

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, October 31**

- 4:00 PM John Weinkle, Jr. + (*birth. rem. from Bruce & Nancy Collina*)
 Leo Lemire + (*birth. rem. from wife & family*)
 Noreen Daly Carson (*10th anniv. from brother, Tom Daly & family*)
 Steven Smith Salois (*from Trish Wysocki*)

Sunday, November 1

- 7:00 AM Deceased members of the Rasta family (*from the Discenza family*)
 8:30 AM Deceased family & friends of St. Mary's Parishioners
 10:00 AM Ethyl & Lawrence Petrucelli (*from daughter*)
 11:30 AM Ines Otero (*2nd anniv. from husband & family*)

Monday, November 2

- 8:30 AM All Souls

Tuesday, November 3

- 8:30 AM In honor of Fr. James Longe's 2nd Anniv. of Ordin.

Wednesday, November 4

- 8:30 AM Pro Populo ("For the People")

Thursday, November 5

- 8:30 AM Daniel Wesloski, Sr. & Jr. (*from family*)

Friday, November 6

- 8:30 AM Don Gustafson

Saturday, November 7

- 4:00 PM Calvin Annino, Sr. + (*85th birth. rem. from wife, children and grandchildren*)
 Deceased members of the Amirr family (*from Debbie & Fred*)
 Steven Elliott (*1st anniv. from family*)
 Doris A. Hatch (*from family*)

Sunday, November 8

- 7:00 AM Fr. Thomas S. Greene (*from Dennis Loncrini*)
 8:30 AM In honor of Dan & Connie Smith's 50th Wedd. Anniv.
 10:00 AM Richard Cowles + (*90th birth. rem. from family*)
 Jeremiah & Anne O'Connor (*from family*)
 Deceased members of the Morin & Callini families (*from Rose Morin & family*)
 11:30 AM Theresita Del Valle (*10th anniv. from family*)

**Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:**

- ❖ Pasquale DiMascola 2nd anniv. from family

If you would like to contribute towards the beautiful flowers on our altar, there is a notebook in the main entrance of the Church.

Please remember in your prayers: Lynn Gelineau who is recovering from surgery and also **the deceased:** Francis Zalewski, Dr. Richard Youmell, DMD, William Ullrich, Austin Girace & Brandon Moses

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 10/25, totaled \$12,349 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 594 adult envelopes, 2 children's envelopes, with \$670 in loose cash. Through October the weekend collections have yielded \$210,356.00. This is \$2,257.00 under budget. This is the time to "catch-up"! We can only operate on your support.

The October Heating & Air Conditioning brought in \$1,699.

Thanks to all who do give so generously.

FROM OUR PASTOR

After several years of fundraising, great efforts and worshipping in their parish center, our brothers and sisters from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament officially moved into their newly built church. As the dedication day approached I went up with some of our High School students to help with final cleaning and set-up. I also made a gift to the parish of a check and a hand-tooled copper plate from Jerusalem with the image of the loaves and fishes on it. By God's bountiful grace, our parish has given life to all the other parishes in Westfield, Southwick and even the hill towns over the years. I thought it fitting that the "mother" church should celebrate this great day of new life with our brothers and sisters across the river.

Fr. Dan, their pastor, sent a nice letter after the dedication, which I would like to share. Let us continue to pray for all Catholics throughout our diocese. We are one family in God's love.

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Fr. b.

p.s. If you see Fr. Longe this weekend, congratulate him on his upcoming second anniversary of priesthood (November 3rd). In this "Year of the Priest" we are so blessed to have such a young and enthusiastic man of God.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish

127 Holyoke Rd.
 Westfield, MA 01085

Oct. 20, 2009

Dear Fr. Brian, and Parishioners of St. Mary's,

On behalf of all the parishioners here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, I want to thank you and your parishioners, for the gift you have sent to us on the occasion of the Dedication of our New Church. It was very thoughtful of you to extend such a kind gesture to us! With this gift, we will be planting a tree in front of the new church as a living reminder of our origin in St. Mary's Parish, as our "Mother Church".

