

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	December 1, 2012 Peggy Pelletier (24 th anniversary by her family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	December 2, 2012 Helen Domijan by Vilma Stifel Prosper Larose by his wife Marilyn & family Phyllis Leszuk by Bob & Lynda Bonato
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	December 3, 2012 Grace Murphy Clancy by her son
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	December 4, 2012 Eileen Rolfe by Judy Welcome
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	December 5, 2012 Rosalie Nedorostek
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	December 6, 2012 James Tierney by Bill & Gerry
Friday, 7:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 7, 2012 Jack & Carrie Flynn St. Mary Parish
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Noon 4:30 p.m.	December 8, 2012 St. Mary Parish Holy Hour of Grace Bill McAuliffe by friends & family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	December 9, 2012 Gerald Lozier by Judy Welcome Salvatore Casasanta (5 th anniversary) by his family Steven Joseph by Vilma Stifel

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2012

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes: "As a Catholic school student from grades K – 12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

Calendar

12/3	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary- Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
	7:00 p.m.	Catholicism DVD - Church
12/9	11:00 a.m	Mass Adult Choir

The sanctuary candle will burn this week of memory of:

Prosper Larose

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



Saturday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a **holy day of obligation**.

Masses will be celebrated Friday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

From Fr. Golas,

We begin our preparations for Christmas 2012 this week by readying our faith and life during the season of Advent. These four weeks are a time for prayer, and waiting with hope renewed and strengthened for the Lord's Coming in glory at the end of time. It is a time for deepening our faith now by living our lives fully for Christ. This is a life of generosity and service as we remember to help those in need.

This Advent of 2012 is part of *the Year of Faith*. I encourage our parishioners to attend the presentation of Fr. Robert Barron's series **Catholicism** which will be held on Monday, December 3 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. The first DVD describes the uniqueness of Jesus and how a life-changing decision is called for our recognition of the belief. The session will last approximately 90 minutes and will include a discussion of the DVD.



Human Needs Committee tags

for various organizations including the Town of Farmington residents, Hispanic Health Council, Farmington Fuel Bank, Burlington Food & Fuel, Hospital for Special Care, Tabor House, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Burlington residents, Friendship Center, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Family Life Education and tags for diapers (please do not wrap) to go to those in need have been hung on our Giving Tree by members of the Human needs Committee. **Parishioners may remove the tags and return the gifts (with tags attached please) no later than December 9.** Some of the tags represent a special gift for someone. If you take a tag, please be certain to provide the item. If a gift is not returned or returned late, that person's wish will not be met. Please return gifts during regularly scheduled weekend masses only. Please put all gift cards and checks to Farmington Fuel Bank and Burlington Food and Fuel in the locked box under the tree. If you cannot, please contact Alice Crozier 673-4282. Thank you.



Wine, Women & Song

Are you ready for some Christmas cheer?! St. Mary's Women's Guild invites all women of the parish to our **Christmas Party** on Tuesday, December 11th in the church gathering space. Join us for a social hour with hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7pm.

The price of dinner is \$10. Dine on Chicken Francese, California Pasta, garden salad and rolls from **George's**.

Wine and dessert will also be provided

Enjoy festive music from a **Valley Chordsmen**

Barbershop Quartet.

A free will offering will be collected at the dinner. All donations will be directed to the **American Red Cross** to provide assistance to the people of Staten Island, NY.

Handmade ornaments donated by Guild member Nancy Peplau will be sold and funds raised will support Women's Guild charities.

So take a break, meet some new friends and catch the Christmas Spirit! **Please RSVP to Marilyn Slabinski at 860-673-4669 by 12/4** if you would like to attend. Checks, payable to St. Mary's Women's Guild, should be mailed to Marilyn at 287 Plainville Avenue, Unionville 06085.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place Friday, December 7 from after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. concluding with Benediction. We would like to have three adorers for every hour. Please sign up on the poster in the gathering space next week. We will need your telephone number in case of cancellation or a funeral. Call Elaine Atiyeh at 860 352-2281 with questions.

Holy Hour of Grace

A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held at noon on December 8 led by Deacon Sponzo. This is in response to a request made by our Blessed Mother to Sr. Pierina, a nun in Montechiari, Italy in 1947 for what she called an Hour of Grace to be held at noon on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our Lady asked for penance and prayers in reparation for sins of impurity. She said that during the Holy Hour of Grace many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be granted to those who prayed and that the most hard-hearted sinners would be converted. She asked that a statue be made in her honor to be called Rosa Mystica. We will have such a statue present. In the Litany of Loreto, we address Our Lady as Rosa Mystica. This is an opportunity given all to demonstrate our love and trust in her and to help make reparation for the grievous sins offending her Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. For information call Elaine Atiyeh 860 352-2281.

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RCIA: There is one potential candidate attending weekly RCIA sessions.

Religious Education: Touch Points of Farmington Christmas project will be launched on November 16. Each class will provide a gift for a resident of the facility. Deacon Tom is seeking volunteers to help facilitate the "Think First – Stay Safe" archdiocesan mandated program for 1st and 5th graders.

Youth Ministry: Members participated in the Kickoff Weekend on Sept 8 and 9. Members attended Sept. LEAP and DIVE meetings with 11 and 18 participants respectively. In October 5 members attended LEAP and 19 members attended DIVE. Sixteen students participated in Haunted Mini-Golf on October 27. LEAP and DIVE meetings are planned for November and December.

Finance: Parish is in good financial condition. No major expenses at this time. Cemetery is in good condition. Online giving is doing well. There is \$350,000 in savings account. The only real difference in income this year is the bequest of \$56,000 from a parishioner's estate last year.

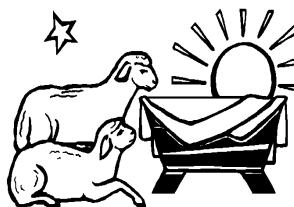
Human Needs: The Human Needs Committee will prepare three holiday baskets to be given to families in Burlington and Farmington. This year's Giving Tree will have 1,000 tags for Christmas giving by parishioners. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2 to discuss upcoming Butter Braids and Cookies Sales to be held on weekends of Jan. 12 and 13, and Jan 19 and 20, with pick-up on Jan. 25.

Liturgy: Three new members have joined Liturgy Committee: Joyce Cruess, Amanda McCaffrey, and Marilyn Slabinski. Additional Eucharistic Ministers have been added to the roster; the committee is still in need of lectors. Father Robert Vujs will conduct a two day Lenten mission on March 11/12. Throughout Lent, Reconciliation will be offered every Monday, from 6-7:00. This is in response to new Archdiocesan ruling.

Social Justice Committee: St. Mary's Environmental Awareness Team, under the umbrella of Social Justice Committee, meets twice a month. Its focus is to highlight environmental concerns that affect poor. Committee recently showed the film *Sun Come Up*, which portrayed some of the world's first "forced climate migrants."

Website: Ed O'Reilly provided an update on the parish website. Changes are mostly on track. Many of the pages have been revamped and the overall look at the site is bigger and brighter. Ed was able to complete a test version of the password protected Altar Server page.

Parish Council minutes will conclude in next weekend's bulletin.



We invite all members of the parish to enjoy a short musical production performed by the children of St. Mary's Sunday afternoon December 16 from 3:30-4-30 p.m.