



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	August 4, 2012 Eugene Kupchik (2 nd anniversary) by his family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 5, 2012 Mom Gondek by the Gondek family Henry M. & Josephine M. Barcikowski by family Katherine S. Shea by Francesca Gioe & family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	August 6, 2012 Betty Flynn
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 7, 2012 Margaret Calabrese by Barbara & Debbie Griswold
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 8, 2012 Robert Crossley by the Golas family
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	August 9, 2012 Ted Eddy
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	August 10, 2012 Special Intention for Addison Berliner & family by Stephanie Duchesneau
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	August 11, 2012 Deceased members of the McCaffrey/Dickinson family by Jay & Fran McCaffrey
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 12, 2012 Fr. Pasquale Toscano Lucille & Emile Sirois by family Edward J. Clark by his family

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2012

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Saturday:	Hb 1:12---2:4/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

Calendar

8/6	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Edward L. Burke

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

Wednesday, August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will. The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven. What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values, is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God. This is the hope and assurance that Mary's Assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

From Fr. Golas,

Please join us in welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to our parish the weekend of August 19. At St. Joseph's Residents in Enfield, CT the Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for 85 needy elderly men and women. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor, visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorconnecticut.org

FUN committee

is looking for your help with the Parish Picnic. Have you been thinking about volunteering for something, but just didn't know what? St. Mary's FUN committee is hoping to gather new members to help run events like the Parish Picnic, Children's Christmas Craft Workshop, and the annual Mardi Gras party. We are also in need of judges for our Cookie Baking Contest on the day of the picnic. If you are interested in helping with one of these events, or all of these events, please contact Sarah Rice to find out more. phone #860-255-7531 or email her at skpetty_99@yahoo.com.

Religious Education News

"The Harvest is Abundant but, the Laborers are Too Few..."

The start of the 2012/2013 religious education year is not that far off and we are in need of catechists in the following grades:

Grade Level	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
# Needed	1	4	3	1	5	4	4	4	2	1

Without instructors classes cannot be scheduled - leaving a Home Study (parent administered) curriculum as the only option.

Hart House hall monitors are also needed for us to be compliant with the *"Protecting God's Children"* requirements set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Parents who wait patiently while their children are in class are asked to consider volunteering as a hall monitor. Tuition is waived for instructors/hall monitors and team teaching is encouraged. Please contact Deacon Tom at the Religious Education Office if you are willing to lend a hand with our program this year. tel: (860) 675-8522 e-mail: st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net

Let's help our community win a \$100,000 grant. Spread the word!

Our community has been chosen to participate in a recycling challenge to win \$100,000. So let's get recycling and have the highest percentage of population reporting each month from July 2nd 2012 - December 31, 2012. Please go to www.recyclebank.com/greenchoices to sign up and obtain official rules. For more information call Clara 860-673-0756.

From Rev. Robert T. Russo, Archdiocesan Director, The Catholic Mission Aid Society

We thank you for the generous response to the 2012 Mission co-Op Appeal. The \$3,819.15 will go a long way toward helping our fellow missionary priests throughout the world in meeting the needs of the poor whom they serve with great devotion. May God bless the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea parish for giving life to Jesus Christ's words: "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me."



"Anniversary Sunday Celebration"-A special Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. All couples celebrating their 25th 50th, 60th as well as other special wedding anniversaries this year are invited. Archbishop Mansell will be the main celebrant. Each couple will be greeted personally, receive a commemorative memento, get a photo with Archbishop Mansell, and renew their wedding vows. A simple reception will follow. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the rectory 860 673-2422 to respond to this invitation. The Archdiocesan Family Life Office can also answer any questions (203) 230-2460.

An **afternoon of music** will be featured by *SMOOTH SOUNDS* in The Grove at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield on Sunday, August 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Also, the cafe patio is available for picnic lunches or food may be purchased at the Grotto Café. Enjoy the tranquility of the Shrine grounds while relaxing to soothing music. Visit us on the internet at www.shrinect.org

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Our American founding fathers -- Madison, Adams, Washington, Hamilton, Franklin, and Jefferson -- saw religious faith as vital to the life of free people, why can't the authors of the federal healthcare mandate see the same thing? If you haven't already, please contact the offices of your Congressional Representatives and United States Senators to express your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate. For addresses and phones numbers, please visit: www.ctcatholic.org or www.archdioceseofhartford.org.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Dear God,
I thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.
Scottie, Age 7



FREE HUG
COUPON

Good for One Free Hug
Redeem Whenever Needed