



Calendar

9/2 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg. – Gathering Space
 9/5 First Friday Adoration

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

Domenick Bianchi

This is a venerable tradition and we ask you to keep him in your prayers.

St. Mary Star of the Sea
 Annual Picnic



September 21 – 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Knights of Columbus Pavilion
 New Britain Ave., Unionville

There will be fun for all – hamburgers, hot dogs provided by the Knights of Columbus as well as the ever popular bounce house and soft drinks.

This year will feature our second annual Team Horse Shoe competition for adults and teens with prizes for each member of the winning team. The children can enjoy a bean bag toss game with prizes for the winner. There will also be face painting and tattoos available. Don't worry parents, they will wash off. We will also be featuring a chili cooking contest so if you have the old family secret recipe or would like to try something new, please sign up. There will be a panel of judges to determine the winners. Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering space beginning this week.

First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Friday, September 5 from after the 7:45 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. concluding with Benediction. Once again we encourage you to plan your schedule to include an hour of adoration. Be assured of an abundance of graces for you and your family. We would like to have a minimum of three adorers for each hour. Please sign up on the poster in the gathering space.

Choir to Resume

Weekly rehearsals for the adult choir will begin NEXT Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. New membership is open to everyone at all times. The choir meets Wednesday evenings from September through April and sings at our weekend masses on a rotational basis (different mass each weekend.) For information please call Rick at 793-2737 or speak with him any weekend after mass. Thank you.

The Pilgrim Virgin

is currently visiting the Rosato family. Mary will be welcomed by the Hogan family on August 31st. If you have questions, please call Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655.

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| Saturday, 4:30 PM | August 30, 2008 Eleanor Majewski (10 th anniversary) by Carole & Wilbur Charette |
| Sunday, 7:30 AM | August 31, 2008 Daniel Arch by Marilyn & Bob Slabinski |
| 9:30 AM | Jim Nicksa by Barbara & Priscilla Sutula |
| 11:00 AM | Sal Failla by his family |
| Monday, 7:45 AM | September 1, 2008 George & Amelia Kramer |
| Tuesday, 7:45 AM | September 2, 2008 Paul McKeon by his family |
| Wednesday, 7:45 AM | September 3, 2008 Tina Murphy by Bob Murphy |
| Thursday, 7:45 AM | September 4, 2008 George "Butch" Lasek by his children |
| Friday, 7:45 AM | September 5, 2008 Fr. James Boyle |
| Saturday, 4:30 PM | September 6, 2008 Special Intention |
| Sunday, 7:30 AM | September 7, 2008 Thomas Kappalumakkel by Bob & MaryJane Oliveira |
| 9:30 AM | Penny D'Addabbo by Lisa & Dave Szewczul |
| 11:00 AM | Florence Zendzian & Patricia Mason by the Dossot family |

| Readings for the Week of August 31, 2008 | |
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| Sunday: | Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 |
| Monday: | 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thursday: | 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 |
| Friday: | 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 |
| Saturday: | 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5 |
| Next Sunday: | Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 |

The second collection next weekend is the monthly offering.

Please remember to mark the amount of your donation on your weekly offertory envelopes. This will greatly assist our volunteer Sunday morning counters and also ensure a more accurate end-of-year tax statement. Thank you for your cooperation.

"New Mission" Magazine

Next weekend at all the Masses, the Missionaries Sisters will be here to sell their "New Mission" magazine. It is about families and living our Catholic faith. It has many topics very relevant for our times. Be sure to stop by and see them as you leave Mass. The donation is only \$3.00.

'Christ Our Hope'

The talks given by our Holy Father while in the U.S. last April are scheduled by the Faith Formation Committee for reading and discussion on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the gathering space beginning on September 22. Those interested are asked to contact Elaine Atiyeh at 673-8655 as soon as possible as we need to purchase the books.

Children's Choir (Angel Voices) May Return

The Angel Voice Children's Choir may be returning this fall (Including the Christmas Pageant in December) under the direction of Donna LeBlanc, who for many years directed both for our parish family. Its return will be determined upon the response received by children AND parents who must make a SOLID commitment if we are to proceed with this initiative. Parents, please discuss this with your child(ren) to determine if they are interested in participating in the children's choir. Please watch the bulletin for further details, or contact Rick at 793-2737. Thank you.

Rosary for World Peace

Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium of St. Mary Church Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to say the rosary with them next Saturday for the intention of World Peace. Interested parishioners are asked to join Legion members in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother after the 4:30 p.m. Mass for about 15 – 20 minutes.

St. Mary parish family welcomes through the sacrament of baptism.

*Devyn Aucoin
Cole Evan Cormier
Evelyn G. Huelin
Andrew Phillip Kline*

Save the Date!

The Catholic Book Store will be visiting our parish on the weekend of September 27/28. There will be spiritual books (on every topic), religious gifts for all occasions, crucifixes, rosaries, medals, CD's and DVD's, children's books and seasonal items. More details and a special discount coupon to be published in an upcoming bulletin!!

Religious Education News

Grade K-9 News - Classes for grades K-9 are scheduled to start the week of September 21. Catechists will be calling with the day, time and location of classes beginning on or about September 15. Any schedule conflicts will be addressed after the start of classes and only through the Office of Religious Education.

Catechists - Class materials (e.g. books, class lists) will be available for pickup the week of September 14th. Home Study materials will be available the week of October 5 Monday – Friday (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) at Hart House.

Confirmation Program News - There will be a parent/student kickoff meeting September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. An overview of the program and its requirements will be presented. It is strongly recommended that all 10th grade parents attend.

Registration Update - Please note that the registration process for the 2008/2009 Religious Education year has been suspended as of August 24 so that the forming of classes and scheduling can be completed. Registrations will be processed on a "space available" basis after September 21. When submitting a registration form please note that tuition payments must accompany the form. The tuition fee structure for the 2008/2009 year remains at: **\$40 per child (grades 1-8) and \$55 per child (grades 9-10)**. Registrations received after July 15 are subject to a \$15 per household "late fee."

Catechists are needed in the following grades:

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| Grade | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Catechists Needed | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

If you are interested in helping to pass on our faith to the children of the parish please contact Deacon Tom Sutak (tel: 675-8522 or e-mail: st.mary.re@sbcglobal.net).

 **FOR YOUR info**

Wedding Anniversary Celebration - Couples observing their twenty-fifth, fiftieth and other special wedding anniversaries are invited to the Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m. Archbishop Mansell will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.

Family, friends and all married couples are welcome to attend the Mass. A brief reception immediately follows. Registration for anniversary couples is requested by calling the parish secretary. All registrations received by September 25 will be in the program booklet. For further information call the Family Life Office at (203) 230-2460.

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.