



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>January 10, 2009</b>   |
| 4:30 PM           | Ed Maloy<br>by Jim & Sylvie Doyle                                     |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>January 11, 2009</b>   |
| 7:30 AM           | Barbara Steele<br>by the Steele family                                |
| 9:30 AM           | Rachel McGovern<br>by her family                                      |
| 11:00 AM          | The Lombard family & Steven Kane<br>by the Kane family                |
| <b>Monday,</b>    | <b>January 12, 2009</b>   |
| 7:45 AM           | Theresa & Sister Martene Desjardins<br>by George Sulli                |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | <b>January 13, 2009</b>   |
| 7:45 AM           | Ed Welcome<br>by his wife Judy  |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | <b>January 14, 2009</b>   |
| 7:45 AM           | Nancy L. Smith<br>by Lisa & Mario Solari                              |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | <b>January 15, 2009</b>   |
| 7:45 AM           | Cecilia Jennings  |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | <b>January 16, 2009</b>   |
| 7:45 AM           | Florence Larkin   |
| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>January 17, 2009</b>   |
| 4:30 PM           | Ed Welcome (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)<br>by his family             |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>January 18, 2009</b>   |
| 7:30 AM           | Eileen Woods (10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)<br>by her family          |
| 9:30 AM           | George Wolf (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)<br>by Barbara Wolf & family |
| 11:00 AM          | Anastasia Jakobowski (10 <sup>th</sup><br>anniversary) by her family  |

### Readings for the Week of January 11, 2009

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| Sunday:      | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-38 or<br>1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 |
| Monday:      | Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20  |
| Tuesday:     | Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28   |
| Wednesday:   | Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39  |
| Thursday:    | Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45   |
| Friday:      | Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12   |
| Saturday:    | Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17  |
| Next Sunday: | 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,<br>17-20/Jn 1:35-42                 |

In this difficult economy, Catholic high schools remain a sound financial investment. 100% of Catholic high school students graduate, and 100% go on to pursue higher education. These young people will provide the foundation for the church in years to come. A contribution to the 2009 Catholic High School collection next weekend will be a contribution to the future of our Church. Thank you for your support.

## Calendar

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| 1/12 | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary – Hart House                             |
|      | 7:30 p.m. | Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room                       |
| 1/13 | 7:00 p.m. | Women's Guild Executive Board<br>Mtg. – Gathering Space |

The sanctuary candle will burn this week in memory of:

*Ed Welcome*

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

## *From Fr. Golas,*

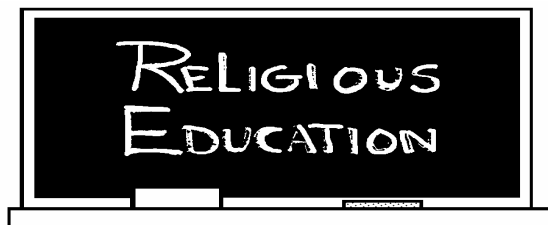
Archbishop Mansell, along with the Bishops of our country, are asking all members of our Catholic faith to sign a postcard, which will be available next weekend, to send to our senators and representatives in Washington voicing our opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). This act will lift the ban on partial birth abortions and would eliminate any of the state's requirement for waiting periods and or parental consent concerning abortions for minors. In addition, there is a concern that religious hospitals would be required to perform abortions. President-elect Obama has promised that FOCA would be the first act as President he would sign into law. The Respect Life Committee of our parish will be providing information regarding this effort to let our position regarding this act be conveyed to our leaders in Washington. I urge our strong support of this effort.

## Men Take Note

Every man who reads this knows that any business that doesn't take inventory and check its priorities from time to time is a company headed for trouble. When was the last time you checked your spiritual inventory and the priorities of the things that really matter? A retreat is the ideal time to do this, so sign up now for St Mary's Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford on Friday, February 27th – March 1st. For more information contact Ray Crozier at 673-4282 or Neil Kelsey at 678-1314. For more information about Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford visit them on line at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or call them at 521-0440 to register.

