

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday, | July 11, 2015 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Michael Zweigle by his family |
| Sunday, | July 12, 2015 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Hilda Gaughan by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski |
| 9:30 a.m. | Attilio Bove by his family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Diane & Edward Boisvert by their daughter Gisele |
| Monday, | July 13, 2015 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Alice Flynn |
| Tuesday, | July 14, 2015 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Carrie Flynn |
| Wednesday, | July 15, 2015 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Betty Flynn |
| Thursday, | July 16, 2015 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Joseph Coco by Joanne & Dave Wierbicki |
| Friday, | July 17, 2015 |
| 7:45 a.m. | Ed Welcome |
| Saturday, | July 18, 2015 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Carmen & Mark Rourke (25th wedding anniversary) |
| Sunday, | July 19, 2015 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Adele Slabinski by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski |
| 9:30 a.m. | Ellen & Richard Metcalf by Cathleen Metcalf |
| 11:00 a.m. | Edward & Diane Boisvert by their daughter Gisele |

Readings for the Week of July 12, 2015

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| Sunday: | Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13 |
| Monday: | Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1 |
| Tuesday: | Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24 |
| Wednesday: | Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27 |
| Thursday: | Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Friday: | Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21 |
| Next Sunday: | Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34 |

Parish Support July 5, 2015

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| Weekly | \$7,586.00 |
| On-line giving | \$ 533.00 |
| Total | \$ 8,119.00 |
| Monthly | \$4,308.00 |
| On-line giving | \$ 245.00 |
| Total | \$4,553.00 |

Calendar

7/13 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary—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 them your prayers.

Did you forget something? -

like registering your children for our Religious Education program for the 2015-2016 year? Registration forms are located in the entrances to the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Religious Education Office at 860 675-8522 or st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Candle Offering Reminder

The votive candles located in our worship space beneath the statue of our Blessed Mother are available for your lighting in prayerful remembrance and special intention. The suggested offering is \$1.00 and is to be placed into the self-contained box located in the center of each of the two racks. Please remember to light a candle from the top rows DOWN, to avoid the risk of injury which can be caused by placing your arm over a lighted votive. Thank you.

Bulletin article deadline .

Please submit all bulletin articles **10 days prior to publication**. For example, articles for the bulletin of August 23 should be submitted by 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 14. 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.

Parish Prayer Line

If you or someone in your family is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our parish prayer list, please call Joyce Cruess at 860 673-2945.

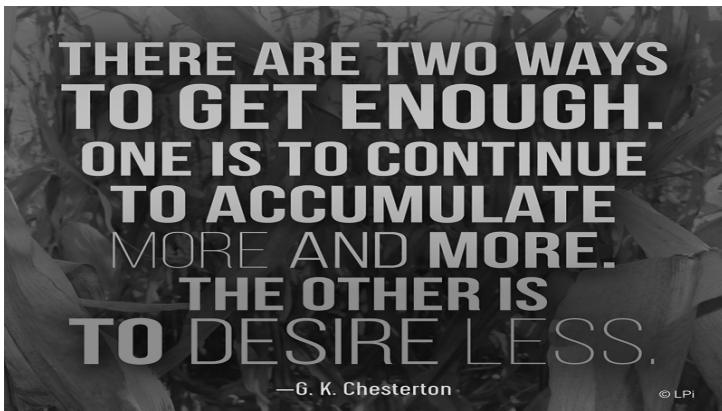


LECTORS NEEDED!

Lectors proclaim scripture at Mass and fulfill an important role in our worship. Public reading is among the most ancient forms of Christian ministry.

At St. Mary Church the Lector is entrusted with making the word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the congregation. After brief training, Lectors are typically assigned to read at Mass once or twice each month; however, occasionally a Lector may read at special Masses. Participation is open to all practicing Catholics.

For more information please contact Edward O'Reilly at 860-675-4050.



The Paint Thinner

There was a painter named Jack, who was very interested in making a dollar where he could. So he often would thin down his paint to make it stretch a little bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time.

Eventually, the local parish decided to do a big restoration job in the church. Jack put in a painting bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks and buying the paint and —yes, I am sorry to say—thinning it down with the turpentine.

Well, Jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, and nearly done, when suddenly there was a tremendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jack clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

Now, Jack was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, “Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?” and from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke. “Repaint you thinner, and go and thin no more!”



Who, What, Where, and When...

The Writer As Witness—Presented by Davyne Verstandig Friday, August 7, 6:00 p.m. dinner to Sunday, August 9 lunch. In a reflective setting, writers are invited to write about what is important to them. For fees and further information contact Wisdom House at (860) 567-3163 or mail: programs@wisdomhouse.org Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center, 229 East Litchfield Rd., Litchfield.

Catholic Biblical School: A Deep Love of Christ

Pope Francis reminds us that “the study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer.” Our Archdiocese of Hartford invites adults to know, love, and live Scripture through the “gold standard” of adult Bible studies, the Catholic Biblical School. Weekly classes are scheduled for the following locations in Connecticut:

North Haven – Manchester – West Hartford – Waterbury

Applications are due by August 15. For more information and to get application materials, go to the Catholic Biblical School page of the Office of Religious Education and Evangelization website (www.orehartford.org), talk to your pastor, or contact BJ Daly Horell at the Archdiocese (catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org; 860-242-5573).

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The right of religious liberty, the first freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, includes a right to provide and receive health care without being required to violate our most fundamental beliefs.

Since abortion became legal nationwide in 1973, federal lawmakers have worked in a bipartisan way to ensure that Americans can fully participate in our health care system without being forced to take part in abortion or other procedures that violate our conscience. Why isn't the same option being applied to the federal health care reform law?

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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