

# Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 6, 2008</b> Bill McAuliffe by his friends & family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>December 7, 2008</b> Adele Slabinski by Bob & Marilyn Slabinski
9:30 AM	Intentions of Thomas & Joan Gunning by the Gunning family & Kathly Arle
11:00 AM	Thomas & Frederica Walsh by the Walsh/Cunningham family
<b>Monday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 8, 2008</b> St. Mary Parish
5:30 PM	St. Mary Parish
<b>Tuesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 9, 2008</b> Salvatore Casasanta (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary) by his family
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 10, 2008</b> Rosemarie Witkewicz by Tom & Marian Chrosniak
<b>Thursday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 11, 2008</b> Adam Kaminski by his family
<b>Friday,</b> 7:45 AM	<b>December 12, 2008</b> John Uccello (11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his wife
<b>Saturday,</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 13, 2008</b> John Harris by his family
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>December 14, 2008</b> Phyllis Tribuzio by Wilbur & Carole Charette
9:30 AM	Jane Hooper by Vernon & Myrna Gresh
11:00 AM	Bob Frascadore (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary) by his family

## Readings for the Week of December 7, 2008

Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

About 58% of women and men religious are past age 70; 7% are past age 90. More than 4,900 need skilled nursing care. Religious institutes are financially autonomous and responsible for the support of their members. Most elderly religious receive, on average a Social Security benefit of just \$4,402 per year. Next week's second collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your support.

You may return your envelope for Christmas flowers at any mass.

## Calendar

12/8	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
12/9	6:00 p.m.	Women's Guild Christmas Party – Gathering space
12/14	2:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant



Monday, December 8 is a **holy day of obligation**. Masses will be celebrated at 7:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of:

*John Harris*

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



## December 21

Parish Penance Service – 7:00 p.m.

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., Midnight

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

**December 31 – New Year's Eve**  
4:30 p.m.

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

## Christmas Special

**Buy One Cookbook for \$15.00**  
**Two for \$25.00**

Need a gift for a hostess, a good friend, or that person who has everything? The Guild will be selling cookbooks after masses during the month of December. The cookbooks will be beautifully wrapped with a blank gift card so all you have to do is fill out the card and give it to that special person. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping.

## Note from Rick

I would like to have additional voices in the adult choir and invite those interested in participating to see me after any mass or call me at 793-2737 (Email: [rickdaddario@hotmail.com](mailto:rickdaddario@hotmail.com)). Knowing how to read music is not required and practices each Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. are easy, fun and lighthearted. Basses, tenors and sopranos are needed. (Sopranos sing melody). PLEASE consider joining alone or with family/friends. You will enjoy the experience. Thank you so very much for any consideration.



**Grade 9 & 10 Students** -Deacon Arthur Miller from the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Black Catholics will be the guest speaker for the Grade 10 Confirmation class on **December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** Deacon Art will talk about efforts to stem the violence plaguing our inner cities and what we can do to help. **Grade 9 students and all parents are invited to attend.**

**Grade 3-4 Reconciliation Service - A special Advent Reconciliation service** is scheduled for all grade 3 and 4 students on **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the church.** Children most readily follow the lead of those whom they know, love and trust. So parents, please mark your calendars and plan to attend with your child. Classes are encouraged to attend as a group.

**Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates** - Jesus offers us daily opportunities to forgive and be forgiven. Most of all He offers us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of growing in grace and love and accepting greater responsibilities in our community of faith, all students are strongly encouraged to attend the **Parish Advent Reconciliation service on December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.**

### Minutes of parish Council Meeting of November 11 continued

**LEAP/DIVE:** 40 participants took part in a recent gathering at Laser Quest. They also viewed the movie "*The Ultimate Gift*" with great discussion following. Upcoming events include: LEAP & DIVE Night later this month; tree trimming at New Horizons on November 30<sup>th</sup>; serving dinner at the Immaculate Conception Church on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Committee:** The financial position of the parish remains sound. Year-to-date income exceeds prior year income. 2008 expenses are higher due to extraordinary repairs.

**Liturgy:** A mass for the deceased of the parish was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Children's Choir will perform at 9:30 a.m. mass on the second Sunday of the month. Children's Christmas Pageant is planned for December. Currently the committee is exploring having children participate as lectors.

**Unionville Day:** The Council's table was well attended. The LEAP/DIVE participants had 150 children stop by for face painting.

**Parish Census:** The committee has been formed and will meet on January 21<sup>st</sup> in the rectory at 7:00 p.m. The census will begin on April 19, 2009.

**Clean-up Campaign:** Father Golas has asked the Parish Council to work with all standing committees to clean up the mezzanine level in the church. Committees are asked to go through their materials and to put worthwhile items in labeled, storage bins and to please discard all the rest. Keeping this area clear and neat is critical in reducing the chance of fire and personal injury.

**Unionville Museum:** The parish will have a decorated Christmas tree in the museum again this year.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on January 27, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

### The Fun Committee

would like to thank all those who participated in this year's annual Christmas Ornament Workshop. The turnout was terrific and a good time was had by all. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that really make this event a success every year. The sharing of your time and talent is truly a blessing to all of us. I would also like to thank St. Nick for taking time out of his busy schedule to pay us a visit, even though he couldn't find the chimney (see Father I knew the building committee forgot something). Thank you everyone! Alan Norris



### GIVING TREE

Tags for various organizations including Town of Farmington residents, Hispanic Health Council, H.O.M.E., Family Life Education, Farmington Fuel Bank, Hospital for Special Care, Tabor House, pediatric aids diapers (unwrapped) and Light One Little Candle have been hung on our Giving Tree by members of the Human Needs Committee. Parishioners may remove the tags and return the gifts **no later than next weekend.** Some of the tags represent a specific gift for someone. If you take a tag, please be certain to provide the item. **If a gift is not returned or returned late, that person's wish will not be met.** If you have any questions, please call Alice Crozier 673-4282.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Farmington Food Pantry. In addition to the nonperishable items, \$1,827 in cash donations was forwarded to the Food Pantry.

St. Mary parish welcomes the following newly registered parishioners:

Audrey Parducci, Avon  
Martina Tiernan, Farmington



## Upcoming Events

St. Ann's, Avon will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, December 7 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. All are invited.

The year of St. Paul will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The Office of Religious Education, the Office of the Diaconate and the Office for Divine Worship are sponsoring a Scripture Workshop on St. Paul's Conversion. Father Frank Matera, Ph.D., a priest of the Archdiocese and a Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic University of America will speak on "St. Paul's Conversion: as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and in his own writings" at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 8:30 – noon. Cost per person is \$10. To register, contact the Office of Religious Education 860 243-9465.