

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, August 29**4:00 PM Dot Pac + (*birth. rem. from a friend*)**Sunday, August 30**7:00 AM Daniel J. Bowler, Jr. (*from the Philip Parenzo family*)

8:30 AM

10:00 AM Gertrude & Fred Kramer, Sr. (*from Debbie & Fred*)

11:30 AM

**Monday, August 31**

8:30 AM

1:00 PM **Opening Mass for St. Mary's Schools****Tuesday, September 1**8:30 AM Colleen O'Connor + (*birth. rem. from family*)**Wednesday, September 2**8:30 AM Jeannine Lemire Olechna (*10<sup>th</sup> anniv. from husband*)**Thursday, September 3**8:30 AM Thomas Geehern (*14<sup>th</sup> anniv. from Tommy Cusack & family*)**Friday, September 4**8:30 AM Donald Baillargeon (*from William & Jean Egan*)**Saturday, September 5**

1:30 PM Margaret Warstack &amp; Jason LaPlante Wedding

4:00 PM Edward & Abbie Howe (*from family*)Lisa Searleman (*23<sup>rd</sup> anniv. from Mom*)Deceased members of the Parisi family (*from M/M Patrick Parisi*)Daniel Bozak (*from children*)James Valente (*35<sup>th</sup> anniv.*) & son, Gary (*from wife & mother*)**Sunday, September 6**7:00 AM Julia Lucia (*7<sup>th</sup> anniv. from a friend*)8:30 AM Guiseppe & Geraldina Mattia (*from family*)Shirley Melo (*from daughter & family*)Angelo Minicucci (*from family*)Marie Pazik (*from family*)10:00 AM Francis Della Luna + (*Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from wife*)11:30 AM Margarita Robles Guzman (*5<sup>th</sup> anniv. from daughters*)**Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:**

- ❖ Edward Barry 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday remembrance

*If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church. It is easy to fill out a request and a great way to honor someone who has passed away or celebrate a great event in someone's life.*

**Please remember in your prayers:** Jean Sedgwick, Lucille Magni, David Lajeunesse, Sr. Elaine Coburn, SP, Clara Moran and James Thomas, Jr.

**We steward our treasure...** The collection for last week, 8/23, totaled \$11,963.92 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 512 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$776 in loose cash.

Thanks to all who do give so generously. It is through your support that we can do all that we do.

Pastor's Column

The ground is staked out. Dig Safe has cleared the area. The City of Westfield has issued the building permit. Brick has been donated. Mortar, wood, shingles, windows and a door are being bought. The angelus bell has been cleaned and coated. Its cradle and clapper are restored. The clock is getting cleaned and put back together. Soon we will see the parish's Angelus Bell and Clock for the first time since it was installed in the bell tower in 1926 (unless you happen to be a worker or one of the altar servers who climbed the tower to graffiti your name into the wood).

This has been a labor of love that has been in the works since we began the renovations of the Church several years ago. At that time I came up with the hairbrained scheme of wanting to do something with the bell and clock that were in the tower. When I first caught sight of these exquisite treasures I really wanted to find a way to share them with our whole parish.

St. Mary's is home to an exquisite 2,060 pound bronze bell. This bell was installed September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1926. It connects to a Seth Thomas clock (#2591, Thomaston CT, 11/30/26) as well as a wooden wheel rope-pull. I don't know how long ago it happened but both connections have been disabled for many years (the bells you hear as you enter church are an electronic carillon). Our bell bears the stamp of the company ("Meneely Bell Company" "Troy NY") as well as the inscription for the Connor Family (there is a similar bronze plaque that had been mounted in the entrance of the church):

In your charity  
pray for the family  
of  
Patrick and Mary Connor  
members of  
St. Mary's Parish  
[1853 to 1904]  
who gave the angelus bell  
to this church  
A.D. 1926

I tried tracking down the Connor family, but was unsuccessful. But the more people I talked to the more enthusiasm built about bringing the bell down to street level where people could see it (and hopefully hear it too).

A super generous parishioner helped get it out of the tower and connected me to someone who restores bronze bells. A technician from the company that did our new sound and light system got excited about the clock and has been instrumental in its restoration. Some wonderful gentlemen from the Sons of Erin are pouring the foundation and laying the brick. And two donors have given enough money to cover the building material costs. It really has been a labor of love.

