

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, September 12**

- 4:00 PM Donald Henchey + (*birth. rem. from wife*)
 Bill Collier (*3rd anniv. from wife, Elaine & family*)
 Tom Drummey + (*birth. rem. from wife & family*)

Sunday, September 13

- 7:00 AM Special intentions for health improvements for
 R. Keith Johnson (*from sister*)
 8:30 AM Fred, Thomas & Raymond Basile (*from wife & mother*)
 10:00 AM Pio (*12th anniv.*) & Mary Callini (*13th anniv. from family*)
 Rosemarie Moran (*from family*)
 Mark A. Baszak (*1st anniv. from the Tratiak family*)
 11:30 AM Santos Gaud Jusino (*6th anniv. from mother*)

Monday, September 14

- 8:30 AM Deceased members of the Fallon & Murphy families (*from family*)

Tuesday, September 15

- 8:30 AM Christopher Regensburger + (*birth. rem. from Mom, Dad, Emily & Bill*)

Wednesday, September 16

- 8:30 AM Eddy & Ida Lemire (*from daughter*)

Thursday, September 17

- 8:30 AM Deceased members of the Allen family

Friday, September 18

- 8:30 AM Jean Gilman (*from William & Jean Egan*)

Saturday, September 19

- 4:00 PM Leo Lemire + (*Wedd. Anniv. rem. from wife*)
 James Bozak (*from brother & sister*)
 Lucille Rix (*from the Cressotti family*)
 Janet Trusty (*2nd anniv. from the Daley family*)

Sunday, September 20

- 7:00 AM Special intentions for health improvements for R.
 Keith Johnson (*from sister*)
 8:30 AM Luella Mickna (*2nd anniv. from sister*)
 10:00 AM Tony (*10th anniv.*) & Carmella Calcasola (*8th anniv. from Nancy & Nicky*)
 11:30 AM

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

- ❖ Severina Leclerc birth. rem.

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: Laura Cunningham, Donald Coffin & Anna Sanders

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 9/6, totaled \$11,003.26 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 545 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$699 in loose cash.

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

FROM THE PASTOR

The day this bulletin will be put in the pews, Saturday, September 12th, marks my 17th year of ordination. I will be celebrating it on Bailey Island in Maine. I have the great honor and privilege of going there to celebrate the wedding of the youngest son of a wonderful family from the parish. Not a bad way to give thanks for the great gift of priesthood. Bringing the blessings of God and His Church to a wonderful couple.

Seventeen years have gone by with amazing speed. There was many a struggle in seminary when I wondered if I could make it a week. But God's grace and guidance are sufficient.

Even in High School I had felt the call to priesthood. It's kind of funny, because while I had faithful and even powerful priests (My pastor for twenty-three of my first thirty years was the quintessential tough Irish priest. He even had a mean dog named Nero who would growl at us as we walked past the rectory towards the church. As a seminarian I got to know Fr. Hudgins much better and found out under that gruff exterior was a gentle and loving man. May God rest his soul.), I only think of one of them as inspirational. Still, the Spirit was calling me at a young age to give my life to God.

It was in college, at the infamous Zoo Mass, that I really became serious about the call to priesthood. I had many paths to follow at UMass. With 27,000 undergraduates the imagination may not meet the reality in terms of diversity and dichotomy. I (for the most part) chose the path of faith. Inspired by Fr. J. Joseph Quigley and the vibrant Newman Center Community, I got involved in retreat work, outreach to the poor and needy, an amazing prayer group named Branches and eventually president of the Newman Student Association.

My journey towards priesthood took an important 'detour' as I fell head over heels in love. I say important because it gave me insights and sensitivity and appreciation that I would never have had if Beth had not come along. So instead of seminary, I went to graduate school to become a teacher.

I taught Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science over the course of two years at two different schools. I coached basketball (even though I never played it in High School myself, I was captain of the wrestling team), got involved in tons of student activities and simply loved the crazy life of a teacher.

