

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JAN. 12	6:30 + Bill Benzing – Dave Deakin	
	9:00 Tessie Tortosa (<i>Health & Blessings</i>) – Marie Miller	
TUES, JAN. 13	6:30 + John Azzariti – Jim & MaryLou Kelly	
	9:00 + Patrick Buckley – Marie Miller	
WED., JAN. 14	6:30 + For the Souls in Purgatory	
	9:00 + James Callahan – Lawrence Havey	
THU., JAN. 15	6:30 Msgr. Edward B. Karl (<i>Health & Blessings</i>)	
	9:00 + Mary Deep – Sholtes Family	
FRI., JAN. 16	6:30 For the People of St. Mary Parish	Mass Intentions 
	9:00 + Tony Mungoli – Goodman Family	
SAT., JAN. 17	8:00 + Michael Foley – Mary & Bob Legnard	
	5:30 + Edward C. Yunecko, Jr. – Celeste Caprio	
SUN., JAN. 18	7:00 + Gloria Massimo – Louis & Cheryl Massimo	
	8:30 + Loretta Keough – Family	
	10:00 + Peter Clarke – Jack & Madeline Cotsonas	
	11:30 + Gloria Postiglione – Coral & Bill Presti	
	5:30 + Zachary Zowine – Mom & Sisters	



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Joseph William Patten

Walter Jackson

GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$15,331

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*If you, or a family member, are planning a stay at Danbury Hospital,  
please inform the Rectory so a member of the clergy may visit.*

**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**

**Sheila Kurjiaka:** *Bulletin Editor*  
**Kate Fitzgerald:** *Secretary*  
**Paul Orsino:** *Property Manager*  
**Steve DeMarco:** *Parish Council President*  
**Jane Shannon:** *Cemetery Administrator*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557)**

**Mary Ferri:** *Director*  
**Peggy Gavin:** *Secretary*  
**Dennis Nauheimer (RCIA):** 794-9488

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**Mike Macelletti:** *Music Director*  
**Elizabeth Barnes:** *Choir Director*

**ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922)**

**Sister Anne McCarthy:** *Principal*  
**Linda Curry:** *Secretary*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday:** 6:30 & 9:00am  
**Saturday:** 8:00am & 5:30pm  
**Sunday:** 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 11:30-12:00noon; 4:00-5:00pm.

**BAPTISMS:** *Every Sunday at 1:00pm.*  
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES:** *Twice a Month.*  
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

**ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE:**

*Couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.*

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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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*Christmas was great, thanks to all of you! My special thanks goes out to those who helped us decorate especially Paul Orsino, MaryBeth Zarecki, Dean Catalano, Joe Magrino, and, of course, Hollandia Nursery. The beautiful plants that Hollandia saved for us brought beauty, and, hopefully, warm memories of Christmas 2008. Of course, I must thank Mike Macelleti, Elizabeth Barnes, for the Adult and Children's Choir, Debbie and Tony Caralaluzzi and the Contemporary Choir for all the carols and music that make Christmas Christmas. I would also like to thank the Cantors, Ushers, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers for their participation in our liturgies. I hope your Christmas celebration was one of your best.*

*And maybe this is getting a bit repetitive, but it really is worth repeating. I don't think any of you realize how much you did to make Christmas a special, memorable and happy time for so many young people. I have been told that kids who really have not felt appreciated before, felt truly loved and appreciated because of your generosity and thoughtfulness. One little girl couldn't stop hugging the chalkboard she receive and kept saying over and over: "Now I can practice being a teacher!" Another young boy only wanted a McDonalds Gift certificate. He received his wish, but instead of going and filling up on Big Mac's or Happy Meals, this young man took his mom out to dinner. Amazing, isn't it? And, Scripture says in Isaiah: "and a little child will lead them". Some just looked in amazement that others would think of them; "These people don't even know us, and they did this for us". They were truly amazed!*

*The Dorothy Day Santa Workshop 2008 was by all accounts the smoothest year and greatest turnout by far ever. The workshop was jammed with toys. In the end we just about cleaned the place out, with approximately 500 children receiving the best toys they could ever expect. In addition to more than 60 bicycles, more than 50 personal DVD players, 80 bicycle helmets, a complete X Box System, and literally thousands of beautifully thought out toys, games and puzzles, probably at least 1,000 stuffed animals, there were probably more than 100 volunteers (at least 60 on-site) who helped out with every phase of the project. Some of these gifts were 'big ticket' items, the very top of kid's wish list, so far out of reach of even the possibility seemed like a dream. My dear friends, you made it all happen. I pray that each and every one of you puts his head on the pillow tonight and for many nights to come knowing you truly are the hands of Christ here and now. The Good News of the New Born King was put into action because of you, and what wonderful sleep that can bring. Deacon Oles did tremendous work and embodied the selfless giving of time, talent and treasure for the children of our area. Many people had delicious dinners because as Scripture says: "I was hungry, and you gave me to eat". "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to ME". It's not just giving toys and bikes and stuffed animals that makes this truly Christianity in action, it's that time and time again the People of St. Mary Parish see a need and never hesitate for a moment to reach out with the love of Christ. I cannot thank you enough, but I know that you will reap a harvest for the good seeds you have sown.*

