

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5

- 1:30 PM Margaret Warstack & Jason LaPlante Wedding
- 4:00 PM Edward & Abbie Howe (from family)
- Lisa Searleman (23rd anniv. from Mom)
- Deceased members of the Parisi family (from M/M Patrick Parisi)
- Daniel Bozak (from children)
- James Valente (35th anniv.) & son, Gary (from wife & mother)

Sunday, September 6

- 7:00 AM Julia Lucia (7th 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 (5th anniv. from daughters)

Monday, September 7 LABOR DAY

- 8:30 AM Special Intentions for good health & safe travel for Gail Tirrell (from Henrietta)

Tuesday, September 8

- 8:30 AM Deceased members of the Lemire family

Wednesday, September 9

- 8:30 AM Lionel Deslauriers + (50th Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from wife)

Thursday, September 10

- 8:30 AM Raymond Fitzgerald (10th anniv. from wife)

Friday, September 11

- 8:30 AM In honor of Fr. Brian's 17th anniv. of Ordination

Saturday, September 12

- 4:00 PM Donald Henchey + (birth. rem. from wife)
- Bill Collier (3rd anniv. from wife, Elaine & family)
- Tom Drummy + (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)
- 11:30 AM Santos Gaud Jusino (6th anniv. from mother)



Flowers on the Altar this week are in memory of:

- ❖ Francis Della Luna Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from Sophie
- ❖ Theodore O. Kratochvil birth. rem. from daughters

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: Senator Edward Kennedy, John Shea, Marijona Zeringis & Stephen Morrissey

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 8/30, totaled \$12,908.44 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 568 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$702 in loose cash.

The August Heating & Air Conditioning brought in \$2,317.00.

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

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jesus then addressed those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. He said . . . "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself shall be exalted!" (Luke 18:9-14)

When authentic, Spirit-inspired humility is always a sacred virtue, for it grows in beauty and power each time we put it into practice. The goal of this (and every) virtue is to be practiced so often it becomes "second nature" and a conscious thought no longer.

An essential component of Jesus-centered humility is always giving credit where credit is due, even if we don't particularly like the person we are complimenting. By giving sincere words of praise to another, we publicly acknowledge and encourage the good they are doing without being overly distracted by what we consider to be their (many) defects. This is entirely Biblical as well as practical, for, as St. Paul reminds us, through the Holy Spirit we are called to *conquer evil with good* (Romans 12:21)—Amen!

Next Sunday is our Nation's yearly celebration of "Grandparents Day". This day is extremely important and special because it gives us the opportunity to stop in our busy tracks and explicitly give credit where credit is due year-round! Inaugurated by President Jimmy Carter on September 06, 1979, "Grandparents Day" is celebrated on the first Sunday following Labor Day. He writes within his formal Presidential Proclamation:

We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads and pressures, and who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy. Because they are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations . . .

Although President Carter deserves our gratitude for making this "holiday" widely practiced (*a day that offers holiness*), he did not initiate it. This honor is reserved for Mrs. Marian McQuade (1917-2008) of West Virginia. A proud wife of a humble coalminer, Marian and her husband Joe courageously raised fifteen children and helped nurture forty-three grandchildren—Praise God!

Grateful for their constant blessings, Marian and Joseph rightly became troubled by the lonely plight of too many of their peers. Instead of simply complaining, Marian chose to become an instrument of positive social change. She pursued local, state and federal politicians and insisted they listen to her concerns. Happily, within less than ten years, a Presidential Declaration was issued . . . (www.grandparents-day.com)

If "Grandparents Day" is next Sunday, why speak about it now? Simple: to give each of us a full week to leisurely decide how we will celebrate this holiday in a meaningful way: Is a physical visit needed? A practical gift? Phone call or handwritten letter? Fresh flowers upon a silent grave? A spiritual conversation or two through quiet prayer? A Mass Intention? Just a few thoughts . . .

Grandparents: since next Sunday is reserved for you, I will place a special prayer card within each pew for you to take home and recite on a daily basis. It is profound and relevant, and we thank the Diocesan *Vocation Office* for making it available. Never forget: **you are special, and as a society we need you!** Please persevere and always give us a good example—Alleluia!

--FR. JAMES W. LONGE

This Week at St. Mary's

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| Mon 9/7 | | NO SCHOOL/RECTORY CLOSED |
| Tue 9/8 | 8 AM | Preschool Opens |
| | 8 AM | Advancement Meeting – Center |
| | 9 AM | Prayer Shawl Ministry – Rectory |
| | 5 PM | STM HS Board – HS |
| | 5 PM | Brownies – ES |
| | 6 PM | STM ES Board – Center |
| | 7 PM | Being Catholic – Center |
| | 7 PM | Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church |
| | 7:15 PM | STM ES PTO – ES |
| Wed 9/9 | 9 AM – 6 PM | Adoration & Benediction – Church |
| | 6 PM | Folk Group Practice |
| Thu 9/10 | 6:30 PM | STM ES Back to School Night – HS & ES |
| | 6:30 PM | CCD Grades 2-11 Teachers' Meeting - Center |
| | 7 PM | Choir Rehearsal – Church |
| | 7 PM | Cursillo – Center |
| Fri 9/11 | | Cursillo Retreat Weekend – ES |
| | | STM HS 9 th Grade Retreat – Holy Trinity |
| Sun 9/13 | 8 AM | El Camino – ES |
| | 8:30 AM | Senior Choir Resumes – Upper Church |

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



RCIA – Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic? Maybe they were baptized but never completed the sacraments? Maybe they have come to faith later in life? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is beginning some formal inquiry sessions. Contact Fr. Brian if you are interested.