We would like to invite you, Fr. Longe, Fr. Flores and your Deacons and Parishioners to join us for a short **Prayer Service and Tree Dedication on Sunday, November 22nd at 1 PM**. We will have tours of the church and refreshments to follow. We will also be hosting the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service for the City of Westfield, here at the church, on Wednesday, November 25th at 7 PM. I hope you and your parishioners can join us and have the opportunity to see the new church on that occasion as well!

We look forward to continuing together, to minister to the good people of Westfield, along with our brothers and sisters at St. Peter/St. Casimir and Holy Trinity. May God continue to bless us as the Catholic Faith Community of Westfield!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Daniel S. Pacholec
 Pastor

This Week at St. Mary's

Mon	11/2	8:30 AM	All Souls Mass – Upper Church
		6 PM	Spiritual Life Committee – Rectory
		7 PM	Boy Scout Troop 109 – ES Café
Tue	11/3	NO SCHOOL – INSERVICE - REMEMBER TO VOTE	
		6 PM	Pastoral Council – Center
		7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
		7:15 PM	Knights of Columbus – HS
Wed	11/4	9 AM	–6 PM Adoration & Benediction – Church
			STM ES POINSETTIA SALE BEGINS
		6 PM	Folk Group Practice
		6:30 PM	Open House for Perspective Freshman– HS
		7 PM	Bible Study – Center
Thu	11/5	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Church
		7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Fri	11/6	7 PM	STM HS Fall Play – HS
Sat	11/7	9 AM	Parish Fall Clean-up (ends by Noon)
			K of C Raffle Tickets sales after Masses
		7 PM	STM HS Fall Play – HS
Sun	11/8	8 AM	El Camino – ES
		10:00 AM	Little Church – ES

11/14 Pasta Supper; 11/20-22 Holly Days; 11/26 Thanksgiving; 11/29 RCIA Rite of Welcome; 12/4 STM HS Midnight Madness – Alumni games; 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day); 12/8 First Communion Parents Meeting; 12/20 Lessons and Carols; 12/22 Advent Penance Service



We've been putting forward the call to anyone interested in becoming a Catholic. This is our last push for the season.

Come to an open meeting on **Thurs 11/12 7:00-8:00 pm** at the Rectory. This is our last meeting before beginning the next phase. It will be a night to explore the question of faiths: do you believe? What do you believe? Who do you believe? All are welcome.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6 PM in the Parish Center.



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be selling **raffle tickets** outside Mass on the weekend of **Nov. 7th & 8th**. The Knights are raffling off: **1st Prize:** 4 tickets to a Bruins game on Nov. 28th, **2nd Prize:** \$150 gift card to the North Elm Butcher Block and **3rd Prize:** \$50 gift certificate to Tucker's Restaurant. Buy a ticket and support a good cause! Any questions, please call Chris White 531-4308.

BLUE MASS: Bishop McDonnell is inviting all Police Officers, State Troopers, Firefighters, Correctional Officers, and Court Officers and their families from the four counties of Western Massachusetts to the annual Blue Mass, which will be held on Saturday, 11/7 at 4pm in St. Michael's Cathedral. All men and women in blue are asked to dress in their Class A Uniforms and meet in the Bishop Marshall Center behind the Cathedral by 3:30 to line up to march into the Cathedral by 3:45pm. Following the Mass we will have a light reception in the Bishop Marshall Center. In order for us to plan appropriately for the reception, please give a call to Fr. Dailey's Office (452-0811).



PARISH YARD CLEAN-UP: The leaves are falling and the grounds could use your help. Join Fr. Brian and dozens of other parishioners for a morning of yard work. We will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 7th (rain or shine ... if it rains we go inside and do some cleaning of the church). Dress for labor and bring a rake or blower. Many hands make light work!

A PRAYER GROUP IS FORMING: We will come together informally to pray for our parish, families, friends, and any other intention in our hearts. Using scripture and the rosary, our hope is to build a prayerful relationship with Jesus. We will be reading scripture passages, saying the rosary, and praying for our needs. Please come and join us in fellowship as we bring our petitions before the Lord. We will meet at the parish center this Sunday, Nov. 1 from 3:30-5:00. We will have booklets and rosaries to borrow if necessary. Call Joanne at 568-1127 with any questions. We hope to see you there.



