 673-9941 for more information or to make and appointment to meet at the cemetery.

Bob Archer

From Fr. Jeremy Harrington, OFM, Commissariat of the Holy Land

Thank you for your check for \$892.00 for the Good Friday Collection. Thank you and please thank your people for their generous contribution to their fellow Christians in the Holy Land! They are, as you know, a tiny minority in a largely Jewish and Muslim population and face many difficulties. They represent us in keeping the parishes and shrines places of worship and prayer, a living presence in the land of Jesus. May the Risen Jesus give you and your people joy and peace!

From the Farmington Food Pantry:

On behalf of the Farmington Food pantry, thank you for your recent donations of items and monetary support for the pantry. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will make an immediate impact in the Farmington Food Pantry's fight against hunger. With help from supporters such as St. Mary's Church, we have seen many lives changed for the better. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your continued commitment and support to the Farmington Food pantry.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools and all of the services provided by the Archdiocese, far too many more to list here. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your Catholic community, as we share our blessings and join in [Making a Difference](#)

Defending Our Religious Liberty -The Amish are exempt from the entire federal health care reform mandate because they do not believe in insurance. And, members of Medi-Share, a Christian Care Ministry, are also exempt. Yet, when the Catholic Church asks for a religious exemption that would exclude its religious organizations from paying for procedures such as sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that violate its moral convictions, the government is saying, "No." We cannot allow the government to dictate which religious beliefs it respects, and which it does not? We, as American citizens, are granted freedom of religion under the Constitution of the United States and the First Amendment. We need to ensure that this inalienable right is never taken away. 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.

Save the date! Archdiocese of Hartford **Blue Mass** – In honor of al active and retired police, fire and safety personnel – Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, Saturday, May 6 11:00 a.m. All faiths invited. Open to the public.