
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JAN. 19	6:30	NO MASS
	9:00	+ Hugh Lee – Mary Ellen Lee
TUES, JAN. 20	6:30	+ Bruno Timpano – Anna & Felix Bonacci
	9:00	+ Sue Valenta – Eileen Freebairn
WED., JAN. 21	6:30	For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00	+ All the Souls in Purgatory – Falguera Family
THU., JAN. 22	6:30	Protection of Unborn Life
	9:00	+ Harold Dunleavy – Family
FRI., JAN. 23	6:30	Msgr. Edward B. Karl (<i>Health & Blessings</i>)
	9:00	+ Souls in Purgatory – Claudia Rodriguez
SAT., JAN. 24	8:00	+ Robert Sitler, Jr. – Mary Wagher
	5:30	+ Joan Baldaserini – Dee & Tom Braun
SUN., JAN. 25	7:00	+ Patricia Fair – Karen & Bob Zimmerman
	8:30	+ Catherine Falvey – Family
	10:00	+ Rhoda Ann Attridge – Coral & Bill Presti
	11:30	+ Bud Walsh – Family
	5:30	+ John Fitzmaurice – McDonald Family

Mass Intentions



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Kaden Michael Dohoney

Eli Darryl Van Vliet

Next weekend, JAN. 24th & JAN. 25th,
Second collection for the Church in Latin America.



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$11,638

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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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➤ *I was asked recently: "How come the Eucharistic Ministers don't go to the Tabernacle at Mass to get the Eucharist anymore?". Directives that came from the Vatican state that only clergy may retrieve or reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. The directives also say that during the Mass the priest should never leave the altar (except during funerals). So, we are just following the rules. We just have to learn to be in two places at once...staying at the altar and at the same time going to the Tabernacle to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar.*

➤ *I would like to share with you two recent deaths that have had a profound impact on the Church. Cardinal Avery Dulles, 90, a former professor at Catholic University who was born into a family of elite Protestant diplomats and became one of the country's most prominent Catholic theologians, died Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at an infirmary at Fordham University in New York. Stricken with polio when young, he had post-polio syndrome, which led to progressive muscular and pulmonary deterioration.*

*Cardinal Dulles, who was appointed to the College of Cardinals in 2001 by Pope John Paul II, was the first academic to be named to the Catholic Church's highest advisory council, as well as the first who had never served as a bishop.*

*Cardinal Dulles, a very tall and thin figure, was known for his unusual spiritual journey and came to be considered a calm statesman of Catholicism during a time of great turmoil.*

*Through more than 20 books and 800 articles, he articulated a conservative if tolerant case for Catholicism and the church's positions on contraception, sexuality, the role of women and clergy sex abuse. He served as a bridge between the Vatican and the more liberal American Catholic dissidents after the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s. He was the son of former secretary of state John Foster Dulles, who served under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. His uncle, Allen Dulles, was CIA director from 1953 to 1961.*

*Cardinal Dulles wrote and spoke often of his conversion to Catholicism, a faith still looked at skeptically by many Protestants in 1940, when he joined the church. Among the skeptics was his father, who was initially embarrassed about his son's religious path but later reconciled with him. Avery Robert Dulles was born Aug. 24, 1918, in Auburn, N.Y., and grew up in a patrician Presbyterian family. His grandfather was a Presbyterian minister, and a great-grandfather and great-uncle had both served as secretaries of state.*

*Cardinal Dulles, who wrote about his spiritual journey in his autobiographical "A Testimonial to Grace" (1946), considered himself an agnostic when he entered Harvard College in the 1930s. He was drawn to Catholicism by his readings of the poet Dante Alighieri and the Catholic philosopher Saint Thomas Aquinas. The concept of objective moral standards appealed to him, but his spiritual quest was crystallized during a walk in Cambridge, Mass., when he looked at nature and began to see a governing purpose to the world.*

*"It was a matter of becoming aware of this reality behind everything that existed," he said in a 2001 interview in the New York Times Magazine. "That evening when I got back to my room, I think I prayed for the first time."*

*After graduating from Harvard in 1940, he served in the Navy during World War II and attended Harvard Law School for a few semesters before entering the Society of Jesus in 1946. He was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1956.*

