



<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>August 22, 2015</b> Ivore Bouchard by his wife Marie & family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>August 23, 2015</b> Skip Woods by his family Carrie Flynn Betty Flynn
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>August 24, 2015</b> Alice Flynn
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>August 25, 2015</b> Jack Flynn
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>August 26, 2015</b> Carrie Flynn
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>August 27, 2015</b> Betty Flynn
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 a.m.	<b>August 28, 2015</b> St. Mary Parish
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>August 29, 2015</b> Bryan Urso by his parents
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>August 30, 2015</b> Viola Michaud by Karen & Luke Guerette Edward L. Burke by his family Erik Blades by the Greiner family

**Readings for the Week of August 23, 2015**

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Parish Support August 16, 2015**

Weekly	\$8,580.00
On-line giving	\$1,188.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,768.00</b>

**Calendar**

8/24	7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary—Gathering Space
8/27	7:00 p.m.	RCIA—Informational Meeting - Gathering Space
8/30	9:30 a.m.	Little Stars—Gathering Space
	1:00 p.m.	Parish Picnic—K of C—Unionville

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.

**RCIA**

RCIA, formally known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a program specifically for adults who wish to explore the possibility of joining the Catholic Church. The RCIA program is designed for adults who are un-baptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or for baptized Catholics who have never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, there will be an Information Night, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary Gathering Space. There will be an opportunity to find out more details of this rich journey of faith-RCIA. Call Sister Maria Toce, at 860.845.8671 if you plan to attend.

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND!**

**(Helpers needed!)**

**Sunday, August 30**

**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Knights of Columbus Pavilion,  
Unionville**



**on New Britain Avenue near Farmington Police Station**

*Make new friends within your parish community or hang out with old ones!*

Hamburgers & hotdogs provided, along with beverages (soda, water, coffee/tea, and beer)

Bring a side dish to share (green salad, potato or pasta salad, appetizers, desserts, vegetable dish)

Enter our annual baking contest with your own recipe and handiwork (details will be emailed to registrants)

Team Horseshoe Competition -Bounce House -New Family Games this year!

**Sign up sheets for both RSVP and Baking Contest in Gathering Space.**

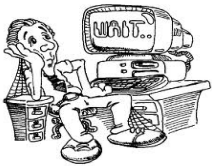
**Questions? Please email [stmaryrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:stmaryrsvp@yahoo.com)**

**Visit our parish website**

[www.stmary-unionville.org](http://www.stmary-unionville.org)

**Religious Education News**

**Waiting for volunteers to step forward...**



The start of the 2015/2016 religious education year is fast approaching and our program is in need catechists in the following grades:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b># Needed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

Without instructors classes cannot be scheduled - leaving a Home Study (parent administered) curriculum as the only option. Hart House hall monitors are also needed for us to be compliant with the "Protecting God's Children" requirements set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Parents who wait patiently while their children are in class are asked to consider volunteering as a hall monitor. If you have any inclination to help support our program – please contact Deacon Tom Sutak as soon as possible as there are USCCB and archdiocesan requirements that must be completed before one can begin working with or directly supervising children. Please note - team teaching is encouraged – class schedules are flexible (within the constraints of our resources) and tuition is waived for instructors/hall monitors.tel: (860) 675-8522 e-mail: st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net

**60 MINUTES**

That's all the time you'll need to devote, to attend the weekly, hour-long choir rehearsals which convene each Wednesday night from 7-8pm beginning **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider joining the group even if for a short period of time. Reading music is not required and the 4-part harmony is easily assembled by people just like you. For more information please contact me by email, at [rickdaddario@hotmail.com](mailto:rickdaddario@hotmail.com) or by phone at 860-679-1695. Thank you, Rick.

St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center Chapter of "My Good Deed", a national organization which promotes the performance of positive actions to commemorate 9/11, is collecting new and "gently used" children's books and monetary donations for its Pediatric Clinic. Books can be left in bins in the Father Golas Gathering Space through 8/30. Monetary donations can be sent to the Women's Auxiliary, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, 114 Woodland St., Hartford, Ct 06105. Please contact Ann Waters 860 673-0358 with questions. Thank you.

**Youth Ministry Kickoff Weekend**

September 5 /September 6

Have you ever wondered what the youth ministry program really does besides having a lot of fun? Wonder no more! Come and talk to a member of Peer Connections, St. Mary's Youth Ministry program, after mass during the weekend of September 5 & 6. You will have the opportunity to get information about our existing programs for middle and high school students as well as learn about our newest programs for preschoolers, young adults and parents. If you don't have a moment to spare after mass, you can find all the same information on our parish website or on the Peer Connections Facebook page. If you don't want to wait, email [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com) or call Amanda McCaffrey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 860-716-4978 today!



Grumbling is as old as the human race. So when Jesus asks us over and over again to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and care for the poor and marginalized, we have a tendency to complain. What He

asks of us as Christians is not easy or simple; we just want it to be - and grumble when it's not. We are basically good people, we go to Church, give to charity, pray and are busy with family and jobs. He often asks a lot of us, it seems.

Jesus knows and understands telling us, "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." The Gospel reminds us, "As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him."

Am I following the call of Jesus - or am I following the world's call to succeed at any price, to ignore those people who are inconvenient to me and to fill my life with the things and signs of my success? Who or what am I going to decide to follow? As the prophet Joshua reminds us today, "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve."

This week we are invited to see Jesus as bread, a food which is universally regarded as the staff of life. Let us ask Him each day to help us make Him our daily bread, our main source of life, giving us the courage to follow in His footsteps, stop our grumbling and "taste and see the goodness of the Lord."