

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	December 8, 2012 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
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	December 10, 2012 Edward Murphy, Sr. by his son
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	December 11, 2012 Adam Kaminski by his family
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	December 12, 2012 Jack Flynn
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	December 13, 2012 Ted Eddy
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	December 14, 2012 Katherine & Joseph Gresh
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	December 15, 2012 Josephine Pahl by Richard & Nancy Newton
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	December 16, 2012 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy Tod Parrott by the Diver family John Uccello (15 th anniversary) by his wife

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2012

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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Thank you for your support this weekend for the Retired Fund for Religious. You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any Mass. Thank you.

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Doris & George Lasek

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

Calendar

12/10	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
12/11	6:00 p.m.	Women's Guild Christmas Party – Gathering space
12/12	4:30 p.m.	2 nd Grade Church Tours
12/15	4:30 p.m. Mass	Two or More
12/16	9:30 a.m. Mass	Adult Choir

From Fr. Golas,

An **Advent Penance Service** will be held Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Additional priests will be available for confession.

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 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.

Focus question for the First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2012: *What do we need to manage differently to make this a time of prayer and generosity?*



Holiday Schedule

2012 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Advent Parish Penance Service
Tuesday, December 18
7:00 PM

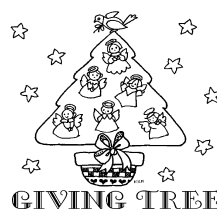
MASSES

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24
4:00, 6:00 PM, Midnight

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25
8:00, 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve - Monday, December 31
4:30 PM

New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1
8:00, 10:00 AM



Please remember that this weekend was the deadline for the gifts for the Giving Tree. If you have not brought your gifts back, please call Alice Crozier at 860 -673-4282 to arrange drop-off. Thank you.

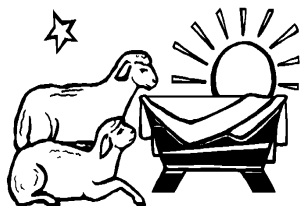


Peer Connections

Christmas Party & Movie Night

LEAP! Dec. 14 & DIVE! Dec. 15 at the Teen Center, 7-10 p.m. Join us as we celebrate Christmas with fun, faith, friendship and a fantastic film. Invite all of your friends and get ready to celebrate! Contact Amanda at st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com or 860-716-4978 for more information. You can also check out the youth group page on the parish website or Like us on Facebook to learn about all of our upcoming events.

"If Only You Knew the Gift!" In 4:10 Retreat Theme Husbands, fathers, sons... Looking for one of the greatest gifts you can give to the women in your lives? How about a gift to attend our Women's Annual Retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT on Feb. 22 – 24, 2013. For further information, visit olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or call Mary Ann Dubin 860 677-2828 and leave a message.



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.

Pretty, Pretty Paper

But... decorated wrapping paper can't be recycled adding to the estimated 250 million tons (2010) of municipal solid waste consisting of paper and cardboard. Let's look at a greener alternative. Go to your local fabric store, take advantage of sales or cloth remnants, then wrap your gift and seal them with a few dots of hot glue or fabric glue, trim with dried up pine cones, straw flowers or a yarn bow. For more info call Clara 860-673-0756.

Parish Council November 6 Bulletin Minutes

Women's Guild: The Guild's recent Pasta Supper yielded \$736 from the raffle and \$1809 from sale of tickets. Next meeting is Nov. 14. Member Maureen Kreh will share videos of her July 2010 pilgrimage to Austria and Germany, which culminated in performance of Oberammergau Passion Play. Guild's annual Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 11. Guild's Corned Beef Dinner has been changed from March 12 to March 19.

Haitian Ministry: The Haitian Ministry has received a \$5,000 grant to support their efforts in providing financial assistance to the parish of Ste. Therese. The Ministry will hold a Flatbread fundraiser on Dec. 18 at 5:00; the fund-raiser will also include a silent auction. Mary Ann Dubin and Donna Dellacamera, along with four members of St. Patrick's Church (Collinsville) will travel to Haiti in February.

Parish Picnic/Unionville Festival: Mary Beth thanked Council members who assisted at the Parish Picnic and at the Unionville festival. Eighty people participated in the raffle. Parishioner Terry Jakupco won the raffle basket. A suggestion was made that the video of St. Mary parish life, shown at the Unionville Festival, be put on the parish website. Mary Beth will seek permission from those parishioners who signed photo releases for the video.

Patriotic Rosary: Maureen Kreh thanked Council members who attended the Patriotic Rosary. She also recognized the efforts of the Legion of Mary in helping to organize and pray the Rosary.

Year of Faith/Catholicism DVD: Bob Murphy gave the Council the schedule for the first two lessons of the DVD series. The first lesson is tentatively scheduled to be shown on Dec. 3 at 7:00. The second lesson is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 10 at 7:00. The series will continue in Lent on the following dates: 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/18, and 3/25.

Wine and Cheese/Coffee Sunday: Mary Beth thanked members who participated in the Parish Council Meet and Greet held recently after all the Masses. Mary Beth received much input from parishioners at the Meet and Greets, and shared input received regarding Building and Grounds, Human Needs, Liturgy, Religious Education and Parish Council. Council members agreed to host a second Wine and Cheese Social in the spring.

By-Laws: Council members Brenda Gurski, Ed O'Reilly, Bob Murphy and Mary Beth Rosato met three times since last Council meeting. The By-Laws Committee presented the Council with the revised by-laws, and asked that they read the by-laws before the Jan. 8 Council meeting, noting the suggested changes.

St. Patrick Farmington Collaboration: Mark Plona, president of the Parish Council at St. Patrick Church in Farmington, has asked if St. Mary's Parish Council might be interested in collaborating with St. Patrick's in an event that would serve the community at-large, such as the Good Friday Faith Walk. The Council agreed to participate in collaborative activities with St. Patrick's Parish Council.

This was a note received from the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Unionville. The Respect Life Committee presented the film "October Baby" and received donations for the Center.

Thank you for your loving support and your very generous gift of \$500.00. Our clients are women who have in some cases, been abused and in many cases have been abandoned. Your loving gift is proof positive to them that they are not forgotten. We are looking forward to welcoming our 1400th baby! We could not have accomplished this without your help and the help of so many others. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the moms and babies who are served by the Unionville Crisis Pregnancy Center. Your gift will help to further the work of the Crisis Pregnancy Center in helping reach women in crisis pregnancy and helping them to choose life for their unborn babies.