

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday,	November 30, 2013
4:30 p.m.	Antoinette Maras by her family
Sunday,	December 1, 2013
7:30 a.m.	Ethel Arvinson by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
9:30 a.m.	Prosper Larose by his wife Marilyn & family
11:00 a.m.	Marsha Bradford by the Leonard family
Monday,	December 2, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Grace Murphy Clancy by her son
Tuesday,	December 3, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Eileen Rolfe by Judy Welcome
Wednesday,	December 4, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Alyre & Yvonne LeBlanc by their daughter
Thursday,	December 5, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Nancy Richard by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Shannon & daughter Jamie
Friday,	December 6, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Gerald J. Smith by Carol McCallum
Saturday,	December 7, 2013
4:30 p.m.	Bill McAuliffe by friends & family
Sunday,	December 8, 2013
7:30 a.m.	Alice Flynn
9:30 a.m.	Anthony Spasiano by Janice Whitcomb
11:00 a.m.	Eugene Rudiak by Elaine Searle & family

Readings for the Week of December 1, 2013

Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/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:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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Due to the required early submission of the bulletin because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Parish Support for November 24 will be reported in next weekend's bulletin

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 appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please support next weekend's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

Calendar

12/2	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hosp. Room
12/4	7:00 p.m.	New Day Bereavement - Hosp. Room
12/8		Coffee Sunday

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Edward Gerard Berlinski

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him



Children's Christmas Party and Ornament Workshop 2013

The Knights of Columbus and the Fun Committee are joining together to present **one combined event: The Children's Christmas Party and Ornament Workshop on Sunday, December 8 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** All children, grandchildren and friends of members of both the Knight of Columbus and St. Mary Star of the Sea parish members are welcome to attend (ages 12 and under). This year, children will be entertained by *Magic by Dan Sclare* and the Ornament Workshop will be run by St. Mary's Fun Committee. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on a special sleigh to deliver cheer and goodies to the little ones. Please make sure to sign up for the event no later than December 1 so we can properly prepare for that special day. Sign up sheets will be available at St. Mary's Church Gathering Space, KOC Hall or contact Olivia or Timothy Germano at 860-678-0597 or 860-212-2516. **Collection boxes will be in the Fr. Golas Gathering Space: We need acorns, medium-large long (or round) pinecones, empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls, and egg cartons for the ornament projects this year.**



Human Needs Committee

Tags for various organizations including Farmington Families, Hispanic Health Council, Farmington Fuel Bank, Hospital for Special Care, Tabor House, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Burlington Families, Burlington Food and Fuel, Friendship Center, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Family Life Education and tags for diapers (please do not wrap diapers) to go to those in need will be hung on our Giving Tree by members of the Human Needs Committee the weekend after Thanksgiving. Parishioners may remove the tags and return the gifts (with tags attached please) no later than December 15th. 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 & Burlington Food & Fuel in the locked box under the tree. If you cannot, please contact Alice Crozier 673-4282. Thank you.



St. Mary's Women's Guild

will have their Christmas Party on Dec. 10 in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$15. The menu is chicken, ziti, fish, potatoes and salad. Wine and appetizers will be at 6:00 p.m.

and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. The Women's Chorus from Farmington High School will sing for us. To make reservations please send your check to Barbara Wolf. The payment must be in by Dec. 3. Any questions call Barbara at 860-673-0273. Barbara Wolf, 14 Catalpa Ct. Avon, Ct 06001

First Friday Adoration

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

St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes for November 6, 2013~ Bulletin Edition

Human Needs: The annual food drive, held in October, was successful. Food contributions were given to both the Farmington and Burlington Food Banks. This year's Giving Tree will be displayed the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Men's Retreat: Bob Bonato and John Keany attended a Recruitment Support Meeting at Holy Family Monastery, and are making plans for the February 21 Men's Retreat.

Décor Committee: The committee is in the process of planning the St. Joseph Statue area and the plaque for the Father Golas Gathering Space.

Decorations: The committee continues its work decorating the church for the liturgical seasons of Christmas and Easter.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will soon be four new Eucharistic Ministers. They will be trained in November, and then be commissioned.

Fun: The Christmas Ornament Workshop will be held the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Legion of Mary: As a result of declining membership in the Legion of Mary, the morning Praesidium will be merging with the evening Praesidium. It was recommended that the Legion provide information in an upcoming church bulletin regarding its various ministries.

Scouts: Cub Scout Pack 170 tended a garden plot this spring and summer at the Farmington Kolp Community Garden. Some of the harvest was sold as a fund raiser at the Farmers Market at Hillstead Museum. Over 150 lbs. of fresh vegetables were donated to the Farmington Food Pantry.

Webmaster: The parish website continues to provide weekly updates on events in the parish bulletin. Pictures of the Ministry Fair and the Reception for Father Golas and Father St. Martin are posted on the website.

Altar Servers: Five people are interested in becoming altar servers. training session will be scheduled for mid-November.

Respect Life: The committee is seeking an interested parishioner to serve as chair, to replace Kathryn Lowry, who resigned as chair for health reasons.

Social Justice: On Tuesday, 11/12, Sister Elaine Betoncourt CSJ will present a program on Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration Reform. On Sunday, 11/17, from 2:00-3:30, the committee will sponsor an intergenerational storytelling event to honor the life of St. Francis. Presenter will be Sharon Lynch.

Haitian Ministry: The Haitian Ministry held a fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza on Tuesday, November 5, to raise money to feed the children of St. Therese Parish in Haiti.

Adult Choir: The adult choir is in the process of rehearsing for Christmas.

Ministry Fair: Amanda McCaffrey thanked the various committees which made the Ministry Fair a success. In particular, she thanked Betty Faitella for assembling the Parish Council basket and Ed O'Reilly, for creating and printing committee brochures and business cards.

Unionville Festival: Denise Genest thanked Council members who assisted at the Unionville Festival. The Council provided flyers, brochures, book marks and a video of St. Mary parish life, which Amanda helped to design.

Reception for Fr. Golas and Fr. St. Martin: The reception for Fr. Golas and Fr. St. Martin was well attended. Rosemary Frombach compiled a DVD with music from the various pictures taken that day. A copy of the DVD will be given to the priests as a remembrance of the occasion.

Storage Area: Shelves have been installed in the storage area for custodial supplies. Further plans for organizing the storage area include transferring some of the storage materials to the Hart House.

St. Joseph Statue: The new statue of St. Joseph will cost approximately \$11,000. Special envelopes will be available for donations toward the statue.

Plaque: A meeting was held last week to discuss the design of the plaque for the Father Golas Gathering Space. The new plaque will replace the clock that is in the gathering space.

Other New Business: An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the town of Farmington/Unionville will be held on Tuesday, 11/26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

The next **pre-baptism class** will be held on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This class is a requirement for parishioners who have not previously attended the class and would like to have their children baptized at St. Mary Church. Baptisms are scheduled for the first and third Sundays of each month. Please call the rectory to enroll—860 673-2422. The next class will be held in February.

Keep Us Informed

Please let us know if you have an address change. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to alert us and keep our census current. Thank you!