BEING CATHOLIC: Our next "Being Catholic" program will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10th from 6:45-8:00 pm. We hold these programs on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time in the Parish Center!

NOVEMBER REFLECTION: On Nov. 15th, from 3:00-4:30 at the Genesis Spiritual Life Center, St. Mary's will be holding their second "Afternoon of Reflection". The topic is: **Accepting and Blessing Your Circumstances**. Sri Aurobindo, an Indian philosopher and yogi, states, "the spiritual journey is one of continually falling on your face, getting up, brushing yourself off, looking sheepishly at God, and taking another step." Whose footsteps are you following in? God's or another's? Share some time in prayer and spiritual reflection with the idea of accepting and blessing the circumstances of your days. Leader, Kathy Irr, is Campus Minister at St. Bernard's High School in Uncasville, Ct. She is also a spiritual director who has led retreats across the country. Please join us as a community and feel free to share this experience with a friend!



The St. Vincent DePaul Society wishes to thank all who participated in our Fall Food Drive. Through your generosity we will be better prepared to meet the increasing needs of our community. We are especially grateful to Father Brian for his continued support and encouragement. What a beautiful example of the Body of Christ in action. Through your prayers and participation you have made it possible for all of us to follow Christ's commandment to feed the hungry. The Society is extremely grateful for your help.

"We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips." - Saint Peter Claver, priest



Wreath and Poinsettia Sale: Make your holiday “to do” list a little easier by ordering your wreath and poinsettias through the St. Mary’s Elementary School PTO fundraiser. Get a jump on your holiday preparations and place your order today. Order forms are available at the back of the church. They will also be available in the bulletin the weekend

of 11/14 -11/15. All order forms along with payment must be received by Tuesday, November 24th. Order pick-up will be Friday, December 4th at the back entrance of St. Mary’s Elementary School. If you have any questions or need an order form, please call Michelle Moniz at 562-8105.

“HOLLY DAY” CRAFT FAIR will be held this year, Friday November 20th 4-8pm and Saturday November 21st from 9:00am to 6:00pm at St. Mary High School Gym, 27 Bartlett Street, Westfield, MA.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A CATECHETICAL CONGRESS, for all those who teach, assist, or are interested in parish religious education and more, will be held at Elms College-Berchman’s Hall on Sat., Nov. 14, 2009, from 8:30 AM – 1:45 PM. The Day will begin with a blessing of Catechists by Bishop McDonnell. There will be a keynote address by Nancy Bird and an opportunity to attend 2 other workshops for catechists, catechetical leaders, and interested parties. Join us as we gather for a morning of prayer and learning to celebrate and enhance our Catholic identity. One of our speakers for this year’s Congress is Phyllis Lund, one of our parishioners and one of our High School CCD Teachers. Phyllis is teaching a class entitled “Controlled Chaos in the Religious Ed. Classroom”. * **The ORE will pay the fee for all of our CCD teachers who would like to attend.**

FIRST GRADE: 1st grade CCD parents and children will meet Nov. 1st. We start with the 10:00Mass and then will proceed to the elementary school. Children should bring their unit reviews that are due with them.

CCD GRADES 2-8: will not be held **Mon, Nov. 2nd or Tues. Nov. 3rd** for those meeting at the Parish.

9th GRADE CCD: On Sunday, Nov. 1st all of our 9th grade CCD students will be attending a Special Program entitled “Global Poverty”. This program is put on by Catholic Charities and will educate them about some of the issues of global hunger. This program will be at the same time as their regular CCD class.

5th GRADE CCD: All 5th grade students are invited to attend and participate in a special Liturgy on Sun., Nov. 15th at the 10:00 Mass. The children can be readers, greeters or offertory processors. Please call the ORE. The Parish Coffee Hour will follow in the STM High School Gym!

ADVANCEMENT

The 2009-2010 school year is well underway and it is great to see the excitement in all of our students from PreK to Elementary to High School. It is remarkable to witness the joy they share in our schools. You have an opportunity to build and sustain this momentum.

