

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
Monday,	December 9, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Ted Eddy
Tuesday,	December 10, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Edward Murphy, Sr. by his son
Wednesday,	December 11, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Adam Kaminski by his family
Thursday,	December 12, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Jack & Carrie Flynn
Friday,	December 13, 2013
7:45 a.m.	Anna Pavano by her daughter Rita Kocienda
Saturday,	December 14, 2013
4:30 p.m.	Michael Zweigle (3rd anniversary) by his family
Sunday,	December 15, 2013
7:30 a.m.	Josephine Pahl by Richard & Nancy Newton
9:30 a.m.	Jean Darc Ouellette by David, Mary & Tim Rolka & Rita Adams
11:00 a.m.	Joe Amico by Lynda & Bob Bonato

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2013

Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Calendar

12/9	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary– Hosp. Room
	7:00 p.m.	Pre-baptism class—Gathering Space
12/10	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Guild Christmas Party— Gath. Space

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.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24
4:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

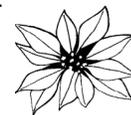
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New Year's Eve—Tuesday, December 31
4:00 PM

New Year's Day—Wednesday, January 1
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund For Religious. Thank you for your support.

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



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. JOSEPH

Statue of Saint Joseph

Envelopes are available on the tables in the worship space if you wish to donate to the Statue of Saint Joseph fund. Special collection envelopes will also be available in your envelope packets for the January/February, March/April cycles. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Church and designate "Statue of St. Joseph". Please call the rectory if you have any questions.

Hour of Grace

A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held at noon on December 9. This is in response to a request made by our Blessed Mother to Sister 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, in all the Catholic Churches in the world. Because the feast day falls on Sunday, the celebration is transferred to Monday. Our Lady asked for penance and prayers in reparation for the sins of impurity. She said that during the 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. Our country is dedicated to Our Lady under the title of The Immaculate Conception. For info. Call Elaine Atiyeh 860 352-2281.



"All are invited to listen to the musical story of Christmas performed by the youth of our parish on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00-5:00. Light refreshments served."

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask: "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

Our worship space

is a very beautiful place for prayer and being present with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. Please maintain an atmosphere of silence to foster these sacred moments by silencing all cell phones and electronic devices before entering the worship space and by holding conversations after Mass in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulletin article deadline for the holidays and the new year.

Please submit all articles for the bulletin of December 29 by 9:00 a.m. Monday December 16.

Please submit articles for the bulletin of January 5 by 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 20. This is due to the early submission of our bulletin per our publisher's requirements.

Beginning January 1 please submit all bulletin articles 10 days prior to publication. For example, articles for the bulletin of January 19 should be submitted by 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 10. Please list the date the article should be published and include a contact name and number. Call Paula at the rectory 860 673-2422 with questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Advent Programs at Our Lady of Calvary

December 13-14 Friday 5:30 p.m. to Saturday 3:00 p.m. - Precious Advent Moments Presenter: Sr. Patricia Coote, RSM

December 18 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon (includes lunch) Presenter: Sr. Elissa Rirere, CP. For registration and offering call 860 677-8519 or olcretreat@sbcglobal.net

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church has always been a provider and advocate for accessible, affordable and life-affirming health care. Had the federal government made accommodations to protect religious freedom for all Americans, dozens of lawsuits filed around the country challenging it could have been avoided. If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the mandate by calling President Obama at the White House at 202-456-1111 or Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius at 202-205-5445. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

It can be difficult to prepare our lives for Christ amidst the busy preparations of a material Christmas. The four weeks before Christmas are a time to prepare our families to celebrate Christ's birth. To prepare our minds to accept that God's Son became a baby and lived and died for us; to prepare our hearts to accept God's forgiveness, and to change our ways; to prepare our souls to receive God's healing grace through the celebration of Mass; to take part in not only the work of preparation but also the hope and joy in the midst of our work.

