



<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>December 15, 2012</b> Josephine Pahl by Richard & Nancy Newton
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>December 16, 2012</b> Ed Welcome by his wife Judy Tod Parrott by the Diver family John Uccello (15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his wife
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 17, 2012</b> Michael Zweigle (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary) by his family
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 18, 2012</b> Honey Selinga by her family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 19, 2012</b> Helen Donahue
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 20, 2012</b> Anne Gutkowski by Tom & Judy
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>December 21, 2012</b> Garrett Stack by St. Mary's Women's Guild
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>December 22, 2012</b> Alice Flynn
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>December 23, 2012</b> Robert P. Talbot by the Talbot family Emile & Lucille Sirois by family Thomas & Patricia Tomkunas (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Deacon Mike & Marion

Readings for the Week of December 16, 2012  
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any mass.  
Thank you.

### Calendar

12/16	3:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Pageant – Church
12/17	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
12/18	7:00 p.m.	Penance Service
12/22	4:30 p.m. Mass	Adult choir
12/24	Midnight Mass	Adult choir

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Michael Zweigle*

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

### From Fr. Golas:

Every year the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Giving Tree is set up in the gathering space. This is no ordinary Christmas decoration. It contains no lights, decorations, tinsel or garland. Instead, tags fill the tree with requests for items wanted and more importantly needed. This tree is for me the annual expression of St. Mary's as a giving parish. I am very grateful for your generous response to so many at this time. I also want to thank Alice Crozier, the chair, and the members of the Human Needs Committee for all their work in making this a Christmas of hope and joy. As we prepare for Christmas, may God's greatest gift, Jesus, be the light and hope for all.

The **Focus Question** for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2012: John the Baptist's message is for all times. *In what areas are you challenged to change in the midst of all worldly attitudes around you?*



### 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

**Bulletin article deadline**

Deadline for submission of articles for the December 30, 2012 bulletin is Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. December 18.

Deadline for submission of articles for the January 6, 2013 bulletin is Friday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m. This is due to requirements by our bulletin publisher. Thank you.

**And the Word Became Flesh.....**

As we await the birth of the Word of God made flesh, let's consider how Jesus immersed himself in the created world becoming a brother to every creature. The Incarnation is an amazing mystery, because when the Word became flesh in Christ and made His home among us, not only were human beings raised to a new and glorious dignity but also all other creatures as well. Jack Wintz, OFM writer and editor of St Anthony Messenger, author of e-newsletter Friar Jack E-spirations. More info call Clara 860-673-0756.

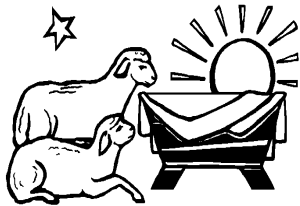


St. Mary Parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*John W. Gilligan, Farmington  
Scott Maze & Alison Weinberg, Simsbury  
David Turovac, Farmington*


St. Mary Parish welcomes through the Sacrament of baptism:

*Parker Robert Dunlavy*



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.

**The Office of Social Justice Ministry** of the Archdiocese of Hartford (OCSJM) wishes to express its sincere thanks to your parish community for your contribution to the Cooperative Parish Sharing Program in 2012. For over 40 years CPS has promoted solidarity and shared mission among the parishes of the Archdiocese of Hartford by collecting voluntary contributions from parishes, then distributing the funds in the form of grants to low-income parishes for projects that will improve the lives of individuals and families within their own communities. OCSJM recognizes with gratitude the impact that this program has had, with your help, on communities in need. For more information that OCSJM or Cooperative Parish Sharing, visit [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org)



# Who, What, Where, and When...

**Sunday, December 16 – Advent Vespers and Christmas Concert:**

Celebrate the joy and beauty of this sacred season at Holy Family. Our concert features an adult choir, chamber choir, instrumentalists, handbell choir, soloists, children's choir and liturgical dance. A reception prepared by our Executive Chef, Joe Ethier, follows after the concert. Concerts are at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Offering \$35. Register online at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or send name, address and offering to: Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

**Mass of Healing and Hope:** Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m., the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, with rosary at 6:55 p.m. Presider: Monsignor Gerard Schmitz. Trained prayer teams available after Mass. Call the Charismatic Renewal Office 860243-8234 for further information.

**Attention Catholic Singles** -Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand into the Hartford diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at [valksr@yahoo.com](mailto:valksr@yahoo.com): [www.caci.org](http://www.caci.org)

**Visit the Knights of Columbus Museum**, 1 State Street, New Haven to view the crèche exhibit Joyeux Noel: Christmas in Canada. The pieces are on loan from St. Joseph Oratory Museum in Montreal, Riviere Eternite Collection in northern Quebec, the International Creche Museum at the University of Dayton and the DesRuisseaux Collection in New Hampshire. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Tree Festival will run until February 3, 2013. Call 203 865-0400 for more information.



**Sign of the Times**

A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heaven!" sighed the woman. "Have we come to this? Well, give me 30 Catholic, 10 Baptist ones, 20 Lutheran, and 40 Presbyterian..."