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| Saturday, | September 8, 2012 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Sid Riendeau by his wife |
| Sunday, | September 9, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Special Intention for Addison & the Berliner family by the Christolini family |
| 9:30 a.m. | Lucille & Emile Sirois by family |
| 11:00 a.m. | The Arlauskas family by John & Mariann Arlauskas |
| Monday, | September 10, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Gertrude & Charles Neubauer |
| Tuesday, | September 11 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Robert Crossley |
| Wednesday, | September 12, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Rosalie Nedorostek |
| Thursday, | September 13, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Pat DellaCamera by the DeRosa family |
| Friday, | September 14, 2012 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Betty Flynn |
| Saturday, | September 15, 2012 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Ivore Bouchard by Maple Village Neighbors |
| Sunday, | September 16, 2012 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Katherine S. Shea by the Greiner family |
| 9:30 a.m. | Timothy Casey by his family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Michael Zweigle by his family |

Calendar

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| 9/9 | 6:00 p.m. | Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting-Church |
| 9/10 | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary –Hart House |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Liturgy Meeting – Gathering Space |

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Sid Riendeau

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

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.

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| Readings for the Week of September 9, 2012 | |
| Sunday: | Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 |
| Monday: | 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 |
| Thursday: | 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 |
| Friday: | Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 |
| Saturday: | 1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 |

The Legion of Mary

will be offering a ten week **New Day Bereavement group** for ten consecutive Tuesdays 9/18 thru 11/20. The group will meet in the hospitality room of the church from 7:00-8:30pm. It will be a time for prayer, reflection, journaling and sharing. Please join us. For further details and to sign up please contact one of the following Legionaries Kathy Dossot (860)673-3163 or Chris Zweigle (860)677-5369.

You're Invited!

Peer Connections Kickoff Weekend September 8-9

Everyone is invited to the Peer Connections table after mass this weekend to learn more about the youth group, see photos of our recent trip, learn about upcoming events, sign up on the constant contact list and much more. High school students will have a chance to learn more about and sign up for the 7th Annual Youth Spectacular on September 30. Any adults interested in volunteering should stop by and learn how you can get involved as a driver, event planner, group leader or snack maker. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and become a part of this exciting ministry! Contact Amanda adtmcc@yahoo.com with questions.



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35

Religious Education News

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Classes for the 2012-2013 Religious Education year will begin Sunday, September 30th. Catechists will be calling with the day, time and location of their respective classes.

Home Study materials will be available for pickup at Hart House, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon, the week of October 8th.

Confirmation Retreat Reminder

The '2013' Confirmation Class Retreat will take place on Monday, September 17th, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Social Center in Harwinton. Sean Forrest will be the retreat master.

Are you looking for a way to make Mass more meaningful

or in increasing your level of participation in the Sunday liturgies? Becoming a regular or substitute lector is a great way to accomplish either of these goals. St. Mary's is currently looking for confirmed members of the parish, male or female, to join the group. The time commitment for regular lectors is approximately one Mass per month -- and you can serve at the Mass you usually attend. Substitutes serve less frequently. All volunteers receive appropriate training and support in their ministry. For additional information or accept the call to serve, contact Rosemary Frombach (frombach.r@sbcglobal.net).

St. Mary's Women's Guild

has sent out surveys to all women of the parish telling them what the Guild does and asking what they would like to help with such as Coffee Sunday, Confirmation or other activities. If you did not receive a survey, they are in the gathering space after all masses this weekend. Please see any of the women serving coffee this weekend or call Marilyn Slabinski at 860 673-4669.

Sponsor Certificates

We are frequently asked to provide certificates of eligibility for persons asked to be sponsors for baptism and confirmation and find there is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding concerning this. A sponsor certification does not mean that the applicant was baptized and/or confirmed at St. Mary Parish. It attests that one is a registered member of the parish and a convinced Catholic attempting to live the faith by regular participation at Sunday Eucharist, the Mass, and witness to our Father by example and practice. A sponsor at baptism and/or confirmation accepts responsibility for an ongoing interest and willingness to assist in the spiritual growth and formation of the person sponsored in the Catholic faith. Therefore, a sponsor at these sacraments must be Catholic. A maid/matron of honor and best man at a wedding are official witnesses to the couple making their marriage vows. One need not be Catholic for his responsibility and no sponsor certificate is required.

St. Mary's Human Needs Committee

will meet on Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Crozier 860 673-4282.

Everybody Loves a Snack

especially our children, as they head back to school and when they come home. But, individually wrapped treats are not so sweet for the environment; each one creates waste adding a lot of trash and material to be disposed. A greener option is to buy in bulk. Bulk costs less money and generates less disposable waste. You can then separate portions into reusable or recyclable materials. Thanks for your kindness to our Earth. Visit recyclebank.com/green choices. Call Clara 860-673-0756 with questions.



Who, What, Where, and When...

Catholic Charities Hosts 20th Annual Archbishop John F. Whealon Memorial Golf Tournament Tuesday, September 18, 2012 - Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford -11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - \$200 per golfer Includes Buffet lunch, Golf, Reception and Dinner Register online at www.ccaoh.org or call 860-728-2569. Deadline is Sept. 12

Married Couples: Just as you celebrate Labor Day at the end of summer, you can also celebrate your Marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It's a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. Give yourself a weekend that will renew the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. Upcoming dates: September 14-16 & November 16-18, 2012. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Paul and Kim Gilbert at (860) 376-0440 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

On August 1, 2012 the federal healthcare mandate took effect requiring that employers cover free abortion-inducing drugs, contraception and surgical sterilizations. Churches are exempt. However, religious organizations including Catholic hospitals, schools and charities are not. They have been given exactly one year – until August 1, 2013- to comply with the mandate, which violates religious freedom. Between now and then, it is imperative that you let your elected officials know how you feel about losing this freedom.

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.