

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday,	October 25, 2014
4:30 p.m.	Peggy Pelletier (26th anniversary) by her family
Sunday,	October 26, 2014
7:30 a.m.	Jack Flynn
9:30 a.m.	Confirmation class— Rite of Commitment
11:00 a.m.	Deceased members of Knights of Columbus
Monday,	October 27, 2014
7:45 a.m.	Domenick Bianchi (38th anniversary) by the Turski/Sheintop family
Tuesday,	October 28, 2014
7:45 a.m.	Alice Flynn
Wednesday,	October 29, 2014
7:45 a.m.	Antoinette Maras by her family
Thursday,	October 30, 2014
7:45 a.m.	Jack Flynn
Friday,	October 31, 2014
7:45 a.m.	Betty Flynn
Saturday,	November 1, 2014
4:30 p.m.	Deceased Legionaries worldwide by the Legion of Mary
Sunday,	November 2, 2014
7:30 a.m.	Thomas K. O'Connor by his family
9:30 a.m.	Alice Flynn
11:00 a.m.	Kevin Adorno by the Greiner family

Readings for the Week of October 26, 2014

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Eph 4:32--5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Parish Support October 19, 2014

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Calendar

10/26	11:00 a.m. Mass	Choir
10/27	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Gathering Space
10/29	10:00 a.m.	New Day Bereavement—Hart House
11/2	9:30 a.m. Mass	Choir
11/2	2:00 p.m.	Patriotic Rosary—Church
11/3	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Gathering Space
11/5	7:00 p.m.	Human Needs Mtg. Gathering Space

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 him in your prayers.

All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday.

All Souls envelopes are available for your intentions on the tables as you enter the worship space. We will place the envelopes on the altar during the month of November and I will pray for your intentions.

Monsignor Motta



Patriotic Rosary for the Consecration of our Nation: Sunday, November 2 2:00 p.m.

With an important national election only a few weeks away, please come and pray the Patriotic Rosary with us here at St. Mary Church. We will sing the "simple songs of freedom" as we appeal to heaven to heal and guide our nation using inspiring words from our Founding Fathers. Please contact Maureen Kreh at 860 229-3988 if you have any questions.

The Human Needs Committee

will meet Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Alice Crozier at 860-673-4282.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE!

No baking to do, no sweets to tempt!
Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Scholarship Fund
Donations collected at all masses
November 8th and 9th
Special envelope in Church Offering Envelopes
and in the Gathering Space
Contact Fran Javaruski 860 404-5898
Thank you for your support!

**St. Mary Star of the Sea -September 2, 2014
Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

Msgr. Motta provided the opening prayer by asking God for his continued blessings on our parish, our parishioners and her council members as we begin our new year. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 Parish Council meeting as submitted.

There are two possible candidates for the RCIA process. There are 404 students registered for religious education this year. Last year there were 530 students. Deacon Tom noted this is not unusual, as other communities in the valley have also experienced a decline in numbers.

A three-month Calendar of Events will be published and displayed on the Peer Connections bulletin board, as well as on the parish website; it will be passed out during Kickoff Weekend. The Service Team met during the summer to start organizing service projects. Nineteen participants attended Soul Fest 2014 from August 7 – 8. A few teens also participated in the Walk4Water, whose goal it is to raise money for the upkeep of wells in central Africa.

On October 9, 16 and 23 the Doubt Study Group for high school and college students will meet. The focus will be on three biblical figures and how these figures dealt with doubt and their faith. The monthly meeting for DIVE! will take place on October 24th. The monthly meeting for LEAP! will take place on October 25th. The service project for October will be a weekend backpacking program with Gifts of Love.

Family Movie Night will take place on November 8th and will feature *God's Not Dead*. The monthly meeting of DIVE! will be held on November 14th and the monthly meeting of LEAP! will be held on November 15.

As of September 2 there are 22 altar servers in the program. Four altar servers retired as of September 1 and three will start as of September 6.

The Parish Finance Committee met in the Rectory on July 27 to review the first six months of the budget. There are no major financial issues or concerns at this time. Overall results are very close to budgeted amounts.

The next Human Needs Committee meeting will take place on September 17th. The committee collected over 40 pounds of pull tabs for the Shriners' Hospital this summer. Many school supplies were collected during the month of August for the Town of Farmington. October will be Food Bank month. The Giving Tree will be prepared again in time for Advent.

Some parishioners have volunteered to take care of the areas around the church, the rectory and the Hart House in an effort to make these areas look more presentable. Mulch has been ordered and will be put around the church.

We are awaiting a contractor's quote regarding repair of the Hart House steps. Quotes from other contractors will also be sought. A dimmer switch burned out in the electrical room of the church and caused some minor damage. Replacement and damage costs are being investigated.

CL&P has been contacted regarding the fence in the lower parking lot. CL&P said they would repair the fence and clean up the surrounding area. According to the last four electric bills, we are saving an average of \$345.00 a month due to the new energy efficient lights installed in the church.

The drainage system at the cemetery has been installed. Pinning of a new area at the cemetery is complete. These plots will soon be offered for sale to our parishioners.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a car show on September 19th and a Pork Roast Barbecue on September 21.

The Women's Guild will hold a pasta supper on October 22nd at the Knights of Columbus. Coffee and Donut Sundays will resume Sunday, September 14th. Guild meetings will start again in December.

The Décor Committee met with the Women's Guild regarding increased efficiency in the kitchen area of the Gathering Space. A decision was made to use one of the existing double closets. Minor changes to the second closet will be made to increase efficiency. The Building and Grounds Committee will work on getting shelving and also new pulls for the drawers and kitchen cabinets. The Guild continues looking into refreshing the statue of Mary.

The date for Men's Retreat has been set for a weekend in February.

The Legion will be praying the Peace Rosary after the 4:30 Mass on the first Saturday of the month starting in September and continuing until June, 2015. On September 6th the Legion will be attending a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes in Litchfield, joining with all Legion Praesidia throughout Connecticut. On September 7th some members of the Legion will go to St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol to participate in making rosary beads; the goal is 2,000.

Minutes will conclude next weekend.

Update from Respect Life Committee

Under the direction of Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, our Archdiocese will again participate in the "40 Days for Life" Program. This is a peaceful, national pro-life campaign spreading across 48 states for the sanctity of life. Each of the 40 days consists of two elements: 24 hours of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration and a 12 hour vigil of prayer in peaceful action. **Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Ann in Avon.** St. Ann and St. Mary, Star of the Sea will join in a spirit of unity to pray, fast, and demonstrate peaceful activism. Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the Sunday morning masses from 12:00 p.m. on October 26 and continue until 9:00 a.m. on Monday October 27th at St Ann's. During these hours of adoration there will be The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. followed by the recitation of the rosary until 4 p.m. To read more about the "40 days for Life Campaign" go to www.40daysforlife.com.