
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., MAR. 9	6:30	Special Intention
	9:00	+ Patrick Buckley – Friend
TUES, MAR. 10	6:30	+ Charles Philippin – Santarelli Family
	9:00	+ Rosaire Lavigne – McClellan Family
WED., MAR. 11	6:30	+ Giuseppe Pregoni – Daughter, Gisella
	9:00	+ Stephen Blizman – Roger & Veronica Hibbert
THU., MAR. 12	6:30	+ Francis Sweeney, Jr. – Pat & Jim Ellsworth
	9:00	+ Mabel Williams – Paul Manfredi
FRI., MAR. 13	6:30	+ Albert Prato – DiMatteo Family
	9:00	Kitty Gallagher (<i>Health & Blessings</i>) – Marie Miller
SAT., MAR. 14	8:00	+ Mary Haug – Murray Family
	5:30	+ Marguerite Stewart – Kieran & Anne Twohey
SUN., MAR. 15	7:00	+ Justin Bach – Rick & Christine Lawlor
	8:30	+ Helen Palmeri – Family
	10:00	+ Peter Clarke – St. Mary Religious Education
	11:30	+ Maria Gerardi – Polaski Family
	5:30	+ Jeanne Dolan – Wax Family



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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I – Michael Connor & Courtney Mason



2010 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!



*HEAR YE,
HEAR YE.*

You may reserve your Masses now for 2009 and 2010 by stopping by the Rectory **Monday - Friday, from 9:00am-4:00pm.** Weekend Masses booked now for **2010** are limited to **4** per customer. You may book as many for weekdays as you like.

GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$13,573

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**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**

Sheila Kurjiaka: *Bulletin Editor*  
Kate Fitzgerald: *Secretary*  
Paul Orsino: *Property Manager*  
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Mary Ferri: *Director*  
Peggy Gavin: *Secretary*  
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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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➤ *Unfortunately, I must begin this week with a bit of sad news. We have received word that at this point it has become impossible for Fr. Joseph to receive a return visa. As you all know, Fr. Joseph left for his native Uganda in November 2008 to renew his visa. Because of complications and changed immigration laws, the visa was not renewed in the correct fashion. Now, it seems like a new visa is impossible at this point in time. Fr. Joseph added a great deal to our parish and did the work of the Lord in a way that only Fr. Joseph could. We thank him for his service here. If you would like to drop him a thank you note, we have included the address of his home mission base in New York. Thank you, Fr. Joseph, and may God bless all that you do. Bethel will miss you.*

*Rev. Joseph B. Othieno  
c/o Msgr. John B. Kauta  
Missionary Cooperative Plan  
P.O. Box 490  
Bedford, New York 10506*

➤ *Please consider coming to daily Mass during Lent. The 6:30 Mass will get you to work in plenty of time, and the 9:00 Mass is perfect for those who don't have to start work until later. Also, joining in the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings is a wonderful spiritual journey with the final hours of Our Lord. Perhaps you can come as a family. The Stations is a great way for parents to guide their children during Lent. The family that prays together stays together. That time tested saying has never been more important.*

➤ *The Annual Bishop's Appeal is well underway. Many of us have already received a letter and pledge form from Bishop Lori. I cannot stress enough how important it is for all of us to participate in this Appeal. Times are difficult and many need the Church and the Church's help in ways like never before. I would hope every family in the parish makes a pledge, great or small, to show our support for the needs of those around us. The Annual Bishop's Appeal supports those projects in our area that are simply out of reach for the local parish. We are called to help those "least of our brothers and sisters" around us. I understand that this year it may be a greater sacrifice than ever before. May the Lord bless your generosity. Please know that if it is impossible to give this year, please keep the efforts of the Appeal in your prayers for without prayer all our efforts are impossible.*

➤ *So, Lent me ask you something. When was the last time you went to confession? Yes, I am talking to YOU. When was the last time you went to confession? If you say it was more than 3 or 4 months ago, then it has been too long. A good reminder as to when to go to confessions: when we change seasons we should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All of us have sinned in thought, word, deed or omission. Whether young or old our sins, great or small, can do damage to ourselves, our community, our families and our relationship with God. Most feel that confession is a negative thing. On the contrary, confession is truly a blessing; a liberating experience that gets rid of the heaviness of our hearts, relieves our guilt, lightens our burdens and helps us to start again. The grace and peace we receive during this Sacrament can help to change our lives. Remember, during Lent, confessions are heard at every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Tuesdays from 7 to 9pm and also at St. Mary's on Saturday from 4 to 5pm.*

# 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).

## 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.

## ST. MARY MEN’S RETREAT IS COMING!

### DO YOU NEED WHAT WE HAVE?

Revive your body, soul and mind by going on retreat. Recharge through conferences, workshops, prayer services, delicious home cooking and plenty of free time. We look forward to welcoming you at the Holy Family Retreat Center, from MAR. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. For more info. call the Retreat Center (860 521-0440), register online: www.holyfamilyretreat.org, or call Nick Santarelli (203 470-7102).



