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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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<b>MON., MAR. 2</b>	6:30	For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00	+ Bridget & William Weinmann – Daughter
<b>TUES, MAR. 3</b>	6:30	+ For the Souls in Purgatory
	9:00	+ John Rubino – Eileen Freebairn & Family
<b>WED., MAR. 4</b>	6:30	Msgr. Edward B. Karl (Health & Blessings)
	9:00	+ Special Intention
<b>THU., MAR. 5</b>	6:30	For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00	+ Thomas Fitzgibbons – McDonald Family
<b>FRI., MAR. 6</b>	6:30	+ For the Souls in Purgatory
	9:00	Bill Shannon ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Marie Miller
<b>SAT., MAR. 7</b>	8:00	+ Alice McShane ( <i>13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Brendan Duffy
	5:30	+ Paul Morton – Stevens Family
<b>SUN., MAR. 8</b>	7:00	+ Connie Loiacono – Bridget & Art Cuomo
	8:30	+ Debbie Quinn – Schettler Family
	10:00	+ Peter & Wilhelmina Suchodolski – Family
	11:30	+ Hugh Lee – Mary Ellen Lee
	5:30	+ Kellianne Gartland – Family



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### 2010 MASS BOOK WILL BE OPEN ON MARCH 2, 2009.



**HEAR YE,  
HEAR YE.**

You may reserve your Masses for 2009 and 2010 by stopping by the Rectory Monday through Friday, from 9:00am-4:00pm. Masses booked this March for weekends in 2010 will be limited to four per customer. You may book as many weekday Masses as you like. More weekend Masses may be booked after April.

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I – Michael Connor & Courtney Mason



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### WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Dante Luigi Cuneo*

*Giselle Rose Parisi*

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#### 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*  
Debbie Caraluzzi: *Contemp. Group 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: 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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➤ *Interesting news from one of our sister Christian Churches. The Russian Orthodox Church has enthroned its new head, Patriarch Kirill, in a ceremony in Moscow. The 16th leader of the Orthodox Church succeeds Patriarch Aleksy II, who died in December. Pope Benedict XVI publicly affirmed his joy at the news of the election of Kirill as patriarch of Moscow and of All Russia. The Pope stated today at the general audience, "I have received with joy the news of the election of Metropolitan Kirill as the new patriarch of Moscow and all Russia." He continued, "I invoke upon him the light of the Holy Spirit for a generous service to the Russian Orthodox Church, entrusting him to the special protection of the Mother of God." The Holy See published today a telegram that the Pope sent to congratulate Patriarch Kirill on Tuesday's election as head of the Russian Orthodox Church. The message expressed the Pontiff's prayer that God will bless the new patriarch's efforts to "maintain communion among the Orthodox Churches" and "seek that fullness of communion which is the goal of Catholic-Orthodox collaboration and dialogue". In this moment of change in history we pray that the Orthodox and Catholic Churches can grow together and true dialogue can continue.*

➤ *Do you ever feel that as a Catholic you are swimming up stream from the world around you? I often do. It seems like we are walking the Christian walk all by ourselves. So, I have been doing some research to see who is playing on our team. I was amazed, and I bet you will be too. Some of these folks have gone to their eternal reward and some are still with us: Gracie Allen, Eve Arden, James Cagney, Gary Cooper, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Clark Gable, Alfred Hitchcock, Carroll O'Connor, Jack Lemon, Spencer Tracy, John Wayne, Loretta Young, Bono, Ernest Borgnine, Tony Blaire, Aaron Neville, Alec Guinness, Laura Ingraham, Mary Higgins Clark, Mike Piazza, Tim Conway, Bob Newhart, Justice John Roberts, Bernadette Peters, Sean Connery, Patty Duke, Arlo Guthrie, Martin Sheen, and Patricia Neal. I am not saying these are saints, just famous folks who say they are Catholic. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all these folks (and it is a short list) would share their faith with the world around them?*

➤ *Often, I am asked the question, "Who is the patron saint of .....?". So, here are some of the more popular ones: Boy Scouts – St. George (April 23), Brides – St. Nicholas (December 6), Builders – St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5), Cancer Patients – St. Peregrine (May 1), Carpenters – St. Joseph (March 19), Charitable societies – St. Vincent de Paul (September 27), Children – St. Nicholas (December 6), Communication workers – St. Gabriel (September 29), Desperate situations – St. Jude (October 28), Ecology – St. Francis (October 4), Elderly – St. Anthony of Padua (June 13), Emigrants – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (November 13), Engaged Couples – St. Agnes (January 21), Engineers – St. Joseph (March 19), Expectant Mothers Gerard Majella (October 16), Eye Trouble – St. Lucy (December 13), Hairdressers – St. Martin de Porres, (November 13), Headaches – St. Teresa of Avila (October 13), Heart ailments – St. John of God (March 8), Stay at home moms – St. Ann (July 26), Journalists – St. Francis de Sales (January 24), Laborers – St. Isadore (May 15), Lawyers – St. Ivo of Chartres (June 17), Lost things – St. Anthony (January 17), Mail Carriers - St. Gabriel (September 29), Mental Illness – St. Dymphna (May 15), Merchants – St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), Mothers – St. Monica (August 27), Motorcyclists – Our Lay of Grace (May 31), Musicians – St. Cecilia (November 22), Nurses – St. Agatha (February 5), Painters – St. John (December 27), Physicians – St. Luke (October 18), Policemen – St. Michael (September 29), Printers – St. Augustine (August 28), Schools – St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28), Secretaries – St. Genesius of Arles (August 25), Sick – St. Michael (September 29), Singers – St. Gregory (September 3), Singels – St. Andrew (November 30), Soldiers – St. Joan of Arc (May 30), Teachers – St. Gregory (September 3). A brief list I know, but I hope that the intercession of those in heaven help you in your need.*