I hope as the fall rolls around, you will see the new home for our bell take shape. All should be in place as we approach our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church in 2010 (the parish will have it's 150<sup>th</sup> in 2012).

pax, Fr. b.

**This Week at St. Mary's**

Mon	8/31	<b>SCHOOLS OPEN</b>
	1 PM	Opening of School Mass – Upper Church
	7 PM	Boy Scout Troop 109 – ES Café
Tue	9/1	6 PM Pastoral Council – Center
	7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
	7:15 PM	Knights of Columbus – HS Café
Wed	9/2	9 AM –6 PM Adoration & Benediction – Church
	7 PM	STM HS PIC – HS
Thu	9/3	7 PM Choir Rehearsal – Church
	7 PM	Youth Group – Center 3 <sup>rd</sup> fl.
	7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Fri	9/4	10 AM STM Preschool “Come & See” – Preschool
Sun	9/6	8 AM El Camino – ES

9/7 Being Catholic; 9/8 Preschool starts; 9/12 Cursillo; 9/19 Desayuno de Mujeres; 9/20 CCD Classes Begin meeting this week; 9/23 Fall Bible Study Begins; 9/24 Book Discussion; 9/27 Afternoon of Reflection at Genesis; 10/8 Diocesan Schools Dinner @ Chez Josef; 10/11 Pilgrimage of Grace

**ANYONE HAVING NOTICES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN MUST HAVE THEM INTO THE RECTORY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 4 PM.**

**YOUTUBE:** Always striving to be dynamic in the Holy Spirit, our **Parish YouTube Page** has not taken a rest for the summer--come see what is new!

[www.youtube.com/user/StMarysofWestfield](http://www.youtube.com/user/StMarysofWestfield)

For example, during the month of August, we have added the following videos: 4 Sunday homilies; 1 video in English on the *Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*; 3 videos in Polish (including Holy Trinity's very own Fr. Luke, MS); 2 videos on *Rachel's Vineyard*, one in English and one in Spanish (both by Deacon David Przybylowski of Southwick); and a unique cooking video by our Pastor! Come and see what we have to offer! Return often to see our updates! Please speak to Fr. Longe with any questions or concerns (562-5477 x15)--*Praise the Lord!*



**PASTORAL MINISTERS' CORNER:** I share the following prayer with you because we all need healing. May you find it helpful in your daily life.

**Prayer for Emotional Healing**

“Holy Mary, loving mother & heavenly guide, be present to me now & let me know your compassion & kindness. Pray for me to your Divine Son, that I may experience calmness, tranquility & peace in all my emotions. Help me to grow in faith & love. Protect me from all that displeases God, & obtain for me serenity of mind, body & spirit. I place my trust & confidence in you, dear Blessed Mother, & I pray that God's blessings of mercy, grace, & gentle goodness will bring happiness to my life, now and always, Amen.”

[Ref.: pamphlet from the Oblate Missions, San Antonio, TX.]

- Marie-Anne M. Buffam, Pastoral Minister

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** our first **book discussion** group was very successful with the book “*The Shack*”. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will try again with “*Joshua*”, by Joseph Girzone. This is a profoundly moving, deeply inspiring book that no reader will forget. Joshua has been called life changing, engrossing, inspiring and entertaining. The book is available at many local libraries, on Amazon, and we will have a few copies for sale at the Office of Religious Education (see Joanne Bagge). This group will again meet in the high school cafeteria from 7-9 PM. All are welcome. For more information or to get a copy of the book, please call Joanne at 562-5484, or Christine Farrell at 568-6982.

**RED SOX RAFFLE WINNERS** -

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Rosie Sutton of St. Mary's Parish and David Izatt of the Chicopee Police Dept. who both won a pair of tickets to the Red Sox game on 9/9/09. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who either bought raffle tickets or donated funds to support our youth in their journey to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, MI.



**Bible Study**

Our first Bible Study for this year will be “**Work - God's Gift**” This study will focus on how our commitment to Christ affects our attitudes toward work. These studies explore God's guidelines for ethical choices on the job, relationships with our employers, co-workers, and the balance between work and rest. Creative work is one of God's good gifts. God answers your concerns on power, relationships, ethics, money and helps you understand success from his point of view. This 13-week study will begin on **Tuesday, September 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** and run through December 16th. All are welcome to attend, whatever your Bible knowledge. Please call Joanne Bagge at 562-5484 with any questions or to register for this class.