*He received a doctorate in theology in 1960 from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and taught at Woodstock College, a now-closed seminary in Maryland, from 1960 to 1974. He was a theology professor at Catholic University from 1974 to 1988. He wrote and lectured on many topics relating to Catholicism, with a specialty in ecclesiology, or the mission of the church in the world. Through his teaching and writing, Cardinal Dulles became "the United States" preeminent theologian".*

*After retiring from Catholic University, Cardinal Dulles joined the faculty at Fordham University, where he taught until last year. He served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the American Theological Society in the 1970s and was also a member of the International Theological Commission, the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue and a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine. He had no immediate survivors.*

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

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*Then Father Richard Neuhaus died this week. This obituary is in the words of his close friend. From "First Things", Joseph Bottum:*

*"Our great, good friend is gone. Father Richard John Neuhaus slipped away on January 8<sup>th</sup> shortly before 10 o'clock, at the age of seventy-two. He never recovered from the weakness that sent him to the hospital the day after Christmas, caused by a series of side effects from the cancer he was suffering. He lost consciousness Tuesday evening after a collapse in his heart rate, and the next day, in the company of friends, he died. My tears are not for him—for he knew, all his life, that his Redeemer lives, and he has now been gathered by the Lord in whom he trusted. I weep, rather for all the rest of us. As a priest, as a writer, as a public leader in so many struggles, and as a friend, no one can take his place. The fabric of life has been torn by his death, and it will not be repaired, for those of us who knew him, until that time when everything is mended and all our tears are wiped away. Memory eternal... may he rest in peace."*

*Richard John Neuhaus was born May 14, 1936, in Pembroke, Ontario. He was one of eight children, and his father was a Lutheran minister. Neuhaus himself was ordained a minister around 1960. Later, he moved to the United States where he became a naturalized citizen. In 1990, Neuhaus founded First Things, a journal published by the Institute on Religion and Public Life. He was received into the Catholic Church on Sept. 8, 1990. A year later Cardinal John O'Connor (1920-2000), then archbishop of New York, ordained him as a priest. Father Neuhaus authored several books, including "The Naked Public Square: Religion and Democracy in America" (1984), "The Catholic Moment: The Paradox of the Church in the Postmodern World" (1987), and "Catholic Matters: Confusion, Controversy, and the Splendor of Truth" (2006). Condolences have come from all parts of the world, from Presidents and leaders of governments to teachers and preacher and the person in the pew.*

*God rests these two men who worked tirelessly for the Lord and the Church.*

➤ *Thank you to Dr. Donna M. Boylan of Boylan Chiropractic for sponsoring our Art Calendars again this year. Dr. Boylan, your generosity helps us all to keep a Catholic reminder in our homes.*

➤ *Finally, let me share with you a bit about confessions. Our 4 to 5pm Saturday confessions are always a busy and popular event. Perhaps it is a good time for people to celebrate the Sacrament. On the other hand the 11:30am – 12:00 noontime slot is a very lonely time for us priests. Perhaps it is the weather or simply not a good time. (Often the confessions are postponed because of weddings and funerals.) So, beginning February 1 we shall discontinue the 11:30 to noon Confessions at least for the cold months. Emergency confessions are always available.*

➤ *Ladies, do you ever feel life is wearing you down, and your spiritual "gas tank" is running on empty? It's not unusual to experience "dry spells" in our spiritual life. One way to deal with or prevent these dry spells is a retreat. To retreat is to pull back to a place of safety, away from something that poses a threat or danger to our physical well-being. Sometimes in life, we need to pull back from those everyday experiences that pose a threat or danger to our spiritual well-being as well. In other words, we need to retreat: to withdraw to a place of "safety" so we can regroup and prepare to once again head to the front lines of life.*

*Spiritual Retreats are nothing new. Buddhists and Hindus have practiced retreats for thousands of years. Christians take our lead from Jesus who himself retreated to the desert for 40 days nights before beginning his public ministry. In general, retreats include presentations by a retreat leader who offers guidance in prayer, periods of silence for reflection, and communal prayer. A retreat is basically a time of quiet reflection when you can get away from the demands of everyday living in order to get a better perspective on your life in relation to God.*

*A retreat... is it for me? If you...*

*need to deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and His Church; need to reestablish peace in your; need to discover new ways to deal with tensions in your life; need to discover new ways to deal with tensions in your life; need to rediscover Christian Traditions in your life; need refreshment for mind, body and soul.*

*Then, YES, a retreat is what you need. Won't you join us at the Holy Family of Nazareth Center on Route 111, in Monroe, on APR. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> to reenergize your body and soul?*

# JANUARY

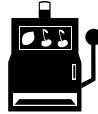


The purpose of the Social Committee is to plan events to bring the parishioners of St. Mary's together as a community in a fun and inviting atmosphere. This is a new committee, so new and exciting ideas are welcome. Anyone interested in joining this committee, please email Jeanne: jgall@snet.net or call (744-7600).



