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| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>December 3, 2016</b>                          |
| 4:30 p.m.         | Alyre & Yvonne LeBlanc<br>by their daughter      |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>December 4, 2016</b>                          |
| 7:30 a.m.         | Angela Sienko (1st anniversary)<br>by her family |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Ryan Davies by Lisa Varian                       |
| 11:00 a.m.        | Alma Dube by her family                          |
| <b>Monday,</b>    | <b>December 5, 2016</b>                          |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Grace Clancy Murphy by her son                   |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | <b>December 6, 2016</b>                          |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Louis Fantona by Stella Uttaro                   |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | <b>December 7, 2016</b>                          |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Special Intentions                               |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | <b>December 8, 2016</b>                          |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Ted Eddy   |
| 6:00 p.m.         | Alice Gnazzo by Karen Schick                     |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | <b>December 9, 2016</b>                          |
| 7:45 a.m.         | Edward Murphy, Sr. by his son                    |
| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>December 10, 2016</b>                         |
| 4:30 p.m.         | Eugene Huppe by his family                       |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>December 11, 2016</b>                         |
| 7:30 a.m.         | Bob Slabinski by his wife Marilyn                |
| 9:30 a.m.         | Bill McAuliffe by family & friends               |
| 11:00 a.m.        | Adam Kaminski by his family                      |

**Calendar**

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| 12/6  | 6:00 p.m. | Women's Guild Christmas Party -<br>Gathering Space |
|       | 7:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary—Hospitality Room                    |
| 12/11 |           | Donut Sunday                                       |
|       | 2:00 p.m. | Cookie Exchange—Gathering Space                    |



Thursday, December 8, the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation.** Mass will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24  
4:00, 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25  
8:00, 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31  
4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1  
8:00, 10:00 a.m.

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| <b>Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016</b> |   |
| Sunday:  | Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12           |
| Monday:  | Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26                     |
| Tuesday:   | Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14                    |
| Wednesday:                                       | Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30                  |
| Thursday:  | Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Friday:  | Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19                    |
| Saturday:  | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13          |
| Next Sunday:                                     | Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11     |

**From the Human Needs Committee:**

**Giving Tree:** Please remember that next weekend **December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the gifts** for the Giving Tree. Please remember to bring them back then. Thank you  
(Human Needs chair)



Alice Crozier

**Parish Support November 20, 2016**

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| Weekly                                  | \$ 9,091.50        |
| On-line                                 | <u>\$ 1,141.00</u> |
|   | Total \$10,232.50  |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development |                    |
|   | Total \$3,036.77   |

**Parish Support November 27**

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| Weekly  | \$8,461.00        |
| On-Line | <u>\$1,216.00</u> |
|         | Total \$9,677.00  |

The second collection this weekend is the monthly offering.

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donation to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support **next week's** collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

You may return your offering for **Christmas flowers** at any Mass.

## In Appreciation

St. Mary's Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who donated to our bakeless bake sale. All of the money will be used to give scholarships to graduates of our parish.



St. Mary parish family welcomes through the Sacrament of baptism:

*Alexander Rohan Kucharski  
Mila Valeria Lavinio*

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered members:

*Mark & Stacey Angelo & family, Burlington  
Ryan & Jennifer Butler & son, Burlington  
The Ojakian family & daughter, Farmington  
Norman & Marie Perusse, Unionville  
Steven & Sarah Reitsma & daughter, Farmington*

**Youth Group Musicians needed** to lead a parish **Advent Prayer Service** at St. Mary on Saturday, December 17 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm (same night that Youth Group meets). We need singers, instrumentalists and readers. Music and readings will be distributed in advance to facilitate participation with minimal (two) group rehearsals. Please contact Cathy Salchert at [csalchert@comcast.net](mailto:csalchert@comcast.net) or 860-993-3281 (text) if you are interested. Please specify day/time preferences for group rehearsals. Participants would need to be available no later than 6:30 pm on the evening of the prayer service.

*From Michael S. Griffin, Superintendent of Catholic Schools:*

On behalf of the elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I extend my sincere gratitude to you and your parishioners for the contribution of \$2,407 to the 39th Annual HOPES Collection. As parish community, you have generously supported our schools' efforts to create cultures of educational excellence, to evangelize young people and to form future generations of faith-filled parishioners. My sincere thanks.



## Who, What, Where, and When...

### TO ALL WOMEN OF ST. MARY PARISH

Please join us for a **COOKIE SWAP** on December 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the gathering space. Bring five dozen cookies...one dozen for tasting and four to share. Everyone takes home four dozen! Please print recipe to place with your cookies so everyone knows ingredients and recipe. Enjoy some tea and coffee with your cookie tasting and chat with friends. Take home boxes will be provided. Call Sue Shortley @ 860-677-0556.



Do Your Christmas Shopping at **Our Lady of Calvary's Newly Expanded Gift Shop**. The shop is offering Lucinda angel pins, Holy Land stones, Willow tree figurines and over 20 new skirts by Darn Good Yarn, each skirt is one of a kind. We are featuring distinctive jewelry, such as Mantra bands, Equinox Sterling silver crosses as well as fun necklaces and bracelets. We continue to stock inspirational and Spiritual books including "Elf Help" books as well as religious items. Proceeds support the Retreat House. The Gift shop will be open from 4-7pm on Weds. December 7.

The Annual **Christmas Festival Weekend** at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield will include: Sat., Dec. 10: **Gingerbread Nativity Making** from 10 am - 12 noon in Pilgrim Hall. Reservations must be made & prepaid by Dec. 7. Call 860-567-1041 or email: [lourdesshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshrinect@gmail.com). Each Nativity is \$30.

**A Candlelight Carol Sing** will begin at 7:00 Sat. evening in Pilgrim Hall and process to the Grotto. Cookies & hot chocolate will be served in the hall afterwards.

Sun., Dec. 11: **The Living Nativity**: A re-enactment of the Nativity with live animals, little angels, shepherds, choristers and a real Baby Jesus will take place at 3:00 pm in the Grotto. Cookies & hot chocolate will be served in Pilgrim Hall. *Suggested \$5.00 donation is welcome.*

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### 1st Annual Food Packing to Feed LOCAL Communities

Kickoff Program "Hunger 101":

Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Packing Event: Saturday, June 3, 2017

*Sponsored by Human Needs, Social Justice, Youth Ministry with generous support from the Women's Guild*

Email us for more information and

RSVP: [joannefishman@comcast.net](mailto:joannefishman@comcast.net)