*Catholic Schools Week is coming the end of January. Besides the many celebratory activities of our Blue Ribbon Winning School (once again, the only winner in our Diocese) there will be two special celebrations coming up. The first, Bishop Lori will be visiting our school with Superintendent Margaret Dames (we don't know the time or date yet, but I will let you know), and the second is the presentation of the St. Augustine award for academic success. This year's winner from our school is 8<sup>th</sup> grader Allison Kallberg. We congratulate Allison for all her hard work and enthusiasm. At the same time I would like to congratulate all of our students. We are proud of all of you! You make St. Mary's School what it is. (Of course we have the best Principal, teachers, staff, and parents that I know!)*

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## *Fr. Corey's Comments (Cont'd.)*

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*The results are in. The first Mass of the day will remain at 6:30am. 5 votes determined the outcome. The second place choice was 7:30am. So, we shall continue with Masses each weekday at 6:30 and 9:00am. I would continue to encourage attendance at these Masses. As long as there are worshippers we can continue to offer the Masses at these times. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to vote.*

*A spiritual 'heads-up'...During this coming Lent, Friar Michael Lasky, the chaplain at Western Connecticut State University will be offering our Parish Mission on March 23, 24 and 25. I don't know if you have heard Fr. Lasky, but he is a great speaker, a great guy and a holy priest. Working with college age kids, you know he has got to be interesting and is able to share the faith that is relevant, interesting and at the same time totally orthodox and faithful to Church teaching. I am so happy that Father Lasky has agreed, and I am so very sure you are going to love his talks. Start talking about it to your families and with your friends now. I really encourage you to bring your young people and especially invite folks who may not attend Church all that regularly. I know this is going to be an inspiring spiritual experience for everyone who attends. Put it on your calendars now and bring a family member and a friend.*

*And, speaking of our spiritual lives, we do have the Men's Parish Retreat coming up in Lent at the Holy Family Retreat Center. The guys that go on the retreat end up loving the experience. There is often a fear of going on something new, or of not being "holy" enough for a retreat. But listen, these are normal guys who have a good time and experience God in a new and heartfelt way. And...we are adding a Women's Parish Retreat this year. It is going to be held in April on Palm Sunday weekend (4/03-05), and it will be close by at the Holy Family of Nazareth Center on Route 111 in Monroe. The Sisters of the Holy Family have their Mother House there. I sometimes say Mass for them, and they are a great group of Sisters. It promises to be an enriching experience. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks.*

*You know the old adage... the family that prays together stays together. How true that statement is. Well, there is another statement that is equally true: the family that plays together stays together. Prayer is important but as a community we also need to enjoy each other's company. We started with the most successful Anniversary Mass and Dinner Dance. The next item we would like to offer is a trip to Mohegan Sun. That is always a lot of fun, especially if you win. Now please don't think that we are just going to offer 'gambling' things. We have some other oars in the water and before Spring is over I hope to have two other adventures planned.*

*As more than 130 countries celebrate the International Year of Astronomy, the Vatican also turned its gaze toward the heavens. The year, which began Jan. 1, was established by the United Nations to coincide with the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first use of the telescope to observe the cosmos. The Vatican also is celebrating the star-studded jubilee year, as the Vatican Museums, the Vatican Observatory and other Vatican offices participate in several special initiatives. (I would love to go see the exhibits in Rome if anybody is going, and they need a chaplain to go with them.) In late December, Pope Benedict XVI rang in the year of astronomy early by sending his greetings to those participating in the yearlong celebration. The Pope repeatedly has praised Galileo, calling him a man of faith who "saw nature as a book written by God". The Pope also has said the discoveries of science and astronomy can help people better appreciate the wonders of God's creation.*

*I guess this year's theme song can be: "Hey there, you with the stars in your eyes", or "Moon River", or "Don't let the sun go down on me". Ok, ok, I will stop.*



**ST. MARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers for a **MARDI GRAS SOCK HOP, SAT., FEB. 21<sup>st</sup>**, which will feature music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. If you would like to work on the committee, please call **Deacon John** after 7:00pm (744-2106).

**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB** – **January Book:** “*My Life with the Saints*”, by **James Martin, S.J.** Please join **Deacon John** in the **Childrens’ Room** at **7:30pm**, on **TUES., JAN. 27<sup>th</sup>**, for discussion.