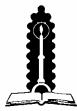
# MARCH

# YOUTH NEWS

A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be conducted on **MON., MAR. 30<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30pm**. This service is to remember, honor, pray for and pray to deceased members of our families. After the Service refreshments will be served in the **Parish Hall**. For more details call **Deacon Mike (203 733-5880)**.

## DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS

**WED., MAR. 4<sup>th</sup>: Our turn to Cook.**



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

**COFFEE & ...** will be served after the **8:30 & 10:00 Mass** on **SUN., MAR. 8<sup>th</sup>**.



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB** – **March Book:**

**“Becoming Who You Are”**, by **James Martin, S.J.** Please join **Deacon John** in the **Children’s Room** at **7:30pm**, on **TUES., MAR. 31<sup>st</sup>**, for group discussion.



## LOAVES & FISHES COLLECTION

provides an opportunity to make sacrifices for those in need – the collection is used to feed the hungry. Place your envelopes in the offertory collection anytime during Lent. Please be generous.



Are you a practicing catholic over the age of 18 who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? On **May 31<sup>st</sup>, Pentecost Sunday**, at **3:30pm**, the Diocesan celebration of **Confirmation for Adults** will be celebrated at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport. Refresher classes are offered on seven consecutive dates from **April 14 – May 26**, from **7:00 - 9:00pm**, at **St. Luke Parish** in Westport. Adult Confirmation forms are at the Rectory. For more info, please contact the **Diocese (203 416-1446)** or email: **doconnor@diobpt.org**.



**Coming Up** **YOUTH GROUPS:** Please pick up a new calendar for February, March, and April in the vestibule of the Church.



You can register children for this year’s **“FUN IN THE SUN”** after all the Masses this weekend, **MAR. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Camp will be the weeks of **JULY 6-10** and **13-17**, from **8:30am-12:30pm**. Cost is \$100 per week. Children must **currently** be in grades **K - 6**. Registrations forms are also available on line at our website. Act Now – Space is limited!

**Counselor applications are also available there.**

## ATTN: SENIOR CITIZENS

Our **Senior Youth Group** will hold its **Annual Seniors for Seniors Dinner** on **SUN., MAR. 8<sup>th</sup>**, from **12:30-2:00pm**. Reserve a spot by signing up in the vestibule after Mass.



**Adult Study** **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will offer a program during Lent called **From Fear, To Love**, based on the reflections of Henri Nouwen related to the parable of the Prodigal Son. Lent is an ideal time to focus on love and forgiveness in our everyday lives. The program consists of **four Wednesdays, MAR. 4, 11, 18, & APR. 1**, from **7:30-9:00pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. We will provide you with a complimentary booklet of Nouwen’s reflections, and, at each session we will review, discuss, and share a portion of the booklet. The reflections are short, easy to read, and should not require much preparation. In order for us to properly prepare, please respond ASAP: Call Marty Lynch (743-9757), or email: **mkl30a@sbcglobal.net**.

**BIRTHRIGHT** is looking for people to knit or crochet **Layette Sets** (sweater, hat & booties), newborn size, and **3x3 Blankets** for car seats in soft pastel colors. Call **Mary Ferri (743-4557)** for more info. or when finished.



# SCHOOL DAYS



## Going Once, Going Twice, SOLD!

Saint Mary School is hosting their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction on SAT., MAR. 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Stony Hill Inn. Would you be interested in donating a new and unused item? Do you have a local business, or are you a service professional who would like to donate a new product, service or gift certificate? We would be grateful for any support for our school. For donation information please call Cindy Iazzetta (730-8026).

The Girls & Boys Varsity tournament is this SAT., FEB. 28<sup>th</sup>, and SUN., MAR. 1<sup>st</sup>, at Immaculate High School. Also, a



Cheerleading Exhibition there this weekend.

SCIENCE HORIZONS FAIR will be held on SAT., MAR. 7<sup>th</sup>, and SUN., MAR. 8<sup>th</sup>, at New Milford High School.