**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).

Also, we are conducting a day trip to **MOHEGAN SUN** on *President's Day*, **MON., FEB. 16**. We will have 6 hours at the Casino. Cost is \$25 per person. Mohegan is offering a \$30 coupon - \$15 for food and \$15 free bet. The bus will leave St. Mary Parking Lot at **9:30am** and leave Mohegan Sun at **5:30pm** and arrive back at St. Mary around **7:30pm**. Next week's bulletin will have reservation information.



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB** – **January Book:** *“My Life with the Saints”*, by **James Martin, S.J.** Please join **Deacon John** in the **Children's 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 **2/24**.

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS:  
WEEK OF DELIVERIES**



**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** will go skating today, **SUN., JAN. 18<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:30-4:30pm**, at **Danbury Ice Arena**. Drop off and pickup are at the Arena. Required permission/liability forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or at our website. Cost: \$4.50 for admission and \$4.00 for skate rental.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**MON., JAN. 26<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.

### **KofC St. Mary Parish Photo Contest**

This weekend, **JAN. 17/18<sup>th</sup>**, is the last weekend for photo submissions. Please submit your entries to a contest representative in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses.



### **2009 FREE THROW LOCAL COMPETITION**



The **Knights of Columbus** would like to invite all boys and girls ages 10-14 to participate in our **Free Throw Contest** on **SAT., JAN. 24<sup>th</sup>**, in the **School Gym**. **Registration at 12:30pm; competition at 1:00pm.**

**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).



**RETRouvaille OF CT.** – If your marriage is troubled, or you are 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](mailto:3001@retrouvaille.org)).



Martin Luther King, Jr.

**THE RECTORY**

**IS CLOSED ON**

**MON., JAN. 19**

# SCHOOL DAYS

**NO SCHOOL – MON., JAN. 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



## **PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2009-2010**



Registration for 3 and 4 year olds will be in the Gym on **SUN., JAN. 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:30-11:30am.** A child entering the 3 or 4 year old program must be **3 or 4** by **Dec. 31, 2009.** To register please bring a **copy** of child's birth and baptism certificates, immunization records, and registration fee of \$100 for new families, \$75 for existing SMS families. For more information, call the **School** (744-2922).

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

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.** For more information please call **Kathleen Banks** (948-7928).

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL PASTA DINNER**

**FRI., JAN. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5:30-8:00pm, School Gym**

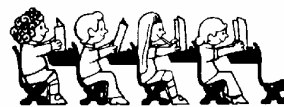
**Ziti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread,  
Dessert and Drinks**

Adults: \$8;  
Children 5 – 12: \$5;  
Family Max: \$30.



**(For information call: 798-0109.)**

## Catholic Schools Week



**JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> – JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**“Celebrate Service”**

### **SUN., JAN. 25<sup>th</sup> – OPEN HOUSE**

9:30-11:30 Pre-school Registration  
11:30- 1:30 Open House for all  
Prospective Students

### **MON., JAN. 26<sup>th</sup> – GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**

9:00-10:20 Classroom Visits  
10:40 Musical Performance  
“Blue Review”  
11:30 Lunch for Grandparents

### **TUE., JAN. 27<sup>th</sup> – STUDENT APPRECIATION**

7:45 Pancake Breakfast for  
Students

### **WED., JAN. 28<sup>th</sup> – PARENT OPEN HOUSE**

9:00-10:20 Classroom Visits  
10:00-10:40 Musical Performance  
“Blue Review”  
11:00 Tuition Raffle Drawing

### **THU., JAN. 29<sup>th</sup> – BRAIN SHOW MANIA**

12:00 K – 4  
1:00 5 – 8

### **FRI., JAN. 30<sup>th</sup> – TEACHER APPRECIATION**

9:00 School Liturgy  
11:25 Teacher Luncheon  
11:45-1:15 Bishop Lori visits  
Visit from Bishop Lori

### **SAT., JAN. 31<sup>st</sup> – SOUND TIGER’S GAME**

7:00pm Harbor Yard Arena