It was a second major 'detour' that reinvigorated my awareness of God's call. When my position at Rockland High School was terminated, I went to volunteer at Covenant House. I lived in community for a year (3 hours of prayer a day, a fulltime shift at the crisis center and \$12.00 a week in pay). What was one of the most wonderful and stressful and amazing years of my life turned me back onto the possibility of vocation. Maybe that is why I am so attuned to the struggles of our youth and the plight of those on the street. For sure, the spirit of Covenant House still inspires me.

And now my long story of my journey towards priesthood must be shortened. From Covenant House I went to St. John's Seminary in Brighton and eventually to the North American College in Rome. Formation is a powerful step towards priesthood. Rough edges are smoothed off, many struggles are faced and foundational learning takes place.

I still learn and struggle and see many rough edges. But I really love being a priest. In this Year of the Priest, I consider myself blessed by God's call and His sustaining love.

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This Week at St. Mary's

Mon	9/14	5:30 PM	Daisies – ES
		6:30 PM	Cub Scouts Pack 109 – ES
		7 PM	St. Vincent de Paul – Center
		7 PM	Boy Scout Troop 109 – ES Café
Tue	9/15	7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed	9/16	9 AM	–6 PM Adoration & Benediction – Church
		6 PM	Folk Group Practice
Thu	9/17	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Church
		7 PM	Youth Group – 3 rd fl Center
		7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Fri	9/18		Boy Scout Troup 109 Deep Sea Fishing Weekend
Sat	9/19	8 AM	Desayuno de Mujeres – EMCC
		10 AM	Encuentro Middle School Retreat Day – HS
Sun	9/20	8 AM	El Camino – ES
		10:00 AM	Catechetical Sunday Mass – Church
		10:00 AM	Little Church – ES
		10:45 AM	Coffee Hour – HS
		6:30 PM	CCD Grades 7 – 11 – HS/Center

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



RCIA: We are having an open meeting of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic. **Thursday – September 24th**, 7:00 pm– St. Mary's Rectory (30 Bartlett St., right next to the church as

you come out the front doors). This is a great chance to ask questions, to share our stories, to begin the formal process. Sponsors and other team members are very welcome to attend. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the rectory.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY will hold its annual

Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 27th at the Ranch after the 8:30 AM Mass. Reservations must be made with Toni Hills, 50 Highland View St. (568-7961) by Friday, September 18th. Price is \$14.40 including tip. See you there!



Raffle Drawing

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH COLUMBUS DAY RAFFLE DRAWING will take place on Monday, October 12th at 2 PM at Mont Marie in Holyoke (enter through the main entrance at the front of the building). The Sisters of St. Joseph,

friends and associates will be **selling raffle tickets before and after the Masses the weekend of Oct 3rd and 4th or they can be purchased at the Elementary School during school hours.** Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5; prizes will include \$3,000, \$1,000 and 5 \$100 drawings. Feel free to join us for refreshments and music following the drawing. The fundraiser will help to support the Sisters' Retirement and SSJ ministries. As always, the Sisters of St. Joseph are extremely grateful for your continued support.



Bible Study

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 **Wednesday, 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 Bage at 562-5484 with any questions or to register for this class.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: our first **book discussion** group was very successful with the book "*The Shack*". On September 24th, 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 Bage). 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.

COFFEE HOUR: The first Parish Coffee Hour of the season will be on Catechetical Sunday, September 20th after the 10:00 Mass. Let us all start the year with a big gathering after a long summer to catch up with old and new friends! Coffee's on.....



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS: We are in need for volunteers (singles or groups) to host one coffee hour a year. Please call the ORE if interested!

FLAMINGO RAID: Want to share a good laugh with family and friends? How about having their yards raided by 25 Flamingos? All you have to do is complete a Flamingo Raid Form and donate \$12 per request. Next thing you know FLAMINGOS EVERYWHERE! It's that easy! However, if you are more interested in purchasing Flamingo Insurance for just \$15 we will guarantee your yard will be flamingo free or your money back...You will have an opportunity to request a raid or purchase insurance this weekend (Sept. 12/13) after each Mass. Funds will benefit St. Mary's youth on their pilgrimage to join 20,000 other youth at the National Catholic Youth Conference in November.