St. Mary's will host its first 5K Fun Run on SAT., MAY 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer, please call Eve Olson (744-5540). More details to come.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – If you would like to 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>, please sign up in the Vestibule after Mass any weekend in March. Cost of the weekend is \$140.00 Any questions, please call Deacon John (744-2106) after 7pm.



# Lenten Season

PENANCE: Every Tuesday night, from 7:00-9:00pm, in the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday night, at 7:30pm, in the Church.

FRIDAYS: Days of ABSTINENCE (no meat)

PARISH MISSION: MARCH 23, 24, & 25



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

MON., MAR. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15pm, in the Parish Hall.

## KofC ST. MARY PHOTO CONTEST



Congratulations to this year's winners!

Best in Show, Adults: 1<sup>st</sup> – Jim Scholl;

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Garcia; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mary Beth Sawyer.

Best in Show, Kids: 1<sup>st</sup> – Dean Catalano; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Juliana Cecera; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kayla Gilbertie.

Best Technical Photo: 1<sup>st</sup> – Paul DiMarzio; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Larry Havey; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cathy Kallberg.

Closest to Theme (God's Wonderful Blessings):

1<sup>st</sup> – Lincoln Souzek; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul DiMarzio, 3<sup>rd</sup> – John Specht.

FISH FRY The Knights invite you to us for our FISH FRY on FRI., MAR. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30pm, in the Gym. If you don't have time to sit and eat, try our new drive-up, takeout service. Menu and price details are in the vestibule.



## ST. MARY MEN'S RETREAT IS COMING!

Loved ones need your encouragement and support to go on retreat. A weekend dedicated to rest, spiritual refreshment, friendship and peace is what we all need. Deer graze on the back lawn, homemade cookies bake in the kitchen, and beautiful music awaits you in the chapel. We look forward to welcoming you at the Holy Family Retreat Center, from MAR. 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information you may call the Retreat Center (860 521-0440), register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org, or call Nick Santarelli (203 470-7102).



## JUST A REMINDER:




















First Reconciliation – 3/07, 11:00-12:30  
3/14, 9:00-10:30

Kiss a Frog Workshop – 3/13, 7:00- 8:30  
3/20, 7:00- 8:30  
3/21, 3:30- 5:00

# March

# ST. MARY CHURCH

# 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>SR. YOUTH GROUP</p> <p><b>Winter Fun</b></p> 	<p>2</p> <p>IT'S TIME AGAIN</p>  <p>Daylight Saving Time. Set Your Clocks Ahead.</p> <p>SUN., MAR. 8 - 2:00am</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00-9:00 Confession</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 Contemp. Choir</p> <p><b>Adult Study</b></p>  <p>7:30 <i>From Fear - PH</i></p>	<p>5</p>  <p>6:15 Children's Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Gym</p> <p><b>FISH FRY</b></p>  <p>7:00 Stations of Cross</p>	<p>7</p> <p><u>Nocturnal Adoration</u></p>  <p>FRI. - 9:00pm to SAT. - 7:00am</p>
<p>8</p> <p>SR. YOUTH GROUP</p> <p><b>DINNER for SENIOR CITIZENS</b></p> <p>12:30 - 2:00 Parish Hall</p> <p><b>SET CLOCKS AHEAD!!!</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:15 K of C Meeting - Parish Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00-9:00 Confession</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 Contemp. Choir Church</p>  <p>7:30 <i>From Fear - PH</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:15 Children's Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Gym</p> <p><b>FISH FRY</b></p>  <p>7:00 Stations of Cross</p>	<p>14</p> <p>JR. YOUTH GROUP</p> <p><u>St. Patrick's Day Dance</u></p>  <p>7:00-9:00 Par. Hall</p>
<p>15</p> <p>K of C Easter Food Drive</p>  <p><b>MARCH 14 - APRIL 6</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b></p>  <p>7:00-9:00 Confession</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 Contemp. Choir Church</p> <p>7:30 <i>From Fear - PH</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:15 Children's Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>  <p><b>CURSILLO</b></p> <p>7:00 Parish Hall</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>soup</b> 6:30 Parish Hall</p>  <p>7:00 Stations of Cross</p>	<p>21</p> <p><u>PARISH MEN'S RETREAT</u></p> <p>Friday-Sunday</p>  <p>Attention All Men</p> <p>Holy Family Retreat Ctr.</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Parish Mission Church</p> <p>8:15 K of C Meeting - Parish Hall</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Parish Mission Church</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 Contemp. Choir Church</p> <p>7:00 Parish Mission - Church</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:15 Children's Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Gym</p> <p><b>FISH FRY</b></p>  <p>7:00 Stations of Cross</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>St. Mary School Auction</b></p>  <p>6:00</p> <p><b>Stony Hill Inn</b></p>
<p>29</p> <p>JR. Youth Group</p>  <p>Deliver Flowers 2-3:00</p> <p>Bishop Curtis Residents</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 Memorial Service Church</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00-9:00 Confession</p>  <p>7:30 Childrens' Room</p>				 <p>March</p>