As we begin the 2009-2010 Advancement Drive, I want to reach out to you, our parishioners, to explain the importance of this drive and ask for your support. Your gift adds immense value to our schools and our parish in many ways. In our schools, your gift builds quality by strengthening our academic programs; your gift helps to attract, retain and develop outstanding faculty; your gift makes a St. Mary’s education attainable for those in need of tuition assistance; and your gift enhances our facilities, learning resources and libraries.

The buildings and grounds are valuable to all of us. Our parish buildings are home to many children who attend CCD classes and make it possible to host many parish social events: coffee and donuts, spaghetti suppers, craft fairs, plays, wine tastings, auctions, etc. We are blessed to have such great facilities to host these venues.

You will receive an Advancement Drive Envelope shortly by mail. They are also available in the back of the church or by calling my office at 568-1160. Your donation goes directly to our students, building projects and parish needs and really does make a difference. We are grateful for your continued support.

Kristin Hagan
Advancement Director

St. Mary High School is seeking nominations for its **Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award**. To be considered for this award, an alumnus must demonstrate an active Christian faith and a continued interest in and support of St. Mary’s Schools. An individual should have a record of community involvement and be distinguished among his/her peers for their contributions to the community. The nominee should display leadership and responsibility, and must be an individual whose deeds are reflective of the importance of his/her St. Mary’s education. If you know of a St. Mary High School graduate who is deserving of this award and would like to nominate him or her, please contact the Advancement Office at (413) 568-1160 or email stmarydev@comcast.net.

Deadline to nominate: November 20, 2009

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009	
Sun:	Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Mon:	Wisdom 3:1-9/Matthew 25:31-46
Tue:	Romans 12:5-16a/Luke 14:15-24
Wed:	Romans 13:8-10/Luke 14:25-33
Thu:	Romans 14:7-12/Luke 15:1-10
Fri:	Romans 15:14-21/Luke 16:1-8
Sat:	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Luke 16:9-15
Next Sun:	1 Kings 17:10-16/Hebrews 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

“God answers knee-mail.”

Sabias que Tú tienes miedo. Pero lo que es tuyo. Sobre todo, porque de tanto llevarlo encima había terminado por sentir indispensables como: sus botas, su poncho, sus ropas, su dinero. ¡Muchos han compartido tantas cosas juntos, que había terminado por encariñarse con todo lo que tienen! Más que cosas tuyas, las sentía como parte de su vida. Como realidades de su misma historia. Al sentir consigo todas esas cosas, se sentía viviendo una historia con continuidad: historia con pasado. Y todo hombre que está en camino siente la tentación del pasado. Tentación que se concretiza en el poseer; en el no dejar. Al llegar a la orilla de ese río, la opción le resultó dura. Esa realidad del río que atravesaba como un tajo su camino, le exigía una decisión dolorosa. No es que no quisiera atravesarlo; ¡si para eso se había puesto en camino! Lo duro no estaba en pasar a la otra orilla; sino en que para pasar lo debía tomar una actitud nueva frente a todas sus cosas viejas; frente a todo lo que era suyo; frente a todo lo que se le había comprado. Lo busca hasta el gusano que quiere ser mariposa. Para poder crecer hasta el volido, necesita aceptar el retiro del capullo. La rosa y el gusano lo hacen por instinto; al cristiano, por ser hombre, le toca decidirlo. Al llegar a la orilla del río, nuestro hombre hace silencio. Antes de examina su conciencia y para sacar lo malo a fuera. Necesitaba mirar lo que pasa a fuera las correntada, dejar que ella le entrara por los ojos y se le fuera corazón adentro. Necesitaba que el corazón pasase primero, para poder luego seguirlo su cuerpo. En esa actitud se le fue la tarde, y la noche le cayó encima con todo su misterio. Y en esa actitud se hace hasta de noche. Fue entonces recién cuando dijo: "sí". Un sí que lo venía arreando desde lejos. El mismo sí, que lo pusiera en movimiento al comienzo. Despacio se puso de pie, se quitó el poncho y lo tendió en el suelo. Se sacó las botas y las colocó en el centro. Luego el dinero. Por cada cosa que sacaba de su cuerpo, el hombre se iba empobreciendo. El hombre, sin broma ni drama, ató las cuatro puntas del poncho que contenía todo lo suyo. Lo voleó tres veces como un lazo para darle impulso y lo tiró por encima de la correntada del río para que fuera a caer a la otra orilla. De este modo colocaba lo suyo allí donde él mismo debía llegar. Hacía que lo suyo se le adelantara para esperarlo en la meta. Y allí quedó él, en la orilla de acá, liberado de todo para poder pasar mejor ese río y poder encontrarse con todo lo suyo, que lo había precedido. Porque era un hombre que amaba profundamente lo suyo. Nada se ha de perder de lo que el Padre nos ha dado. Hace más de veintitres siglos un joven salmista, al que le pasó algo parecido, le decía al Señor en un largo poema: Yo pongo mi esperanza en ti Señor, que no quede frustrada mi esperanza (Salmo 118)