VOCATIONS VIEW: Jesus made the Cross an instrument of our Salvation. Is God calling you to be His instrument to announce His salvation as a religious or priest? If you think you are being called to a Church Vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org



Dear Parishioners,

Right before summer vacation, I received the results of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test that are given Grades 3, 5 and 7 every spring. The Iowas and the Cogats are two of the more popular standardized tests given in American

schools. These are the tests that are given in all of our Diocesan schools each year. As we all know, some students are excellent test takers, while others find it difficult. However, our teachers do all in their power to make the testing situation as comfortable as possible, even though it is very different from a regular classroom work day.

Like last year, our students did exceptionally well on the Iowas. Our scores are compared to every child in the USA who takes the Iowas, both public and private schools. I'm using the Percentile Rank scores because those are the easiest to understand i.e. if a PR score is 85%, it means that we scored higher than 84% of the children who took the test and only 14% scored higher than we did. So here goes: **Grade 3:** Reading Total: 88 Math Total: 87 and Composite Score: 95 **Grade 5:** Reading Total: 99 Math Total: 93 and Composite Score: 98 **Grade 7:** Reading Total: 84 Math Total: 69 and Composite Score: 76. We are very proud of our students and our teachers. These are great scores. As I've shared before, there is still room at STMES. Give us a call at 568-2388. "COME AND SEE."

Thanks and God bless, Sr. Christine

Enrollment at Saint Mary High School is open to prospective freshmen. If you are interested in a college preparatory education (98 to 100% of our graduates continue on to college) that includes faith, gospel values, academic excellence, competitive sports programs, service, community and family, consider us! Also, there are a limited number of openings in the sophomore and junior classes. It is not too late to prepare for your success at college! We will assist you every step of the way. Learn more about us online at www.stmaryhs.com. You can see first hand why St. Mary High School students are 'Lighting the Way to the Future'! To schedule a visit, call the school at 568-5692 or email us at ktjaszek@yahoo.com.



"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. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PICTURES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: If you have not picked up your pictures, they are in the CCD Office.

FORMAL CLASSES for Religious Education begin 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 is in public school now is the time to register. Please call or stop by the ORE for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin the week of Sept. 20th. You will get a phone call from your teacher the week before with specific information if you are registered. *Some children have not yet registered. Please do so quickly so everyone will get their first class choice.

TEACHERS NEEDED... Religious Education program is coming together. There is still a need for teachers and aides in most grades. Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish. **Grade 1:** Sunday, **Grade 3:** Monday & Tuesday, **Grade 4:** Tuesday, **Grade 5:** Monday & Tuesday, **Grade 6:** Monday & Tuesday, **Grade 7:** Monday & Tuesday, **Grade 8:** Monday & Tuesday, **Grade 11:** Sunday.



AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: The first in a series of five afternoons of reflection for the parishioners and friends of St. Mary's Parish: Sunday, September 27, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., at Genesis Spiritual Life Center – Tending the Soul, Honoring the Body. It is a busy and noisy world in which we live and the benefits of withdrawing and quieting the body, mind, and soul for even brief periods of time have been shown to have dramatic effects on overall health. Join us in an afternoon of reflection that opens with a combination of balance and yoga poses, along with deep stretching, followed by a relaxation practice and meditation. All ages and abilities are welcome, as each participant will work according to their own capability. Wear loose and comfortable clothing, bring a friend, and, if you have access to a yoga mat, please bring that along, too.

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009

- Sun: Isaiah 50:5-9a/Jms 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Mon: Numbers 21:4b-9/John 3:13-17
- Tue: 1 Timothy 3:1-13/John 19:25-27
- Wed: 1 Timothy 3:14-16/Luke 7:31-35
- Thu: 1 Timothy 4:12-16/Luke 7:36-50
- Fri: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12/Luke 8:1-3
- Sat: 1 Timothy 6:13-16/Luke 8:4-15
- Next Sun: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/Jm 3:16-4:3/Mark 9:30-37

Best friends are the siblings
God waited to give us.

