

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, November 14**

- 4:00 PM Ruth & Guy Boldini
Fred Kirby + (*birth. rem.*) & Sadie Barto + (*birth. rem.*)
from Mary Kirby
Gertrude Champagne + (*birth. rem. from Celeste*)
Gino & Anita Bacchiocchi (*from family*)
Mary Liptak (*from the Cressotti family*)

5:15 PM Amanda Nieves & John Santaniello Wedding

Sunday, November 15

- 7:00 AM Deceased Priests of Our Diocese (*from Fr. Brian*)
8:30 AM Normand Dubois (*from Ted & Matt Wojcikowski*)
Felix DeLevo, Sr. (*from family*)
10:00 AM Deceased members of the Iarrusso & Iommazzo families
(from Maria Iommazzo & family)
11:30 AM Nicolasa Rivera Gerena (*7th anniv. from daughter*)
5:15 PM Youth Mass

Monday, November 16

8:30 AM Edward & Lottie Fitzgerald

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 AM Paul J. Lisowski (*from family*)

Thursday, November 19

8:30 AM Mary Ashe (*from cousins*)

Friday, November 20

8:30 AM

Saturday, November 21

- 4:00 PM Helen Boylan (*12th anniv. from daughter & grandchildren*)
Andrew Mochak (*from wife, Terry*)
Gail Kenny (*5th anniv. from family*)
Albert Petrucelli + (*birth. rem. from wife, Mary & family*)
Deceased members of the Giorgi & Fattorini families

Sunday, November 22

- 7:00 AM Michael & Mary Discenza (*from the Discenza family*)
8:30 AM Brian Lariviere + (*birth. rem. from Mom, Dad & family*)
10:00 AM Rita & Jim O'Connor (*from family*)
Carlos Montes de Oca (*from the Wysocki family*)
Helen Kramer (*4th anniv. from daughter & husband*)
Paul Barre (*1st anniv. from Joshua, Anna, Ella Mae & Frank Bush*)
Alberta Gutowski (*5th anniv. from the O'Brien & Salls families*)
11:30 AM Francisca Rivera (*50th anniv. from daughter, Francisca Luna*)

**Flowers on the Altar last week were in memory of:**

- ❖ Calvin Annino, Sr. 85th birth. rem. from wife, children & grandchildren

Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:

- ❖ Pop Bergeron from family
- ❖ Andrew 93rd birth. rem. from wife, Theresa

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: Lynn Gelineau who is recovering from surgery and also **the deceased:** Elizabeth Tan, Ginny Fuller Hebda, Rita Lucas, Robert Schladenhauffen, Louis Parenzo, David Lahue & Ann Ceckowski

PASTOR'S COLUMN

I'm going to Toledo, Ohio this week to visit a classmate from seminary. He has recently become pastor just outside the city. I look forward to seeing him and his new parish. You get a sense of things on the phone but there is nothing like being there in person.

While I look forward to the trip, it feels to me like I've been away from the parish a ton this fall. In addition to the six weddings I've had since September, I have been covering a couple Masses at area parishes and I was out to Notre Dame for a football game back in October. It has made for a very inconsistent fall.

My life as pastor certainly fills my days. Most days I am in the office by 6:30 am and finish the night meetings by 8:00 pm. The hours between can be filled with visits to the hospital or visits to the schools. I can be counseling someone who is distraught or laughing over at pictures of the latest grandchild. There are countless meetings and lots of time just being with my staff. Usually the one constant is the weekend Mass schedule.

I love opening the Church on Saturday mornings real early. I can walk the grounds (picking up trash and the college student's beer bottles) saying my morning prayers and relishing the beauty of our campus. In the Church, there's a light that you don't get all the time when the sun shines through the stained glass windows. I may have a crazy Saturday ahead of me but these are precious moments before phones start ringing or I have to be at the funeral home.

I smile looking back at how mom used to have to drag us to church (usually at the latest Mass possible). Now I think nothing of stopping by or even celebrating the 5 Masses we have each weekend. There is a rhythm and a simple joy in seeing familiar faces, catching up on some news, or simply high-fiving a little child. Of course by Sunday afternoon I am tired. But it is a good tired, filled with the glow of the grace and love of God and His people.

I've learned (although I still push myself to practice this lesson) that I need to take a Sabbath during the week. And these vacations can be an extended Sabbath: a time of renewal and perspective, a time to let go of the pressures and responsibilities, a time to just be, as opposed to my constant doing.

Thanksgiving is around the corner. Then Advent sets the table for Christmas. The rhythm of the year will begin again. Know of my thoughts and prayers, even if you don't see me. And say a prayer for me. Your prayers are precious.

pax, Fr. b.