SPONSORS NEEDED for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults!* We are looking for faithful Catholics who would accompany someone along their journey to joining our Church. The RCIA will meet 18 Sunday mornings 8:30 - 10:00 am from the end of November until Easter (early April). Mass is included. Your commitment is to spend about 45 minutes after Mass and keep in touch with the candidate through the process. It is a great way to boost your faith, it is a wonderful service of love, it is a special way to go beyond yourself and help another. If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor, please call Fr. Brian (562-5477).

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!



VOCATIONS VIEW: Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest or religious. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diospringfield.org

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

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 Bagge 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 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.



On earth, we are wayfarers, always on the go. This means that we have to keep on moving forward. Therefore be always unhappy about what you are if you want to reach what you are not. If you are pleased with what you are, you have stopped already. If you say; "It is enough," you are lost. Keep on walking, moving forward, trying for the goal. Don't try to stop on the way, or to go back, or to deviate from it.

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL



“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.

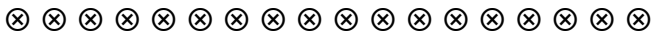
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE opened 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.



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 8th 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.

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.



SAY A SPECIAL PRAYER for the following children who were welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Family through the waters of Baptism in August.

- Olivia Michelle Barker
Reyse Madison Burke
Catherine Anne Pignatiello

Let us strive by our word and example to create an environment for them to come to know the love of God and the meaning of “Being Church”.

If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please call Deacon Roger Carrier (562-5477) to make arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated the last weekend of the month.

Table with 2 columns: Day and Readings for the Week of September 6, 2009. Rows include Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, and Next Sun with corresponding scripture references.

WHY GO TO MASS – from IronicCatholic.blogspot.com

- 1. It's kind of like facebook with God, the angels, and the saints
2. Breaking in the day to pray tames the craziness better than your Blackberry
3. The local Caf still serves lunch at 12:37pm. No lines either
4. A miracle occurs every. single. time.
5. God wants to hear about your romantic woes more than your Twitter audience
6. Actually, God wants to teach you something about Romance. Think of it as going on a spiritual date.
7. Under the (affectionately offered) "if you would just shut up, you could hear God's voice" advice: lots of precious, rare, ear-opening silence.
8. It's not for the perfect--that's actually part of the point
9. Did the sun rise this morning? Did you have a good breakfast? Did you get to dress warmly and well? Did you think about giving thanks for all that?
10. Because Jesus is present to us in a particular way--the way he chose as the perfect way--in the sacrament of the altar. (Want to meet him?)
11. Life is mysterious. But being present at this Mystery will make the mystery of your life much more clear.
12. Because this act "identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints." (CCC #1419)

Sabías que los enemigos humanos Más terribles aún eran los enemigos de carne y hueso.