Sabías que al decir : “CREO EN LA SANTA IGLESIA CATÓLICA” “Cristo es la luz de los pueblos. Con estas palabras comienza la “Constitución dogmática sobre la Iglesia” Del Concilio Vaticano II. La Iglesia no tiene otra luz que la de Cristo; ella es, según una imagen predilecta de los Padres de la Iglesia, comparable a la luna cuya luz es reflejo del sol. En efecto, después de haber mostrado que el Espíritu Santo es la fuente y el dador de toda santidad, confesamos ahora que es El quien ha dotado de santidad a la Iglesia”. La Iglesia, según la expresión de los Padres, es el lugar “donde florece el Espíritu”. Creer que la Iglesia es “Santa” y “Católica”, y que es “Una” y “Apostólica” (como añade el Símbolo Nicenoconstantinopolitano) es inseparable de la fe en Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. En el Símbolo de los Apóstoles, hacemos profesión de creer que existe una Iglesia Santa (“Credo... Ecclesiam”), y no de creer en la Iglesia para no confundir a Dios con sus obras y para atribuir claramente a la bondad de Dios todos los dones que ha puesto en su Iglesia.

LA IGLESIA EN EL DESIGNIO DE DIOS: I. LOS NOMBRES Y LAS IMÁGENES DE LA IGLESIA: La palabra “Iglesia” [“ekklēsia”, del griego “ek-kalein” - “llamar fuera”] significa “convocación”. Designa asambleas del pueblo en general de carácter religioso. Es el término frecuentemente utilizado en el texto griego del Antiguo Testamento para designar la asamblea del pueblo elegido en la presencia de Dios, sobre todo cuando se trata de la asamblea del Sinaí, en donde Israel recibió la Ley y fue constituido por Dios como su pueblo santo. Dándose a sí misma el nombre de “Iglesia”, la primera comunidad de los que creían en Cristo se reconoce heredera de aquella asamblea. En ella, Dios “convoca” a su Pueblo desde todos los confines de la tierra. El término “Kyriaké”, del que se derivan las palabras “church” en inglés, y “Kirche” en alemán, significa “la que pertenece al Señor”. En el lenguaje No se lo pierda. cristiano, la palabra “Iglesia” designa no sólo la asamblea litúrgica, ¹⁰⁹ sino también la comunidad local ¹¹⁰ o toda la comunidad universal de los creyentes. ¹¹¹ Estas tres significaciones son inseparables de hecho. La “Iglesia” es el pueblo que Dios reúne en el mundo entero. La Iglesia de Dios existe en las comunidades locales y se realiza como asamblea litúrgica, sobre todo eucarística. La Iglesia vive de la Palabra y del Cuerpo de Cristo y de esta manera viene a ser ella misma Cuerpo de Cristo.

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.

Redada de Flamenco: Deseas hacerle una broma a tus amigos y familia? Que tal te parece una redada de flamencos en sus patios? Lo unico que usted necesita hacer es llenar una planilla y pagar \$12.00 por petición. Nosotros nos encargaremos del resto. Si usted quiere evitar que le pongan estos flamencos en su patio tiene la oportunidad de comprar seguro contra esto. El costo es \$15.00 y es garantizado. Usted tendrá la oportunidad de hacer el pedido o comprar este seguro de protección después de cada misa el fin de semana 9/12 y 9/13. Fondos recaudados serán para apoyar a los jóvenes que asistirán la Conferencia Católica Nacional en Noviembre. Si tiene alguna pregunta favor de comunicarse con Maida Rivera 562-8849 o Luz Rodriguez 568-5199.



Cantad al Señor toda la Tierra. **CONCIERTO** de musica cristiana que refresca el alma. **Ministerio:** “Pecador de Hombres” de Johnny Helena, **Ministerio:** “Los Hijos de la Luz” con Gloria Rios y muchas otras sorpresas. **Fecha:** octubre 10, **hora:** 6 – 10 PM, **lugar:** gimnasio Santa Maria (Westfield). Costo: \$5 adultos y \$3 menores de 12 años.