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 11/8, totaled \$14,015 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 563 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$962 in loose cash.

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2009 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week at St. Mary's

Mon	11/16	4 PM	2-6 CCD – ES & Center
		6:30 PM	Baptism Class – Center
		7 PM	Confraternity – Lower Church/HS Café
		7 PM	Boy Scout Troop 109 – ES Café
Tue	11/17	8 AM	Advancement Board Meeting – Center
		4 PM	2-8 CCD – ES & Center
		7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed	11/18	9 AM – 6 PM	Adoration & Benediction – Church
		6 PM	Folk Group Practice
		5:45 PM	Faith Formation Commission – Center
		7 PM	Community Life Commission – Center
		7 PM	Bible Study – Center
Thu	11/19	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Church
		7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Fri	11/20	4 PM	“Holly Day” Craft Fair – HS
Sat	11/21	9 AM	“Holly Day” Craft Fair – HS
Sun	11/22	8 AM	El Camino – ES
		10:00 AM	Little Church – ES
		1 PM	Prayer Service/Tree Dedication – Bl. Sac.

11/26 Thanksgiving; 11/28 Thanksgiving Social; 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; Decorate the Church for Christmas; 12/22 Advent Penance Service

MASS COUNT: We recently did a count of how many people were at Masses during the weekends of October 11th, 18th and 25th. The numbers are listed below.

<u>Mass</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>10/18</u>	<u>10/25</u>	<u>Average</u>
4:00 PM	406	364	381	384
7:00 AM	149	118	128	132
8:30 AM	335	212	254	267
10:00 AM	555	548	490	531
11:30 AM	150	155	159	155
5:15 PM		117		39
TOTALS	1605	1514	1412	1510

<u>Mass</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
4:00 PM	362	356	384
7:00 AM	144	132	132
8:30 AM	220	250	267
10:00 AM	474	536	531
11:30 AM	167	208	155
5:15 PM	0	23	39
TOTALS	1367	1505	1510

Note: 5:15 pm Masses happened once in the three-week sample.

THANKSGIVING SOCIAL: Nov. 28th at 5 PM in the High School Gym. Both our Anglo and Hispanic communities join together for a night of food and celebration. Bring a dessert or beverage. All are welcome!

"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity' (1 John 4:8)."

- St. Albert the Great (1206-1280), Dominican friar and bishop, Feast Day Nov. 15

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.



Please come and join the Community Life Commission as we try to help those looking for or offering job opportunities. If you have knowledge in resume writing, networking ideas, interviewing tips or know of job openings join us November 18, 2009 in the parish center at 7:00 P.M. as we put plans together that will help those in need.

ADVENT CANDLES: Advent begins the weekend after Thanksgiving. Students from our School will be selling Advent Candles after the Masses on November 28 & 29. You can also purchase them at the rectory in advance. \$5 for four quality candles.

REMINDER: THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

will meet in the lower church on Monday, November 16th at 7 PM for the recitation of the rosary. A brief meeting and refreshments will follow in the High School Cafeteria. Plans for the Christmas Luncheon will be discussed. It will be held on Monday, December 14th at noon at the Westwood Restaurant. Please mark your calendars!



ALTAR SERVERS' BREAKFAST HELD.

Council #100 of the Knights of Columbus, representing Westfield and the hill towns, recently held its annual breakfast, recognizing the efforts of local altar servers. The event was held on Saturday morning, October 31st at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament's Parish Center. Several members of Council #100 prepared and served a hardy breakfast to nearly 100 participants; altar servers and members of their families. Attendees were also presented with certificates of service from the K of C noting their years of service as altar servers in their respective parishes. Mr. Christ White, Grand Knight of the local council, greeted guests and served as the event's Master of Ceremonies. Knight member, Sam Lentini, of Westfield was the event's chairman.



St. Mary High School students are once again selling the **WIN/WIN** raffle tickets until December 18th. For \$5.00 per ticket, you will be entered into a daily drawing during the month of January. There is a total of \$5,000 cash prizes! These popular raffle tickets make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts! Please call the High School or stop by to get your WIN/WIN Tickets.

“HOLLY DAY CRAFT FAIR” will be held on Friday, November 20th from 4-8 PM & Saturday November 21, from 9 AM – 6 PM in the High School Gym. Over 45 crafters will be displaying and selling their wares! The High School will have our own table this year, with many hand-crafted items from our families and friends. A popular addition will be bracelets and charms that are compatible with the Pandora style – for a fraction of the price! The craft fair is sure to start your holiday shopping off in grand style! Admission is free, a delicious food court and fun raffles. Just in time for your holiday shopping.