## Members of the Human Needs Committee

will be selling butter braids next weekend and the following weekend to benefit a local charity. Payment of \$11.00 (check payable to the Human Needs Committee) is required at order placement. Pick up will be Friday, January 30 at the church between 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. All orders not picked up during that time will be donated to a soup kitchen. The pastries are frozen and come in several different fillings. They are tasty and easy to prepare. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Kelly 675-5120.



Carpooling to and from Religious Education classes is both commendable and encouraged. As student safety must be our ever present concern, please inform the catechist if someone other than a parent will be picking up your child.

Please note that storm cancellation information is posted on WFSB and WVIT TV and websites. Cancellation information may also be heard on WTIC 1080.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. The Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, will be the celebrant.

### ***From the Farmington Emergency Fuelbank,***

On behalf of the Farmington Emergency Fuelbank, I would like to thank the members of St. Mary's Church for their very generous contribution of \$1,130.00. Once again your donation arrived at just the right time as we have experienced another substantial increase in the number of calls for help this year over last year. It would not be possible for us to continue to help those in need if it were not for the thoughtful individuals, churches and organizations in town such as yours. We truly appreciate your help.

### **Sponsor Certificates**

We are frequently asked to provide certificates of eligibility for persons asked to be sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation and find there is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding concerning this. A sponsor certification does not mean that the applicant was baptized and/or confirmed at St. Mary parish. It attests that one is a registered member of the parish and a convinced Catholic attempting to live the faith by regular participation at Sunday Eucharist, the Mass, and who witness to our Father by example and practice. A sponsor at baptism and/or confirmation accepts responsibility for an ongoing interest and willingness to assist in the spiritual growth and formation of the person sponsored in the Catholic faith. Therefore, a sponsor at these sacraments must be Catholic. A maid/matron of honor and best man at a wedding are official witnesses to the couple making their marriage vows. One need not be Catholic for this responsibility and no sponsor certificate is required.

### **Keep Us Informed**

Please let us know if you have an address change. Many of you let us know you've moved by updating your address on your weekly envelopes. This is a great way to alert us and keep our census current. Thank you!



## **Upcoming Events**

***Knights of Columbus Valentine's Dance -February 7***  
Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM; Mystery Dinner at 7:00 PM; Dancing 8:00 PM – 12:00. All church members are welcome to join in the festivities. For tickets call Co-Chairman Preston Williams 836-3546 or Norm Lavergne 673-1965. \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. Reservations by January 30, 2009.

Christopher Webber presents "***An American Prayer Book***" sponsored by the Archbishop O'Brien Library at The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary. – Saturday, January 31 - 10:30 a.m. – noon at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. Rev. Webber will talk about prayers for America as a society, prayers that define American history and prayers for national occasions. Please call 860 242-5573 ext. 115 to register. The program is free and all are invited. Refreshments will be served.

### **Secret to Fifty**

A couple was celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Over the years they had raised a brood of 10 children and were blessed with 22 grandchildren. When asked the secret for staying together all that time, the wife replied, "Many years ago we made a promise to each other; the first one to pack up and leave has to take all the kids."

*"A merry heart doeth good." Proverbs 17:22*

### **Request for Tax Information**

If you wish to ensure deductibility of your contributions to the parish, please use a check or your parish envelopes. The parish tracks contributions made through the parish envelope system and will upon request provide a "***Statement of Contributions***" for the year.

If you require a "***Statement of Contributions***" for 2008, please complete and return the following form to the rectory. Forms may be mailed or placed in the weekly collection basket. E-mail requests are acceptable and may be sent to: rectory@stmary-unionville.org. Telephone or expedited requests will not be accepted. Please plan accordingly. Statements will be sent via return mail weekly. Thank you for your cooperation.

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