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. For more info, please contact the Diocese (203 416-1446) or email: doconnor@diobpt.org.

## 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.



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

LENTEN CONFESSIONS are every Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00 during Lent. If you can’t attend with our group, please try to attend another one. It is a time for reflection and awareness.

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – SAT., MAR. 14<sup>th</sup>

Our St. Patrick’s Day Dance will be from 7:00-9:00pm, in the Parish Hall. \$10.00 admission, with prizes for your **BEST IRISH LOOK**.



## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Overnight Activity. Start Collecting Donations Now!

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – Flower Delivery



for **Bishop Curtis** has been rescheduled for SUN., APR. 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30-12:30. We’ll meet after Mass and drive over.

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.



## 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.

## JUST A REMINDER:



Religious Education

First Reconciliation – 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.

# 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? For donation information please call Cindy Iazzetta (730-8026).

St. Mary School Auction Raffle Tickets for a 42" TV will be sold after all Masses the weekends of MAR. 14/15 & MAR. 21/22. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Auction reservation slips will be available each weekend.



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

EASTER FLOWERS: To make it easier for the decorating committee, we ask that you give a monetary donation for flowers instead of bringing your own. Donations may be put in the basket or brought in to the Rectory.



## AOH ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



TUES., MAR. 17<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am – Flag Raising, Barnum Square, then to Town Hall for second Flag Raising. Sandwiches and Corned Beef & Cabbage dinners will be served from 12:00 until 7:00pm at the Hibernian Hall, in Danbury. For more info. call Joan (743-3542).

Immaculate High School will present WEST SIDE STORY on THUR., APR. 2, and FRI., APR. 3, at 7:30pm, and SAT., APR. 4, at 1:30 and 7:30pm. Limited reserved seating tickets are \$18. All other seating and matinees are \$15. Buffet dinner available on Saturday between performances at \$15, children under 6 are free. For tickets call 798-2273.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:

MON., MAR. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, in the Parish Hall.

## January Recognitions:

Knight of the Month – Joe McCabe  
Family of the Month – O'Leary Family

## First Prize Winners of K of C Poster Contest:

### Religious Vocations:

Grades 1-2 Abigail Gleissner (Grade 1)  
Grades 3-4 Hannah Folan (Grade 3)

### Substance & Alcohol Abuse Awareness:

Grades 5-6 Ian Folan (Grade 5)  
Grades 7-8 Olivia Dalmedo (Grade 7)

The Knights invite you to join them for their FISH FRY on FRI., MAR. 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.



EASTER FOOD COLLECTION  
 Starting next weekend, MAR. 14/15, the Knights will be putting together food baskets for the needy for Easter. If you wish to donate, you may drop off dry and canned goods in the Church vestibule until MON., APR. 6<sup>th</sup>. Anything you can give will be appreciated.



# 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.

# You're Invited



Please join us at Saint Mary School's  
**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction**  
Featuring our thrilling Silent and Live Auctions,  
with several new and exciting items!!

*Date:* Saturday – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
*Time:* 6:00pm  
*Place:* Stony Hill Inn  
*Cost:* \$35 per person

**Price Includes:**

Salad  
Choice of Sliced London Broil with Bordelaise sauce or Chicken Piccata  
served with a vegetable medley  
Penne pasta with garlic and oil  
Dinner rolls with butter  
Dessert  
Choice of coffee or tea



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To make a reservation please send to: Saint Mary School  
Attn: Auction Reservations – Marnie Gleissner  
24 Dodgingtown Rd, Bethel CT 06801

Please enclose a check made out to: St Mary School HSA

Reservation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I/We would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_  
Please note: table seat maximum of 10

\_\_\_ Please seat me/us with someone from our Parish Community

\_\_\_ I cannot attend, however please accept my donation ☺