Are you an eighth grade student looking for a great high school experience? We are now accepting registrations for prospective freshmen. **The mission of Saint Mary High School, serving Westfield and the surrounding communities for over 100 years, is to educate our students in a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum. Through a demanding academic program, students are challenged to reach their highest potential. Guided by the Gospel message and supported by parents, students are prepared in matters of faith and moral development. We value a caring and diverse community environment, inspiring students to mature into responsible young people.** We have the lowest tuition rate of any regional parochial high school and 98% of our graduates continue their education. Come see why St. Mary High School students ‘LIGHT THE WAY TO THE FUTURE’. Log onto www.stmaryhs.com or email Kim Jaszek at kjaszek@stmaryhs.com for more information.

ADVANCEMENT

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

Kristin Hagan
Advancement Director

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

8th GRADE CCD: On Sunday, Nov. 15th **ALL** of our 8th grade CCD students will be attending a Special Program entitled **“The Power of One”**. This program is put on by Catholic Charities and will educate them about what we as individuals can do to make a difference in the world. This program will be at the same time as their regular CCD class.

7th GRADE CCD: On Nov. 15th & 29th all of our 7th grade CCD students will be involved in a **“Called to Protect”** Workshop. All 7th grade parents should have received information about this program.



PARISH COFFEE HOUR: November 15th after the 10:00 Mass we will see you at the High School Gym for coffee, donuts and fresh baked goods from our 5th grade parents. It’s always nice to see new faces!! This Coffee hour will be hosted by Kim Crow’s 11th grade Confirmation Class! **TODAY** at the Coffee Hour after the 10:00 Mass **Mercy Home Care** will be available to check blood pressures and give information on services they offer.

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 our 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!

ATTENTION READERS: The new “Handbook for Proclaimers of the Word” is in the Sacristy. Please take the book with your name. You will begin using these November 29th.

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

- Sun: Daniel 12:1-3/Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
- Mon: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
- Tue: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
- Wed: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
- Thu: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
- Fri: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
- Sat: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sun: Daniel 7:13-14/Rev 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Sabía que En noviembre de 1621, los protestantes ultra ortodoxos del Mayflower desembarcaron en la costa de Massachusetts, cumpliendo sus propósitos al establecer la Colonia de Plymouth. El riguroso invierno en esas latitudes les cogió por sorpresa, sin tener tiempo para prepararse para duras condiciones de privación y frío. Del centenar de peregrinos no sobrevivieron más que la mitad. Los que lo hicieron, debieron su suerte a la ayuda y alimentos que los nativos de la zona, los indígenas wampanoag, les proporcionaron. Al año siguiente, los colonos supervivientes, ya establecidos y con la primera cosecha recolectada, decidieron compartir sus excedentes con los indios que les habían ayudado el año anterior. El gobernador de la colonia proclamó "un día de dar gracias al Señor para que podamos de una manera más especial regocijarnos después de haber recogido el fruto de nuestro trabajo". Esa pacífica convivencia con los nativos duraría pocos años, ya que la masiva afluencia de colonos europeos y la ocupación creciente de los territorios de los indios les llevarían a enfrentamientos continuos. El resultado de tales confrontaciones fue la casi total exterminación de los indios Wampanoag. Tras la llamada guerra del Rey Philip en 1675, tan sólo sobrevivirían unos 400. Aunque la tradición data de 1621 y se ha celebrado de una manera u otra desde entonces, la celebración como día de fiesta oficial es más reciente. En 1789, el primer presidente de los Estados Unidos, George Washington, proclamó la fecha como día nacional de Acción de Gracias. En 1863, Abraham Lincoln declaró que la celebración se realizara como fiesta nacional de los Estados Unidos. Sin embargo, no fue hasta 1941 que el Congreso Federal estableciera la fecha como fiesta oficial. "Todas las personas en los Estados Unidos celebran esta fiesta con reuniones familiares en sus hogares donde preparan un banquete. En muchas casas es común ofrecer una oración de gracias. El plato principal tradicional para la cena es un gran pavo asado. Este pavo tradicionalmente va acompañado con un relleno hecho de pan de maíz y salvia. Se sirve tradicionalmente con una jalea o salsa de arándano rojo (en inglés "cranberry sauce"). Además suelen servirse platos de verduras como las judías verdes (green bean casserole), la batata dulce y el puré de patata con una salsa hecha del jugo del pavo, al igual que una multitud de postres, siendo el pastel de calabaza el más popular. También son populares el pastel de pacana y el de manzana. Después de la cena, la diversión preferida es ver partidos de fútbol americano por la televisión, y para otros, echar una siesta. La mayoría de negocios y oficinas están cerrados en este día. Algunos almacenes, centros comerciales, restaurantes y bares permanecen abiertos. El viernes siguiente a la fiesta es tradicional la apertura de la temporada de compras navideñas. Este día se conoce como viernes Negro. Almacenes y tiendas todos ofrecen precios de rebaja y mucha gente se reúne en los centros comerciales. ¿Ahora haz tu propia historia como tú celebras el día DE ACCION DE GRACIA? ¿Por qué CELEBRAS ESTE DIA CON TU FAMILIA?

CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO

HUMANO: Desde hace casi 40 años la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, por sus siglas en inglés) ha encardando la enseñanza social católica buscando la justicia y sosteniendo la dignidad de la persona humana. La CCHD financia proyectos comunales dirigidos por individuos de bajos ingresos. A medida que más estadounidenses sienten el peso de la crisis económica, la CCHD necesita más que nunca el apoyo de usted en la Colecta de la próxima semana. Gracias por su generosidad.

RECORDAR: que la Diócesis por intermedio de nuestro Obispo a solicitado a todos los fieles tengan las precauciones para no contagiar a otras personas y perjudicar la salud de los demás.

AYUDA DE ALIMENTOS: por los días de acción de gracias la parroquia recolecta alimentos y compartirlos seamos generosos al brindar nuestros productos.



VOCATIONS VIEW: The moment of death provides the most beautiful experience of all: to be in God's immediate presence. Let the angels sing, the saints applaud. Let the heavens rejoice. Another person has fulfilled the vocation to be one with God forever. This beautiful experience will be ours when we are faithful to the vocation that God calls us to. If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation to His Church, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS: The evening will offer information on the grief process, discussion around practical strategies for coping and provide support for everyone who is concerned about how to get through this difficult time of year. The program will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 6- 8 PM at Genesis Spiritual Life Center (53 Mill St., Westfield), facilitators are: Jill C. Adams, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W (licensed independent Clinical Social Worker & Certified Bereavement Facilitator) and MaryAnne Rode, B.A., M.S. The program is open to the public and free of cost. Registration is required, as space is limited. Please contact Jill Adams at (413) 562-3133 for more information or to register for the program. Refreshments will be served.

LAST CALL for sign-ups for the trip to Italy next April. If you are interested in this 11 day trip please sign-up at the rectory by Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING: Make plans now to start Thanksgiving with Mass. What a powerful way to give thanks to God. Bring something from your Thanksgiving Table to be blessed as part of the prayers and brought back home. Fr. Brian will be making homemade bread. Thursday, Nov. 26th, 8:30 AM in the Upper Church. The Mass will be bi-lingual.



YOU ARE INVITED to a special prayer service and tree dedication at Blessed Sacrament Church (127 Holyoke Rd.). This is a great way to show our love and support for our brother and sister Catholics across the river. Next Sunday, November 22, 1 pm.



ADORATION takes place every Wednesday following the 8:30 am morning Mass until benediction at 6:00 pm. Spend a moment or stay longer with the Lord. There is grace in his presence.

ANYONE HAVING NOTICES FOR THE NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH BULLETIN MUST HAVE THEM INTO THE RECTORY NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 4 PM.

St. Mary's Elementary School P.T.O. Annual Wreath and Poinsettia Sale

Wreath and Poinsettia orders will be taken from 11/5/09 through 11/24/09.

Order pick-up will be Friday December 4, 2009 from 4:00– 6:30 p.m.

TAKE A CHANCE ON A GORGEOUS CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECE!
RAFFLE – 2 CHANCES FOR \$1.00

Wreath and Poinsettia Order Form

Name: _____ Phone # _____

12" Heavy Double –faced Balsam Fir Wreath # _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Decorated 12" Balsam Fir Wreath # _____ @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Red Poinsettia (branched) six inch pot # _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Christmas Centerpiece Raffle (2 chances for \$1.00) # _____ @ 2/\$1.00 = \$ _____

ORDER TOTAL: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ST MARY'S ELEMENTARY P.T.O.

This form should be forwarded along with payment, to

**St. Mary's Elementary School
35 Bartlett St.
Westfield, MA 01085**

Or drop your order off at the elementary school office during regular school hours.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

If you have any questions, please call Michelle Moniz @ 562-8105.

REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Delivery date is Friday December 4, 2009
from 4:00– 6:30 p.m. at the back entrance of St. Mary's Elementary School.

