



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	March 2, 2013 Marie Peltier by Jim & Sylvie Doyle
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	March 3, 2013 Antoinette Russo (2 nd anniversary) by Cindy & Dennis Webber
9:30 a.m.	Robert Krenn by his family
11:00 a.m.	John Franciosi (3 rd anniversary) by his family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	March 4, 2013 Genave Wolf (4 th anniversary) by Barbara Wolf
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Reconciliation
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	March 5, 2013 Douglas Cox by Joan & John Sheehy
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	March 6, 2013 Mary Theresa Connolly
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	March 7, 2013 Grace Hoffman by her family
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	March 8, 2013 Douglas Cox by his family
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	March 9, 2013 Pasquale Matrascia by Dick & Claire Selinga
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	March 10, 2013 Bryan Urso by his family
9:30 a.m.	Marie Peltier by the Zweigle family
11:00 a.m.	Barbara Amadio by M. Stratton & William King family

Readings for the Week of March 3, 2013

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering. Envelopes for Easter Flowers may be returned in any collection. Thank you.

Calendar

Month of March	St. Agnes Baby Shower
3/3 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Soup & Bread Meal – Gathering space
3/4 9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
7:00 p.m.	Lenten Series - Church
3/5 7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering space
3/10 11:00 a.m.	Mass Adult choir
	Coffee Sunday
2:30 p.m.	Rosary for Sandy Hook

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.

"Word Made Flesh, True Bread from Heaven: the Church's Sacrament and Worship"

This week in our video series "Catholicism" we explore the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God." Considered by the Catholic Faith to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture. Come - join us Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the church as we delve into this most sacred mystery.



Council Matters

It's that time of year again! St. Mary's Parish Council is seeking four energetic and dedicated parishioners who are interested in joining us for a 3-year term beginning in July. The 12-member Parish Council serves in an advisory capacity to the pastor; our mission is to act as a communication link between the pastor and the parish community. Nominations will take place the weekend of 3/16 - 3/17. **Do you want to have a pulse on the happenings in the parish?** Do you know someone else who would fit the bill? You may nominate confirmed parishioners 16 years of age or older... including yourself! Ballot recipients will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve. So, put on your thinking caps as to who you would like to represent our parish on the Council. This is **your** parish, this is **our** parish; **let's make it the best it can be!**



Rosary for Sandy Hook

Please join members of the Legion of Mary in praying the rosary in dedication to the victims of the tragedy at Sandy Hook. The rosary will be held on **Sunday, March 10** at 2:30 p.m. here at St. Mary's. A card with a bouquet of our prayers will be sent to St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown. This will coincide with the 3 month anniversary of this sorrowful event. If you are unable to join us, we ask that during that week you take time individually or as a family to offer your prayers for the victims and their families.



St. Mary's Human Needs Committee will host a Soup & Bread meal

with proceeds to benefit Catholic Relief Services this **Sunday, March 3** from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door - \$5.00 for adults; children 6 and under free.



It's back!

The ever popular **Women's Guild Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm at the Lions Club facility on West Avon Road. Bring a spouse or friend and enjoy a home cooked meal along with music by the Valley Chordsmen. The price of the meal, open to all Women's Guild members and their guests, is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests (one guest per member, please!) **To RSVP, please contact Marilyn Slabinski at 860-673-4669 or Judy Welcome at 860-673-5117 by 3/12** 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.



Pitter Patter

Throughout the month of March, the St. Mary's Women's Guild will be holding a **baby shower** for the young mothers served by St. Agnes Home in West Hartford. They are especially in need of new clothes (infant – 2 years), diapers and strollers. Please wrap your gifts, label them for a boy or girl, and place them in the crib in the church gathering space. For more information please contact Kathleen Ruzbasan at 860-673-2038.



The Challenge to Forgive

St. Mary's is delighted to welcome Fr. Robert Vujs, M.M., a CT native and Maryknoll missionary priest, to lead us in two evenings of reflection on **Monday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm**. A spirited and passionate speaker, Fr. Vujs will address the lack of forgiveness in the media and in our society as well as the healing power of forgiveness in his presentation, **The Challenge to Forgive**. Come. Take the challenge.

Peer Connections (Youth Group)

Night of Bowling! -Saturday, March 9 from 7-9:30 p.m.
Spare Time in Bristol

All DIVE! and LEAP! members are invited to a night of bowling. Invite some friends and join us for a night of laughs, snacks, spares, gutter balls and lots of strikes! For more information and permission slips email Amanda at st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com or call 860-716-4978.

This weekend marks the start of the **2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal** in our parish. You will receive a letter from Archbishop Mansell seeking your support. Together we can impact the lives of thousands. Our work as a Church in social services healthcare, and pastoral services is exciting challenging, and fulfilling. It is work we must do together in **Charity: Our Witness to Faith** out of love for one another and for God. Please respond as generously as possible.

From the Hispanic Health Council:

Thank you for your Christmas gifts. Your commitment year after year to help our most needed children in our community is appreciated by the Hispanic Health Council families and children. If not for people like you, these children's Christmas would not have been as happy. May God continue to bless each of you.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Obama administration's accommodation for religious institutions in the dispute over the federal healthcare mandate includes a stipulation that says once a religiously-affiliated (or believing individual) employer purchases insurance (as it must by law), the insurance company – not the employer – will be responsible for contacting the insured employees to advise them that the terms of the policy cover morally objectionable procedures and medications. How does such an accommodation preserve religious freedom? Obviously, it does not. If you haven't expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.

FOR YOUR INFO

Northwest Catholic High School will offer its Entrance Exam on Friday, March 8 - 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. To register for the exam, students should go to www.northwestcatholic.org/apply to submit an on-line application and \$25 fee (\$30 for transfer students). Your online application will register you to take the exam. For more information contact Maryann Lacouture at 860-236-4221, x140.

Request for Tax Information

If you require a "Statement of Contributions" for 2012, please complete and return this form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed or placed in the weekly collection basket. E-mail requests are acceptable and may be sent to: rectory@stmary-unionville.org. Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted. Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via regular mail daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

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