**BLOOD PRESURE CHECK:** Sunday, August 30th,

**Mercy Home Care** will again be available after the 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. masses to check Blood Pressures and give information about the services that are available through their programs. Stop by and check them out.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM in the Parish Center.

**VOCATIONS VIEW:** Our second

Scripture reading reminds us that “every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from God”. God's gifts should prompt our responsive gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life, and you wish to respond generously trusting in God, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org)





**ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** will open for the 2009-2010 school year on **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. School hours are 7:50 AM - 2:15 PM (grades 6-8) and 8 AM - 2:15 PM (Grades K-5). Hot lunch will be served from the first day at the price of \$2.25. Milk may also be purchased at \$.45 per carton.

**ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL**



**"HOLLY DAY" CRAFT FAIR** will be held this year, Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm and Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 6:00pm at St. Mary High School Gym, 27 Bartlett

Street, Westfield, MA. Crafters who would like to participate may call Patty Schweitzer for more information or to reserve your space at 568-4482 or St. Mary High School 568-5692. Registration fee is \$55.



**Oh! If we could only understand what it means to deliver a soul from hell, I'm sure that many of you would risk any danger in the hope of saving even one person. Nothing pleases God more than to be his Son's helpers and to undertake the charge of saving souls. Nothing brings more joy to the church than those who restore souls to spiritual life, thus despoiling hell, defeating the devil, making the angels glad, glorifying the most Holy Trinity and preparing for themselves a never-fading crown.**

- St. Charles Borromeo (Cardinal-Archbishop of Milan, 1538-1584)

**Readings for the Week of August 30, 2009**

Sun: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30  
Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11  
Wed: Colossians 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44  
Thu: Colossians 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11  
Fri: Colossians 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39  
Sat: Colossians 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sun: Isaiah 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**SAVE THE DATES:** Fr. Brian will be leading a group to Italy next April during school vacation (plus a couple days). Details are close to being ready, but save the date and keep your eyes peeled for sign-ups. If you want to be put on a mailing list for the trip, contact the rectory (562-5477). The trip will take place from Sunday, April 18 - Wednesday, April 28, 2010. We will visit Turin (where the shroud will be on display for the first time in many years), Bologna, Assisi and Rome (we'll be there for the birthday of Rome). These trips are always great.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** will open Monday, August 31st, for the school year. The classes will begin the week of September 20th. If you registered in the spring, you will receive a calendar in the mail. If you have not yet registered, please call the office. The cost is \$30 per child, not to exceed \$90 per family.

**DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL GRADES:** We need teachers, aides, monitors, and substitutes. Training and support from the office is available to all. Please consider spending some time with the youth of the parish. Please pray about sharing your faith with our young parishioners. The rewards are great!

**FORMAL CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** begins in **First Grade**. It is an important year of preparation and allows them to become familiar with their church through the tour and their faith through the classes. If your child entered public school, now is the time to register. Please call the ORE for more information.

**PICTURES FOR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION** can be picked up now that the office has re-opened.

**THE "EYES" HAVE IT:** Make eye contact with your children, then smile and tell them you love them. Eye contact is crucial in the formation of loving bonds. When you cannot look someone in the eye, it indicates that your feelings for that person may be compromised or ambivalent. Eye contact also shows sincerity and assures your children that you are telling the truth.



**BEING CATHOLIC:** If you have a desire to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic Faith, come join us in our study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults. We are meeting every other week beginning Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM at the Parish Center. This study is open to all, come when you can. For further information, contact Larry Hunt at 562-5477 x. 48 or Joanne Bagge 562-5484.



**FR. HUGH CREAM MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** will take place on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Chicopee Country Club. For more information or to register for the event, please contact Mrs. Donna (Murphy) Hurley at 782-5200 or email KatieAnne DeMars at HNSGolf5@yahoo.com