PREPARACION A LA PRIMERA COMUNION: Todos los niños y jóvenes que desean prepararse en ESPAÑOL. Los Padres deben comunicarse con Lucy Ríos.

RECUERDA el 01 de noviembre es día de todos los santos y el 02 de Noviembre es festividad de todo los fieles difuntos, ofrezca la misa por algún familiar amigo o pariente.

NATIONAL MEMORY SCREENING DAY: Concerned about your memory? Get Screened. On November 17th, Visiting Angels at 507 Southampton Rd., Westfield will offer free, confidential memory screenings between 10 AM – 2 PM. Screenings are a first step towards proper diagnosis. Call 568-7790 or visit www.nationalmemoryscreening.org



VOCATIONS VIEW: All of us are called to sanctity, to live our lives as holy men and women. Others have gone before us, in every time and space and are now enjoying the eternal banquet with God. Can you be part of God's plan by giving your life as a priest or vowed religious sister or brother? Can you be the face of Christ bringing God's love to a broken world? If so, answer the call of Christ by phoning, Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org

HEALTH TIPS

If you are thinking about getting a hearing aid be sure to investigate all your choices carefully to learn what type of device will best meet your needs. Initially, visit an otolaryngologist (a doctor who specializes in disorders of the ear, nose or throat) to rule out correctable causes of hearing loss such as an infection, a tumor or excess earwax. Then have your hearing tested by a reputable audiologist (hearing specialist). If a hearing aid is indicated, the audiologist will take an impression of the ear canal, select the most appropriate device, and adjusts it to fit well. It is important to understand that hearing aids cannot restore normal hearing or eliminate all background noise. Hearing aids should come with an advisory of allowing an adaptation period because of the time it takes for people to get used to wearing them. Be aware that there is a wide variation in hearing aid prices ranging from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. Professional fees, remote controls and other optional extras will increase costs.

Source: www.mayoclinic.com April 1, 2009

NOTE: We have hearing assist devices that broadcast the sounds coming through our sound system to a personal device that you can customize. See a minister of hospitality if you would like to try one.

COLD AND FLU SEASON IS HERE. So please keep in mind three things:

- 1) Refrain from receiving from the cup if you are feeling ill or have a cold. Eucharistic Ministers are taught to wipe the chalice with a clean part of the purificator, and the chalices are washed with hot, soapy water after every Mass. But if you do not feel well, please do not receive from the cup. The fullness of Jesus' presence is in either species (bread or wine). If you are not receiving from the chalice, it is customary to make a bow when you pass by as a sign of respect.
- 2) You are encouraged to receive the Sacred Body on your hands rather than the tongue (to avoid passing on saliva to the Eucharistic Minister).
- 3) Some people choose to make the sign of peace through a wave or a bow rather than shaking hands. Please don't take it as a sign of disrespect. It is sometimes awkward to adjust, but a courteous wave back is a friendly response.

**ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL
HOCKEY TEAM
FAMOUS**



PASTA & MEATBALL SUPPER

PREPARED BY OUR TALENTED ITALIAN COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, NOV. 14TH, 2009

5:00PM

IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

PRICE:

\$8.00 ADULTS

\$4.00 CHILDREN (5-12 Y.O.)

CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE!

***REFRESHMENTS & DESSERT INCLUDED!
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE***