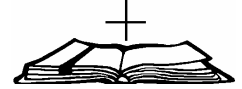


**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MON., JAN. 26</b>	6:30	+	Dorothy Considine ( <i>4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Daughter
	9:00	+	Patrick Buckley – Friend
<b>TUES, JAN. 27</b>	6:30	+	John Rubino – School Sisters of Notre Dame
	9:00	+	Benoit Nadeau ( <i>10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Heisler Family
<b>WED., JAN. 28</b>	6:30		For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00	+	Albino & Jenny – Falguera Family
<b>THU., JAN. 29</b>	6:30	+	For the Souls in Purgatory
	9:00	+	Gloria Dietter ( <i>7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Children
<b>FRI., JAN. 30</b>	6:30		Msgr. Edward B. Karl ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> )
	9:00	+	Helen Minck – Tom & Debbie Burke
<b>SAT., JAN. 31</b>	8:00	+	Alice McShane – Brendan Duffy
	5:30	+	Paul Morton – School Sisters of Notre Dame
<b>SUN., FEB. 1</b>	7:00	+	Charles McCollam, Sr. – Family
	8:30	+	Madelyn Glander – Ro, Barb & Julie
	10:00	+	Peter Clarke – St. Mary Home School Assn.
	11:30	+	Maria Eduardo – Evelyn Pica
	5:30	+	Kellianne Gartland – Family

Mass Intentions



*This weekend, JAN. 24<sup>th</sup> & JAN. 25<sup>th</sup>,*  
**Second collection for the Church in Latin America.**

**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$11,622**

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*Beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> the 11:30-12:00 Confession session will be eliminated.  
 Emergency confessions are always available.*

**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**  
 Sheila Kurjiaka: *Bulletin Editor*  
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 Paul Orsino: *Property Manager*  
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**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: 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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*You may have noticed that the slate in the vestibule of the Church is looking a little different. There is repair and maintenance going on that is necessary and somewhat urgent. When the Church was built the slate in the vestibule was placed on inches of sand. Anyone who watches Days of Our Lives (honestly, I don't... as a teenager my whole senior class did watch General Hospital) knows that sand moves as it does in an hourglass. When the sand moves, the grout in between the slate moves or disappears. So, in order to protect the slate and prevent anyone from getting hurt by rising and moving slate, we have to re-grout the vestibule floor. After the floor is finished it will be "re-sealed" to protect it. The cost of the project is about \$6,000.00.*

*Thank God (and knock on wood) the first coat of "roof stuff" that was applied to the convent roof is working very well. When the weather gets above 40 degrees a second coat will be applied, and, hopefully, that will mean no leaks. Does anyone know the patron saint of roofs? If you do, keep asking his or her intercession because it is working.*

*When I was working as Assistant Principal I was just like the kids. I loved snow because snow meant snow days!!! Now that I am pastor, I am not so thrilled with snow. It keeps people away from Mass; it makes things dangerous; and IT HAS TO BE REMOVED. Now, if the good Lord would give us 60 degree temperatures the day after it snowed, you certainly would get no complaints from me... But He doesn't. I just wanted to share with you that since the beginning of the snow season we have spent over \$10,000.00 in December (to a couple of different companies that do different parts of the job) to get rid of the beautiful white stuff. Once again, if you know the patron saint of snow, please ask him or her to STOP!!! And if you have a couple extra nickels that you would like to share for snow removal on the Church property, it would be most welcomed.*

*We truly are experiencing a New England Winter. With that in mind I want to share with all of you the rules for 'MASS DURING SNOW'. Mass is NEVER cancelled. We live here, and even if we didn't Mass is celebrated no matter what. The Bishop however may dispense or lift the obligation to attend Mass for reasons of weather. (I think the last time that happened was in the 90's.) If obligation to attend Mass is lifted, you will hear about it on the radio or see it on television. Now, the Good Lord also wants us to be practical; if weather makes it impossible to get to Mass, if it is dangerous for you and your family, no sin is incurred by missing Mass. The same is true if you are sick or in the hospital; the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed. Just so you know, we are always here if you can come, but be practical and safe.*

*This is not a political statement one way or another. On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama will take the oath of office for the Presidency of the United States. President Obama is the 44th President of our Country and his election is an historic event for us as a nation and introduces a new era for our Country. President George Bush calls Barack Obama's inauguration a "moment of hope and pride for our whole nation". Let us keep President Obama in our prayers for his safety and that he be guided in all his actions that all in our nation will be able to live in security and peace. May all of our citizens be able to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We pray especially that all in government may appreciate and promote a culture of life and that all may hold in their hearts a true understanding and take action to assure a respect for life in all its forms...both born and unborn. May the issues of peace, homelessness, education, justice and safety be important issues for all of us. We pray that our nation may be a beacon of hope, and we share our time, talent and treasure with the entire world. Let us pray that we do not forget our neighbors and that we remember we are all brothers and sisters.*

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

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*On January 22 we remembered with sadness the Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade that allows abortion in our country. We continue to pray that people will choose life instead of abortion and that we as a people continue to reach out to help those who are faced with this life-changing decision. It must be a most difficult position for a woman and man to be in, and our support, help and prayers can help to change the world. I offer this prayer to be said for a change of hearts and minds.*

*Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us.*

*Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.*

*Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, I and all people will reverence, protect, and promote all life and that we will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled, and the elderly. I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love, and courage.*

*Living God, I praise and glorify you as Father, Source of all life, as Son, Savior of our lives, and as Spirit, Sanctifier of our lives. Amen.*

*Please look at the back page of the bulletin and see the many advertisers that help pay for our weekly bulletin. Use them for as many needs as you can. By those businesses helping us, visiting their shops and using their services help them. If you have a business and would like to advertise in the bulletin, please give me a call at the rectory. We do need more sponsors and in these difficult economic times, the more exposure for your business, the better.*

*A generous donor has given to our Parish a number of subscriptions to the Word Among Us. These spiritual enriching books are in the back of the Church in the racks for the taking at no charge. We have been given a year enrollment so feel free to help yourself to this wonderful spiritual reading. Thank you also to our generous benefactor.*

*During this new year it would be wonderful to find out about how big and inclusive our Catholic Church is. In the greater Danbury area, different traditions of the Catholic Church are lived and expressed in our own back yard. The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of one Catholic Church and twenty-two Eastern and Western churches within it. The three elements that make all these Churches Catholic are:*

*1. One Faith Handed down By the Apostles, (All have the same Creed); 2. Seven Mysteries, (All have the same Sacraments); 3. Unity with the Shepherd/Bishop of Rome, (All under the Holy Father, the Pope). Many people, when speaking of the Catholic Church, are referring to the Roman or Latin Rite of the Western branch of the Catholic Church. However, the Church is not the same as a rite. Within the Catholic Church there are twenty-two autonomous churches which evolved from Jerusalem and developed through one of the six major centers of Christianity call Patriarchates. Autonomous Churches Have Unique Elements. Each of the twenty-two Catholic Churches has four elements that make them unique Catholic traditions. These include: 1. Liturgy – the public prayer life and activity for accomplishing God's work of divinization; 2. Theology – the study of the relationship between God and human beings in human language; 3. Spirituality – the way of life expressed in words and deeds reflecting awareness of God; 4. Law – the guidelines for good order in church life and harmony among its members. The three Eastern Rite Churches in Danbury are: St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, Granville Avenue; St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Pembroke Rd; and St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church, Clapboard Ridge Rd. You may fulfill your Sunday obligation by attending Sunday Liturgy at any of these Churches. I invite you to make a visit and experience the different traditions of the Catholic Church.*



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).



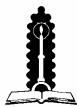
**ST. MARY SOCIAL COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers for a **MARDI GRAS SOCK HOP, SAT., FEB. 21<sup>st</sup>**, which will feature music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. If you would like to work on the committee, please call Deacon John after 7:00pm (744-2106).

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.



**COFFEE & ...** will be served after the **07:00 Mass** on **SUN., FEB. 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS**  
**WED., FEB. 4<sup>th</sup>**: *Our turn to Cook.*



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be on **FRI., FEB. 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

**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**, this **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**.

**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.



**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS:**  
There will be a **training session** on **FRI., FEB. 13<sup>th</sup>**, from **3:00-5:00pm**. This is also an opportunity for those who wish to be altar servers to be trained in serving at Mass. For more information please call **Fr. Cyrus** (744-5777) or email: **frcyrus@comcast.net**.

**FAST & PRAYER GROUP FOR LENT**



There will be a meeting after the 8:00am Mass on **SAT., FEB. 21<sup>st</sup>**, for a presentation on fasting and prayer followed by a question and answer period. Coffee and donuts will be served. Any questions, please call **Deacon John** (744-2106) after 7pm.



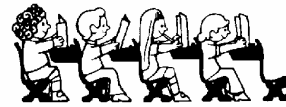
**WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Do you ever feel life is wearing you down, and your spiritual “gas tank” is running on empty? It's not unusual to experience “dry spells” in our spiritual life. One way to deal with or prevent these dry spells is a retreat. To retreat is to pull back to a place of safety, away from something that poses a threat or danger to our physical well-being. Sometimes, we need to pull back from those everyday experiences that pose a threat to our spiritual well-being. We need to retreat: to withdraw to a place of “safety” so we can regroup. So, join us at the **Holy Family of Nazareth Center**, in Monroe, on **APR. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, please call **Deacon John** (744-2106) after 7pm.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our **Prayer Line**. Our team leaders are **Mary Walsh** (798-1237) and **Colleen Santaniello** (792-0009).





Catholic Schools Week



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

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2009-2010



Registration for 3 and 4 year olds will be on SUN., JAN. 25th, from 9:30-11:30am, and on MON., FEB. 2nd, and WED., FEB. 4th, from 9:00-11:00am, in the Gym. 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, please call the School (744-2922).

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. 28th, at 11:00am. For more information please call Kathleen Banks (948-7928).

On SAT., FEB. 7th, Missoula Childrens Theatre will present Hansel and Gretel at 3:00pm, in the School Gym.



The six-year-old girl and her four-year-old brother were sitting together at Mass. The boy couldn't keep quiet. He giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk at Mass." "Why, who is going to stop me?" the boy asked. She pointed to the back of the Church and said, "See those men standing by the door? They're hushers."

JANUARY 25th - JANUARY 31st "Celebrate Service"

SUN., JAN. 25th - OPEN HOUSE

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

MON., JAN. 26th - GRANDPARENTS' DAY

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

TUE., JAN. 27th - STUDENT APPRECIATION

7:45 Pancake Breakfast for Students

WED., JAN. 28th - PARENT OPEN HOUSE

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

THU., JAN. 29th - BRAIN SHOW MANIA

12:00 K - 4
1:00 5 - 8

FRI., JAN. 30th - TEACHER APPRECIATION

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

SAT., JAN. 31st - SOUND TIGER'S GAME

7:00pm Harbor Yard Arena