La calumnia y el desprecio eran la moneda con que pagaba el mundo la abnegación del humilde párroco. Se criticaban sus ayunos, se hacía burla de sus combates con el infierno, se le trataba de loco, de charlatán, de hipócrita, de ambicioso. Hasta sobre sus costumbres arrojaba su vaho inundo la malignidad, durante cinco años. "Vivía esperando que de un momento a otro me arrojarían a palos de casa para encerrarme en un calabozo. Y me parecía que todo el mundo debiera haberse armado contra mí para echarme de una parroquia donde mi vida sólo podía ser un obstáculo a la gracia." En medio de las injurias y los temores, él seguía trabajando, sin dejarse vencer por el desaliento ni por la tristeza. "Muchas eran entonces mis cruces -confesaba más tarde-; tantas, que apenas las podía soportar. Pedí al Señor que me diese la gracia de amarlas, y de repente me sentí dichoso. ¡Verdaderamente, sólo allí existe la felicidad!" Lejos de defenderse, autorizó las acusaciones con su firma. Su propia vida le daba asco; las alabanzas le llenaban de pena, y no cesaba de derramar lágrimas a causa de sus pecados, de sus miserias, de su glotonería, de su hipocresía. "¡Ah! - escribía a los calumniadores-; sólo vosotros me habéis conocido. No sé cómo agradecer esa bondad con que os dignáis interesarnos por mi pobre alma." Su mejor defensa su humildad Vianney no sabía que este lenguaje era su mayor defensa. Aquella humildad heroica triunfó de todas las suspicacias, el obispo proclamó públicamente la humildad de aquel hombre, el mundo reconoció su virtud sublime, y empezó aquel desfile de multitudes que hizo del cura de Ars el apóstol universal de su siglo. Miles y miles de personas llegaban cada año para recibir los consejos de Vianney. Ya en 1840 se pudieron contar más de 20.000, número que siguió aumentando en los años sucesivos. De todas las naciones europeas acudían los peregrinos, arrastrados por la fe, por la piedad o por el arrepentimiento. Si alguno llegaba movido por la curiosidad, pronto se sentía transformado por una mirada, un gesto o una lágrima de aquel hombre prodigioso. Y al verle, todos decían: "Este hombre es más grande que su fama. Jamás hemos contemplado más de cerca a Dios." Unos buscaban al director de almas, otros al padre que tenía medicinas para todas las llagas del espíritu, otros al taumaturgo que tenía poder sobre las enfermedades y la muerte. Vianney se resignó a aquel fenómeno extraño, y consagró todas sus fuerzas al bien de sus hermanos. Los Días San Juan Bautista María Vianney sus días son iguales. Invariablemente, a medianoche sale de su habitación y se dirige al confesionario. La muchedumbre le sigue y se coloca ordenadamente en la iglesia. Los penitentes llegan sin interrupción a su presencia, y marchan consolados y contentos. A las siete, la misa; y luego, otra vez la dura tarea de la confesión. Cuando suenan las once, el cura sube al púlpito para comenzar la instrucción cotidiana, que él designa con el nombre de catequesis. Su presencia refleja la santidad. Su cuerpo débil X encorvado parece una sombra; su rostro tiene una palidez casi transparente; sus ojos, rojos y húmedos de llanto, hacen pensar en las tragedias lamentables que acaba de oír; sus largos cabellos, blancos como la nieve, encuadran su figura en una aureola luminosa. Su voz es débil; su lenguaje, inculto; y sin embargo, las almas se sienten conmovidas y transformadas. Al toque del Ángelus sale de la iglesia. Dos guardias le defienden de los apretones del pueblo. Todos quieren verle, hablarle, tocarle, recibir su bendición, recoger una palabra suya.

INVITACIÓN: a todo los CURSILLISTA el retiro anual será en SEPTIEMBRE 12 de las 8 a.m. a 5 p.m en la escuela elemental. 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.



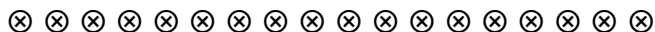
Red Cross
Blood Drive

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD

DRIVE is Tuesday, September 15th from 12 – 6 PM at Genesis Spiritual Life Center (53 Mill St.). Please help us give the gift of life. To ensure less time waiting, please call The American Red Cross at (800) 448-3543, or visit www.givelife.org. You must be at least 17 years old, 110 lbs and in good general health. Please bring ID.

HEALTH TIPS: Elderly individuals who are hospitalized or who are residents of nursing homes are readily susceptible to a perilous bacterial infection called C. diff, better known as clostridium difficile infection (CDI). CDI is an infection that starts with diarrhea and eventually causes more serious intestinal conditions, such as colitis. It can be fatal. The two most significant risk factors for CDI are being elderly and taking antibiotics for another infection. Patients in hospitals and residents of nursing homes need to wash their hands frequently and try to avoid touching questionable surfaces, particularly in bathrooms. Families also need to remind healthcare workers to clean their hands before and after caring for their loved ones. Physicians can treat CDI with a 10-day course of antibiotics that specifically targets the infection. However, resistant cases may require hospitalization or surgery.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333, USA
800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348,
24 Hours/Every Day - cdcinfo@cdc.gov (May 12, 2009)



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (WESTFIELD) will be

holding its **FALL FESTIVAL** on Sunday, September 20th at Pilsudski Park, Old County Rd., Holyoke from noon to 6 PM. The Festival will feature a Polish American kitchen and other refreshments. It will include games of chance for adults, bingo, children's games and activities, Chinese Raffle, \$1 grab bag and a tag sale. Our "Grand Raffle" will feature cash, lottery tickets and gas cards totaling \$2400. For your listening and dancing pleasure the Rhythm Band will provide Polish and American music. The festival is open to the public with free admission and parking, held rain or shine. For more information call the rectory office Monday through Thursday, between 10 AM and 4 PM at 568-1506.



THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC

RENEWAL is hosting a **HOLY SPIRIT**

BREAKFAST on Saturday, September 19th at the Mater Dolorosa Parish Center (67Kolbe Dr., Holyoke) from 8 AM – 12 noon. Mrs. Judith Hughes, the co-director of Spiritual Renewal

Services for the Diocese of Norwich, CT will be the presenter. The day will include: praise and worship, breakfast, presentation and end with prayer over each individual desiring to be prayed with. For information on registration call Lorraine at (413) 547-0118. To register send your check for \$12 to: Lorraine Bernier, Holy Spirit Breakfast, 119 Blisswood Village, Ludlow, MA 01056.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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).