**I tell you that you have less to suffer in following the Cross than in serving the world and its pleasures.**

- Saint John Vianney, Patron Saint of Priests

**Sabías que Juan Bautista Vianney** era un santo, un apasionado amante de la cruz. Sabía muy bien que el sufrimiento es el precio con que se compran las almas. "En mi actua la muerte, decía San Pablo, pero en vosotros la vida". A un compañero le decía: "Has trabajado, has rezado, has llorado...; no es bastante. ¿Has ayunado, has velado, te has acostado sobre la tierra, has azotado tu cuerpo? Si no has llegado hasta aquí, te falta mucho todavía." Su vida era una continua inmolación por los pecadores. Pobre hasta la necesidad, tenía un cuarto desnudo y ahumado, una sotana remendada y un sombrero viejo, que provocaba las burlas de las gentes. "Para el cura de Ars -respondía él-, es demasiado." Por sus manos pasaban miles de monedas de oro y de plata, pero todo iba a parar a los necesitados. Construyó escuelas, templos, hospitales y asilos de huérfanos. Su mayor contento era socorrer una necesidad. "Somos muy felices -solía decir-, porque los pobres vienen a nosotros. Si no viniesen, tendríamos que buscarlos." Su penitencia se podría comparar a la de los Padres del desierto. Comía sólo tres veces por semana, y dos barras de pan le bastaban para toda la Cuaresma. Una patata le parecía el más exquisito de los regalos, y sólo bebía agua. Dormía dos horas sobre un montón de paja, y la tos o la fiebre cortaban su sueño a cada instante. En su afán de mortificar todos sus sentidos, se impuso la obligación de no permitirse el menor regalo, de no oler una flor, de no arrojar una mosca de su cara, de no beber cuando tenía sed, de no darse cuenta de un mal olor, de no sentarse, fuera del confesionario; de no apoyarse cuando estaba de rodillas, de ser afable con todos, de estar siempre alegre, de no quejarse nunca. Y no se quejaba, aunque estuviese asediado por la multitud, aunque pasase diez y ocho horas seguidas en el confesionario con los pies helados, las carnes magulladas y el cuerpo deshecho. "Cuando dejaba el confesionario, tenía que tocarme las piernas para ver si estaban en su sitio; me era imposible tenerme en pie, y tenía que salir agarrándome a los bancos." A todo esto se juntaba la enfermedad, dolores agudos de cabeza y de estómago, desmayos; a la enfermedad, añadía la penitencia: cadenas, cilicios, disciplinas; a la penitencia, la lucha con el enemigo. El demonio combatía al santo sacerdote con una tenacidad rabiosa. Cuando el cura de Ars se echaba a dormir, a la puerta de la casa rectoral se oían todas las noches tres golpes fragorosos, seguidos de estos apóstrofes : "¡Vianney! ¡Vianney! ¡Ven aquí, ven aquí! ¡Vete, vete, comedor de trufas!" Después el enemigo entraba haciendo un ruido infernal y arrojando inmundicias en un cuadro de la Virgen Maria . Cuando llegaba a la habitación del cura, echaba por tierra las sillas, revolvió los muebles, rasgaba o quemaba las cortinas, y levantaba los mayores estruendos, que unas veces semejaban murmullos de ejércitos, otras galopar de corceles, otras chirriar de carros, o aullar de osos, o caminar de rebaños, o trinar de ruiseñores. Rompía la pila del agua bendita, arrastraba por la habitación el montón de paja en que dormía el santo, y llenaba de golpes su cuerpo agotado. Vianney rezaba, repeliendo los asaltos con la señal de la cruz. Entonces el príncipe de las tinieblas huía gritando: "¡Ah! ¡Mucho me haces sufrir! Si hubiese tres hombres como tú en la tierra, mi reino sería destruido."

**Invitación:** a todo los CURSILLISTA el retiro anual será en SEPTIEMBRE 12 de las 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. y Si quieres comprometerte a servir a tu Iglesia y compartir con ellas tus mejores dones te invitamos a Participar de un Cursillo de Cristiandad en el Solicitar orientaciones y ayuda con Tina Franco.

**La Parroquia Invita a todas la Mujeres:** a un desayuno el día 19 de septiembre de 8 a.m. a 12 m para mayor información comunicarse con Doris Delgado.

**Clases de Bautismo:** Tercer lunes de cada mes a las 6.30 p.m.

### **Pilgrimage of Grace and Healing – Sunday, October 11** **Our Lady of Lourdes in Litchfield, CT**

All pilgrimages in the spirit of Lourdes are founded upon the *Apparitions* of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl named Bernadette Soubiroux. The *First Apparition* occurred on 11 February 1858. There were eighteen in all, the last taking place on July 16<sup>th</sup> of the same year. Often, Bernadette would fall into a state of ecstasy.

The mysterious vision she saw in the hollow of an ancient rock formation (named Massabielle by locals) was that of a young and beautiful lady, "*lovelier than I had ever seen before!*" Even if occasionally accompanied by others, only Bernadette was chosen by Our Loving God for the grace of seeing Mary.

