

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday, | June 16, 2012 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Antoinette Maras by her family |
| Sunday, | June 17, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Ed Welcome by his wife Judy |
| 9:30 a.m. | Francis X. Geissler by his family |
| 11:00 a.m. | John McGovern by his family |
| Monday, | June 18, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Deceased members of the Golas family by Maryann |
| Tuesday, | June 19, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Elizabeth McBrien |
| Wednesday, | June 20, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Alice Flynn |
| Thursday, | June 21, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Frank Welcome by his daughter-in-law Judy |
| Friday, | June 22, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Art & Gert Beaulieu by their daughter Judy |
| Saturday, | June 23, 2012 |
| 4:30 p.m. | George Bonetti by his wife Anita |
| Sunday, | June 24, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Marge McGovern by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski |
| 9:30 a.m. | David Cullina by Sheila & Peggy |
| 11:00 a.m. | Ann Embacher by Mr. & Mrs. Jose Marques & grandchildren |

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2012

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| Sunday: | Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34 |
| Monday: | 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 /Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday: | Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 |
| Friday: | 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23 |
| Saturday: | 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 |
| Next Sunday: | Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 |
| | Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 |

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."- Mk 4:30-32b

Calendar

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| 6/18 | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary – Hart House |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Pre-baptism class – Rectory |

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

George "Butch" Lasek

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

From Fr. Golas,

Happy Fathers' Day to all fathers. May God bless you for your commitment to your family. I hope you can enjoy the day with your family. We pray for all fathers who have died. May they enjoy the blessed company of the Holy Family in God's Kingdom.

This Thursday, June 21 begins the "Fortnight for Freedom" that the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is calling for us as a special period of prayer, study, catechesis and public action. This two-week period will continue until July 4. The Bishops are responding to the situation the Church is presently facing. The Health Care Mandate of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requires all employers to pay for coverage that includes surgical sterilizations, pills that may induce abortion and contraception. These services the Church considers immoral and to provide them would require violating our conscience. The accommodation still affects many church entities that are self-insured. Thus, the Church would be required to pay for services that are contrary to our beliefs. As a parish, may we be aware of the seriousness of this issue and continue to discuss it and address it effectively.

The **Focus Question** for the Solemnity of the Most Holy body and Blood of Christ, June 10, 2012 cycle "C": How can you prepare for the Eucharist to be more grateful for this special sacrament?

Celebrating Families!

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist, the Virgin Mary's nephew and the cousin of Jesus. What a wonderful time for our parish community to recognize and pray for our families! After each mass, Father Golas and Father St. Martin will bless all parents and children for a safe, healthy and fulfilling summer. The leaders of LEAP! DIVE! and CALLED! ask that our parish family add to their daily prayer intentions "families". Our families need our support as they navigate God's beautiful world filled with many, many pitfalls.

Brake the Cycle of Poverty

Come to an hour-long presentation June 27 from 7-8:00 pm in the gathering space. Over 17 cyclists are bicycling to our parish to raise awareness of poverty, provide education, stimulate discussion and urge people to take action in connection with Catholic Social Justice. No charge, no collection. It is not a fundraiser. For more information contact Pat Messina at 860-675-7163.

Religious Education News

Catechists -If you have not returned your Catechist Guide and attendance register please do so as soon as possible. The guides are re-usable and the attendance register is needed to verify compliance with our religious education attendance policy.

Completed **Home Study materials** (Student Workbooks and Home Learning Guides) are **overdue** to the Religious Education Office. *Students whose workbooks and home learning guides are not returned will not be assigned to a formal class or be eligible to receive home study materials for the 2012/2013 Religious Education year.*

Thinking Ahead to the Fall -If you know someone who might be interested in helping to pass on our faith to other members of our parish as a catechist for grades 1-10, as a mentor for our RCIA candidates, a facilitator for some of our Adult Faith formation activities, or as a trainer in our **"Think First – Stay Safe"** child safety program, please contact Deacon Tom Sutak (860) 675-8522.

If you are interested in joining our **Altar Server team** please contact the Religious Education Office (860-675-8522 or st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net). Candidates must be in or entering the fourth grade at a minimum and **be willing to serve at any weekend Mass and on special occasions (e.g. feast days, First Communion, Confirmation)**. Candidates will be required to attend a training session and work alongside more experienced servers to gain experience.

Religious Education Registration forms

are now subject to a late registration fee which must be included in addition to the regular tuition amount. All students (new and returning) must register to be included in the program which begins in September. Registration forms are located in the entrances to the Gathering Space.

Flip Tabs

will be collected from metal beverage containers during the month of June by the Human Needs Committee. The flip tabs are for the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, Orthopedic and burns Facilities. A container is available in the gathering space. Call Alice Crozier with questions 860 673-4282.

The Father, Our Environmental Teacher

All of creation is the vibration, the "name", which expresses divine mystery in space and time. When we proclaim God's name as "hallowed" (holy) do we recognize the echo of God's name in all the wonder all around us? Might God be calling us to be co-creators of a transformed Earth, a heaven of peace and harmony. If we learn to see more clearly through the eyes of faith, assisted by what scientists discover, we can contemplate "the Word of God", being made flesh in space and time. Read full article by Paula Gonzalez S.C., PHD by visiting: americancatholic.org
St. Mary's Environmental Awareness (S.E.A.) 860-673-0756

FOR YOUR INFO**Help Support The Office of Radio and Television and WJMJ**

WJMJ will be conducting its semi-annual radiothon Thursday, June 21 - Saturday, June 23rd, to raise operating capital. As an educational, noncommercial radio station we are prohibited from airing commercials, so we must rely on support from our listeners to continue this valuable ministry of evangelization. Most areas of the Archdiocese of Hartford can receive WJMJ at 88.9 FM, in New Haven at 107.1 FM, in Hamden at 93.1 FM, and now streaming live over the internet at WJMJ.org from anywhere. Good radio, great music, with informative news is worth supporting. If you are interested in volunteering to answer phones and take pledges, please contact us at (203) 758-7367 or visit our web site at WJMJ.org and click on the Volunteer button to sign up. Your time and financial support are greatly appreciated WJMJ – Catholic Radio; Where Faith Meets Life!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Archdiocese of Hartford is using all of its local resources to overturn the federal health care mandate, which violates our religious liberty. It's been educating the public through: articles in the *Catholic Transcript*, public service announcement on *WJMJ*, the Archdiocesan website, parish bulletins, and by supporting the Catholic institutions who have filed lawsuits. Now it is time that we join other dioceses across the United States in observance of the **Fortnight for Freedom** taking place from June 21 through July 4. During this time, we ask that you pray independently or organize prayer groups, special devotions, and catechetical sessions as part of this national initiative.

