



Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	January 9, 2010 Special Intention for Deacon Michael Sponzo by Wil & Kathleen Talbot
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	January 10, 2010 John Bitzas by SueAnne & Bill McGrath
9:30 a.m.	Rosemary Witkiewicz by her family
11:00 a.m.	Grace Jarrett by the Mock family
Monday, 7:45 a.m.	January 11, 2010 John Griffin by the Peterson family
Tuesday, 7:45 a.m.	January 12, 2010 Fr. Kenneth Frisbie
Wednesday, 7:45 a.m.	January 13, 2010 Ed Welcome by his wife Judy
Thursday, 7:45 a.m.	January 14, 2010 Grace Jarrett by the Mock family
Friday, 7:45 a.m.	January 15, 2010 George & Amelia Kramer
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.	January 16, 2010 Paul J. Kramer (4 th anniversary) by his family
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	January 17, 2010 Ed Welcome (5 th anniversary) by his family
9:30 a.m.	Rachel McGovern by her family
11:00 a.m.	Michael Zirolli by Don & Linda Powers

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Calendar

1/11	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary – Hart House
	7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary – Hospitality Room
1/12	6:45 p.m.	Women's Guild Exec. Bd. Mtg. Gath. Space
1/16	4:30 p.m.	Mass Adult Choir

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,

I will be away from the parish from January 12 – 22. I will be at Seton Hall University's Winter Institute for Priests at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, Sierra Madre, California and a few days of vacation.

The Focus question for Feast of Epiphany:

The Magi traveled following the light of a star to find the true light of the world. For our focus question: Where do we find the light of Christ in our world and lives?

Religious Education News

Attention Grade 3-5 Parents and Catechists:

The "Grade 3-5 Reconciliation Service" scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. has been re-scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please make the appropriate change to your Religious Education Handbook schedule.

Attention Grade 6-8 Parents and Catechists:

The "Grade 6-8 Reconciliation Service" scheduled for Tuesday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. has been re-scheduled for Monday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Please make the appropriate change to your Religious Education Handbook schedule.

Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates and Parents:

Reminder – Confirmation information forms and documents are due in the Religious Education Office. This information is required and the sacrament cannot be conferred upon the candidate until all is in place.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Monday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. with Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin presiding.

St. Mary's Women's Guild Executive Board will meet on January 12th in the Gathering Space at 6:45 p.m. Please call Betty Faitella at 860-485-0551 if you plan to attend.

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

Lily Anna Jobin

*St. Mary's Men's Retreat Coming Up....**Save the Date*

Wives, mothers, sweethearts! Do you want your husband, son, or fiancé to be a better man in a matter of days? A weekend retreat will do it. Get him to sign up early. The retreat begins on Friday, March 5 at 6:00 pm and ends on Sunday about noon. For more information contact Ray Crozier at 860-995-4799 or Neil Kelsey at 860-678-1314. For more information about Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford visit them on line at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call them at 860-521-0440 to register.

Women of the parish!

Give yourself a weekend! Sign up now for our parish retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington on February 5 – 7. *Drawn into Mystery* is this year's theme. Come away to the quiet. For information call MaryAnn Dubin 860 677-2028 or Sylvie Doyle 860 674-8454.

From the Human Needs Committee:

Thank you for your generous donations to this year's Giving Tree project. \$690 was collected for H.O.M.E. and \$833 for the Farmington Fuel Bank along with many, many gifts to organizations and individuals to help make the holiday brighter for those in need.

Butter braids will be sold next weekend and the weekend of January 23/24 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 29 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 860 675-5120.

Baptism Preparation Program

As you prepare for the birth of your child, please plan to attend the pre-baptism program scheduled to take place this month on **Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory. The date of the baptism can be scheduled after attending the program. Parents must be registered parishioners. For more information and to register, please call the rectory.

Thank you

The combined efforts of the Pro-Life Committees of St. Mary Church and St. Patrick Church, Farmington along with the Knights of Columbus provided the Crisis Pregnancy Center with a check for \$655.00 from the proceeds of the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' buttons. What a great Christmas gift!

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

It is appropriate that the marriage at Cana was the "first sign" where people "saw and believed" God acting in Jesus. In a married couples' loving fidelity we catch a glimpse of God's love for each of us. Marriage is a "sign" leading us to "believe."

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost & Found box in the table in the worship space near the Usher Room for items you may have left behind. Items not reclaimed by the end of each month will be donated.

**Who, What, Where, and When...**

The Church of St. Ann's in Avon welcomes all to participate in the **Pro-Life activities** scheduled to memorialize the 37th Anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. Sunday, January 17, St. Ann's will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. to pray for the end to abortion and a renewed respect for all human life. On the Anniversary, Friday, January 22, St. Ann's will celebrate the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn. A Holy Hour for Life will also be observed from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Joan Gould at St. Ann's, 860 673-9858.

Discover why St. Paul Catholic High School has become the choice for more and more families! Attend their **Open House** at 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol on Sunday, Jan. 24 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please contact Matt Crowley, Director of Admissions, at 860 584-0911 with questions.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center at 303 Tunxis Rd. will sponsor a **day or evening retreat**, *A Contemplative in Action: the Extraordinary Gift of St. Teresa of Avila*, on Jan. 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (same program). The presenter is Sr. Sally Hodgdon, C.S.J. This retreat will explore how St. Teresa's form of contemplative or mystical prayer continues to be viable for us as we seek to deepen our prayer life, become more in touch with our own faith journey, and come to know who we truly are before God. The offering of \$30 includes lunch or dinner. Information is available at 860-521-0440.

**Waiting for something
to turn up?
Begin with your sleeves!**