During one vision, the Blessed Virgin instructed Bernadette to drink from a mysterious fountain located within the Grotto. Although she could not see such a fountain, once Bernadette obeyed, she found water flowing! In fact, this miraculous stream has never stopped, clearly showing Mary's all-inclusive love for all peoples within all generations!

During another *Apparition*, the Mother of Jesus instructed little Bernadette to go and inform local priests that she wanted a chapel built upon this spot and processions led in Her honor. Dully informed, the clergy were skeptical. It would take a formal directive of the Bishop four years later to initiate construction and public veneration. Within his proclamation, Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Mascarou Laurence confidently stated that "*the Faithful are justified in believing the reality of these Apparitions*".

In 1862, a year after the Grotto had been purchased from a private landowner, a Basilica began to take shape upon the rock of Massabielle (from *masse vieille*: "old rock"). This occurred through the supernatural guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and earthly wisdom of Père Dominique Peyramale, a local parish priest.

In 1873, the "great national" French pilgrimages began. Three years later the Basilica was consecrated and the *Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes* solemnly crowned. In 1883, the foundation of another church was laid since the first church could no longer handle the ever-increasing crowds! Built at the foot of the Basilica, it was consecrated in 1901 with the formal title: *the Church of the Rosary*.

Pope Leo XIII subsequently authorized a special office of prayer to be inaugurated as well as a Sacred Liturgy. In 1907, Pope Pius X extended these observances to the Universal Church. The feast day of *Our Lady of Lourdes* remains February 11<sup>th</sup>. By 1908, the golden anniversary of Mary's *First Apparition* to fourteen-year-old Bernadette, this newly-founded Shrine within rugged southern France had recorded almost 5,000,000 pilgrims and 4,000 cures (physical, emotional and spiritual)!

Within the twenty-first century, Mary's Shrine remains highly popular and spiritually dynamic! It also enjoys the explicit support of successive Popes. For example, John Paul II visited in August of 2004, shortly before his earthly death; Benedict XVI visited last October, joyfully mingling with tens of thousands of adoring pilgrims!

(Source: [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org) and [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org))

“[After entering Jerusalem,] Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd came forward and made contributions. Many rich people donated large sums of money. A poor widow arrived and offered two small coins, worth very little. Calling His disciples to Himself, Jesus said to them: “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow has contributed more than all others! While they contribute from their surplus wealth, she, in her poverty, contributed all she had, her very livelihood!” (Mark 12:41-44)



### **Our *BETHLEHEM HOUSE* collection is complete!**

During this “Month of Mary”, we as a Parish have generously adopted *Bethlehem House* as a tangible recipient of our love, prayers and physical support. For those who are not aware, *Bethlehem House* is an authentically Pro-Life and Pro-Family non-profit organization located within the town of Easthampton. It is formally recognized by our Diocese and led by Ms. Pam Hibbard. It is staffed by dynamic volunteers around the clock and throughout the year. Its noble purpose is two-fold: immediately assist parents in crisis so they and their children suffer no longer; empower through practical and meaningful education so future crises can be avoided. We have happily joined their mission and now humbly share in their spiritual rewards: *Alleluia!*

#### **Collection results for the weekend of 22/23 August 2009:**

Diapers: 650; Babywipes: 3,966; Dove Soap: 154; Lotion: 18; Baby Bodywash: 23! *As well as* 2 bottles of baby formula; 2 baby powder; 1 baby oil; 8 baby facecloths; 1 diaper rash ointment; 2 care packages; 1 pacifier ring; 2 sets of plastic toys; 3 blankets; 1 pair of sox; and three checks (totaling \$625.00)—awesome! *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

#### **Summary of donations for the entire three-week collection:**

**Diapers: 3,507; Babywipes: 18,686; Dove Soap: 244; Lotion: 78; Baby Bodywash: 101!**

Clearly, these numbers are fantastic—*Praise the Lord!* Explicit words of thanks have been earned, and ecstatic words of thanks are offered to all who have made this act of positive social change a reality—*Praise God!* My brothers and sisters through Jesus, many thanks for who you are and for all you do! Many thanks as well for courageously bringing peace where there once was chaos; joy where there once was sadness; companionship where there once was loneliness; HOPE where there once was despair! With and through our Divine Comforter, may we never tire of supporting one another in prayer, word and action—*Amen!* ☺ **Fr. James W. Longe** ☺