80TH ANNIVERSARY ORGAN CONCERT

America’s youngest and brightest rising star, Christopher Houlihan, will present a spectacular performance on the pipe organ at the “80th Anniversary Organ Concert” on September 26th, 2009, at St. Michael's Cathedral, 260 State St., Spfld. The 1929 Casavant organ in St. Michael’s Cathedral is a world-class instrument built right before the Great Depression, and it is one of the treasures of our diocese. Mr. Houlihan, an international talent, has been thrilling audience across America and Europe. He has performed for Heads of State, and ‘Houli-fan’ fan clubs spontaneously spring up on university campuses wherever he performs. At age 21, his skills are phenomenal and his personality engaging. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear a 21st century musical giant! Admission to the concert and gala reception are free, courtesy of ‘The American Guild of Organists’ and ‘Friends of the Cathedral Organ’. For more information contact the Office of Divine Worship at (413) 452-0839 or at worship@diospringfield.org.



HEALTH TIPS: Parkinson's disease is a degenerative neurological disorder that starts as a tremor and ends in death. Early diagnosis gives doctors more time to prevent the incurable disease from progressing. However, Parkinson’s also can be very difficult to diagnose and 10 percent of patients are misdiagnosed. Newer diagnostic tests may help. As an example, there is a blood test that measures a large number of chemicals in the blood and it has been found promising. When scientists compared blood samples of Parkinson’s patients against healthy blood samples, different compounds emerged that were specific to Parkinson’s patients. Another test involves the sense of smell. People with a normal sense of smell generally can identify 35 out of 40 smells. People with Parkinson's can identify fewer than 20. There is even a vision test. Researchers abroad are testing eye drops containing cocaine to diagnose Parkinson's. They have learned that when study participants were given a 5 percent cocaine solution, their eyes dilated less than those without the disease, indicating that the Parkinson's patients had lost nerve function in their eyes. Still another clinical trial consists of a skin test in which scientists look for minute protein deposits in the skin. Seventy percent of Parkinson's patients in the study tested positive for specific proteins. Although for many it's too late to stop the progression, researchers hope what they're doing now will spare others the pain of Parkinson's in the future. For more information please visit: Parkinson's Disease Foundation, <http://www.pdf.org/> and National Parkinson Foundation, <http://www.parkinson.org> **Source:** <http://www.ivanhoe.com> February 17, 2009

To be optimistic in spirit of everything, trust in God should be the pivot of our thoughts and actions.

- John Paul I (Pope, 1912-1978 ♀)

A woman suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the tassel of His cloak. She said to herself, "If only I can touch His garment, I shall be cured!" Jesus turned and saw her. He said, "Courage, daughter, your faith has saved you!" From that moment on, she was cured.

(Matthew 9:20-22)

PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE AND HEALING



**Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
Litchfield, CT
Sunday, 11 October 2009**

Labor Day Weekend is a marvelous time to begin signing-up for our Parish Pilgrimage. Why? Because we all need—on a regular basis—freedom from daily labors and concerns in order to be authentically refreshed in the Holy Spirit: *Alleluia!* We hope you and many friends can join us!

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

- 9:00AM – Sacrament of Sick in “lower church” (*optional*)
- 9:45AM – Bus departs from rear parking lot of St. Mary High School
- 11:00AM – Charter Bus arrives at Shrine
- 11:30AM – Outdoor Sunday Mass in Grotto
- 12:45PM – Lunch (*chicken, rice and vegetables*) in Shrine Cafeteria
- 1:30PM – Visit Shrine Gift Shop; Stations of the Cross; or
Sacrament of Reconciliation (*in English or Spanish by Montfort Missionary Fathers*)
- 3:00PM – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Rosary
- 4:00PM – Charter Bus departs for Westfield
- 5:15PM – Bus returns to rear parking lot of St. Mary High School

Please complete and return to Fr. Longe before September 30, 2009

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

- \$30.00 check enclosed (*made out to St. Mary’s Parish*).
- I cannot attend; I want to sponsor a needy person who will take my place (\$30.00 enclosed).

