



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	August 25, 2012 Pete LeBlanc by Dick & Claire Selinga
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 26, 2012 Lucille & Emile Sirois by family Edward L. Burke (5 th anniversary) by his family Paul Devin & Dennis Devin by family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	August 27, 2012 Ted Parent (9 th anniversary) by his wife
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 28, 2012 Ivore Bouchard by his wife
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	August 29, 2012 Antoinette Maras (1st anniversary) by her family
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	August 30, 2012 Robert Crossley
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	August 31, 2012 St. Mary Parish
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	September 1, 2012 Frances Wildes (4 th anniversary) by sister Christine, nephews Mark & Chris
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	September 2, 2012 John Selinga by Dick & Claire Selinga Katherine S. Shea by the Greiner family Barbara McGrath by Sue Anne McGrath

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2012

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 /Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The second collection next week is the monthly offering.

Calendar

8/27	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:

Doris & George "Butch" Lasek

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

The **Focus Question** for the Twentieth Sunday "B" cycle August 19, 2012: When have you been strengthened and energized by the Eucharist to do something you might not have otherwise been able to do?

St. Mary Star of the Sea Annual Parish Picnic

September 23, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Pavilion
300 New Britain Ave., Unionville

Bring your favorite dish and
come join the FUN!



This year will feature our sixth
annual Team Horseshoe

competition for adults and teens with prizes for each member of the winning team. Children can enjoy a bean bag toss game with prizes for the winner. There will also be face painting, and washable tattoos available, as well as the ever popular bounce house. Don't forget this year's baking contest of your "Favorite Cookie Recipe", so if you have a favorite family recipe, or would like to try something new, please sign up. The panel of judges will determine the winners. Featuring hamburgers & hot dogs and beverages provided by the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's. Questions? Call Alan Norris 860-675-5952. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space.

Many of us Recycle but

with the average American generating 4.4 lbs. of trash a day there's a lot of room for recycling. Are you participating in the recycling challenge? As you help our town win a \$100,000 grant, you will also accumulate points and coupons for groceries and household goods. Go to www.recyclebank.com/greenchoices or call 1-888-727-2978 to register. You'll need to know your recycling bin # and hauler. Recycle by following closely the guidelines established by our town, otherwise your recycling will not count and the whole batch will be rejected. Questions and more info. call Clara Ryan 860-673-0756.

Religious Education News



The start of the 2012/2013 religious education year is just 6 weeks away and we are still short of catechists in the following grades:

Grade Level	1	2	3	5	6
# Needed	2	1	3	2	1

Without catechists 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. If you can help support our program – please contact Deacon Tom Sutak as soon as possible as there are USCCB and archdiocesan requirements that must be completed before one can begin working with or directly supervising minor children. Please note - team teaching is encouraged – class schedules are flexible (within the constraints of our resources) and tuition is waived for instructors/hall monitors. tel: (860) 675-8522 e-mail: st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net

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

Blake Christian Matthews

Candle Offering Reminder

The votive candles located in our worship space beneath the statue of our Blessed Mother are available for your lighting in prayerful remembrance and special intention. The suggested offering is \$1.00 and is to be placed into the self-contained box located in the center of each of the two racks. Please remember to light a candle from the top rows – DOWN, to avoid the risk of injury which can be caused by placing your arm over a lighted votive. Thank you.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult”, He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

Stop, Look, and Listen to this!

The Church of St. Ann located in Avon at the corner of Arch Rd. and West Avon Road, will hold its **annual Fall Clothing Sale** on September 21st and 22nd. The Pre-Sale will be Friday evening, 6-8 p.m., with a \$5.00 admission into Father Bennett Hall. Saturday, the doors open at 8:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. with no fee. Items for sale include clothing for all seasons for all ages, boutique, shoes, jewelry, and accessories. This sale helps to support scholarships for deserving Hartford students to attend local Catholic high schools, an ongoing ministry for over 30 years by the Social Justice Scholarship Committee. Please see the website for St. Ann’s for more information: www.stannavon.com

You are invited to a **Day of Relaxation and Renewal** on September 30 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, Farmington CT from 9-3 p.m. Maggie Rheuda will offer 2 yoga sessions, suitable for beginners and advanced students and JoAnne Ceccarelli-Egan LCSW will present 2 workshops to help you better understand your unique personality style and preference in relationships and life. This relaxing day also includes a complimentary lunch. For more information go to: www.TryaNewPerspective.com or call JoAnne 860 675-1000.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Americans who have difficulties understanding the teachings of the Catholic Church on the subjects of contraception, sterilization, abortion and same-sex marriage, should also recognize that the government has no right to tell the Catholic Church to violate its faith-filled principles. As Pope Benedict XVI has stated, “It is imperative that the entire Catholic Community in the U. S. come to realize the grave threats to the Church’s public moral witness.” If you haven’t done so 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.

Church Chuckles

“The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending - and to have the two as close together as possible.”

George Burns