**February Book:** *The Lamb’s Supper “The Mass as Heaven on Earth”*, by **Scott Hahn** for **TUES., FEB. 24<sup>th</sup>**.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**  
**MON., JAN. 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **8:15pm**, in the **Parish Hall**.

The **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic men’s fraternal society dedicated service. If you are 18 or older and are interested in joining, please visit <http://pavia48.tripod.com/> or call **Paul DiMarzio** (778-2840) for more info.

The **St. Mary Parish Photo Contest**, sponsored by the K of C, will be accepting photo submissions this weekend, **JAN. 11<sup>th</sup>**, and next, **JAN. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Final entries are due by **JAN. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit your entries to a contest representative in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses.



The mission of our new **CARITAS PROGRAM**, is to reach out to members of the St. Mary Parish community to offer physical, spiritual and emotional support. We hope to support anyone in need with a ride, a visit to the homebound, a meal for a family, an extra set of hands for a family with a newborn, or whatever it is that one may need. If you are in need, please call the **Rectory** (744-5777).

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**, winner of the 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award, will host an **OPEN HOUSE** for new students on **WED., JAN. 14<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00-8:00pm**, and again on **SUN., JAN. 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **11:30am-1:30pm**.

There will also be an **OPEN HOUSE** exclusively for area **Realtors** on **TUES., JAN. 13<sup>th</sup>**, from **12:30-1:30pm**. For more information please call the School (744-2922).

In conjunction with Missoula Children’s Theatre, St. Mary School will be putting on a production of **Hansel and Gretel** on **SAT., FEB. 7<sup>th</sup>**. We are in need of a pianist to work with the students after school from **WED., FEB. 4<sup>th</sup>**, until the show on the 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please call **Carolyn Schlichtig** (792-2432).

Purchase a **TUITION RAFFLE** ticket for your chance to win free tuition for one student during the **2009-10 School Year at St. Mary School**. Tuition value is \$4,500. Tickets are \$75 each. Buy for a specific family or make a donation and have a family picked at random. Help support St. Mary School. **Drawing** will be held on **WED., JAN. 28<sup>th</sup>**, at **11:00am**, during Catholic Schools Week. For more information call **Kathleen Banks** (948-7928).

**EARLY DISMISSAL: FRI., JAN. 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am**, Professional Development Day.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Please consider physically showing our new political leaders how important life is to you and your country by joining in the **March for Life** in **Washington, DC** on **THUR., JAN. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are interested in St. Mary’s bus transportation, please call **Dave Whitmore** (203 778-1752) or email: [dwhitmore@snet.net](mailto:dwhitmore@snet.net).



**Immaculate High School ENTRANCE EXAM** is scheduled for **SAT., JAN. 24<sup>th</sup>**. To register call **Michael Bonelli**, Dir. of Admissions (744-1510, Ext. 157); email: [mbonelli@immaculatehs.org](mailto:mbonelli@immaculatehs.org).

# odds"n"ends



**MARRIED COUPLES** – Worn out from the Holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blahs? How about a special weekend, for just the two of you? Register for a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** from **FRI., JAN. 16<sup>th</sup> – SUN., JAN. 18<sup>th</sup>**. For more info please contact **Joe & Jane Staszowski** (860 644-7260) or email: **meweekend@gmail.com**.

**RETROUVAILLE OF CT.** – If your marriage has become troubled, unloving or uncaring, and if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again, then the **Retrouvaille program** can help you. The next weekend: **FRI., JAN. 23 – SUN., JAN. 25**. For more info. call us (1-800-470-2230) or e-mail (**3001@retrouvaille.org**).



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**  
If you are suffering from the emotional pain of an abortion, whether it happened recently or forty years ago, come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during our private weekend retreat from **JAN. 23<sup>rd</sup> – JAN. 25<sup>th</sup>**. The retreat will combine spiritual meditations, discussions, Confession, Memorial Service and Mass. For more info. **www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com** or e-mail: **Jeremiah31v17@aol.com**.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DONATED TOWARDS FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR FOR CHRISTMAS**

### **IN MEMORY OF**

*Mary Deakin*

*Dave Deakin*

*Christopher Urban*

*Urban Family*

*Daniel W. Vecchia*

*Daniel W. Vecchia, Jr.*

*Phoebe Ann Vecchia*

*Deceased Members of the DeAngelo Family*

*Edith Jaccarino*

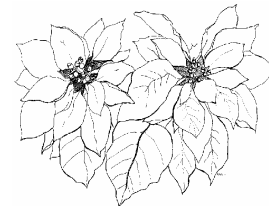
*Deceased Parents & Granddaughter, Ashley*

*Rosalie & Paul DeMarco*

*Deceased Members of the Leo P. Kelly and*

*Frank E. Hurgin Families*

*Leonard & Dorothy Hurgin*



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## **Winter Fun**

