

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24

4:00 PM Phillip & Emelia Douglas, Rosemary Bullock
(from family)
Grandma & Grandpa Bischall (from Debbie & Fred)
Angelo Leto (1st anniv. from Uncle Gary & Aunt
Priscilla)

Sunday, October 25

7:00 AM Christian Meyer (1st anniv. from Jim & Stella
Huffmire & family)
8:30 AM David Carlisle + (birth. rem. from Mary & Larry Brady)
10:00 AM John McMahon (from wife & family)
11:30 AM Antolina Guzman (from family)
4:00 PM Organ Recital

Monday, October 26

8:30 AM Jeannine Lemire Olechna + (Wedd. Anniv. Rem. from
husband)

Tuesday, October 27

8:30 AM Jim Affenito + (birth. rem. from Fran)

Wednesday, October 28

8:30 AM Bob Tucker (11th anniv.) & Barbara Ann Roy (from
wife & sister)

Thursday, October 29

8:30 AM Theresa Genovese (from family)

Friday, October 30

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

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)



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:** Anna Sanders, Mary Ann Govoni, Patrick Turner, Rene Hebert, Barbara Ann Roy, Jason Alamed, James O'Connor, Daniel Wesloski Jr., Cheryl Kidrick and Sr. Mary of the Assumption Matthews, O.P.

We steward our treasure... The collection for last week, 10/18, totaled \$11,852 (we aim for \$13,000 per week). This came through 529 adult envelopes, 0 children's envelopes, with \$706 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 ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Courtesy of Savior Jesus, *the Word made flesh Who chose to dwell with the human race* (John 1:14), Holy Mother Church possesses seven dynamic Sacraments. Orthodox Christians are privileged with the same number, same spiritual power—*Alleluia!*

We find within today's Gospel Reading (Mark 10:46-52) that Blessed Jesus is ever attentive to our needs and struggles; in fact, He finds great joy (and no burden) in bringing authentic peace and freedom to humanity . . .

Since God's love for the human race is eternal, life-giving and perfect, every Sacrament has been wisely instituted from on High for our immediate and constant use here below: *très merci beaucoup, mon Seigneur et mon Dieu!* (cf. John 20:28)

Tragically, within present day New England, the *Sacrament of the Sick* appears to have an identity crisis. Although short in delivery, its effects are meant to be eternal; although simple in intention, it possesses enormous consequences – *Amen!*

As three-dimensional Children of God, our Blessed Lord longs to bring proper healing to our mind, body and soul; "proper healing" according to divine design, and not mere earthly expectation. How is this done? By a fruitful use of the Church and planet! Here we find a humble definition of what a Sacrament truly is: *supernatural grace being mystically transmitted through God's Church, by means of earthly words and objects, for the personal benefit of a Believer – WOW!*

Who can administer such a glorious Sacrament? According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (¶1516), only a validly Ordained Catholic or Orthodox priest. This is because the *Sacrament of the Sick* includes forgiveness of sins, an "Apostolic Privilege" (Matthew 16:18-19; James 5:13-15). Furthermore, if time and circumstances allow, the Faithful are encouraged to receive from the priest the Sacraments of *Reconciliation* and *Holy Eucharist* as well (CCC, ¶1517). Therefore, it is entirely possible and realistic for a Believer to receive three autonomous, yet interconnected, Sacraments within a matter of minutes – *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

How is this Sacrament administered? In many different ways: during Holy Mass; at a bedside; within a hospital; during a public Ceremony; privately in our Confessionals; shortly before death (*Viaticum*); immediately after leaving jail; etc. Regardless of style or length, as long as a physical laying on of hands and anointing with Oil of the Infirm is performed by a Sacramental Priest, it is properly conferred.

A few examples of treatable human anguish: depression, dementia, uncontrollable anxiety (*mind*); cancer, diabetes, heart failure (*body*); spiritual emptiness, self-hatred, hopelessness (*soul*). The needs are many, while our Divine Physician is one: *Come to Me all who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest!* (Matthew 11:28)

- Fr. James Longe

This Week at St. Mary's

Mon	10/26	4 PM	2-6 CCD – ES & Center
		6 PM	Cub Scout Pack 109 – HS
		7 PM	Italy trip Opening Meeting – HS
		7 PM	Boy Scout Troop 109 – ES Café
Tue	10/27	9 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Rectory
		4 PM	2-8 CCD – ES & Center
		6 PM	Deanery Meeting – St. Frances (W.Spfld)
		6:45 PM	Being Catholic – Center
		7 PM	Circulo de Oracion – Lower Church
Wed	10/28	9 AM – 6 PM	Adoration & Benediction – Church
		6 PM	Folk Group Practice
		7 PM	Bible Study – Center
		7 PM	STM HS PIC – HS
Thu	10/29	9 AM – 10 PM	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
		6:30 PM	STM ES Halloween Dance – ES
		7 PM	RCIA – meet at Church
		7 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Church
		7 PM	Youth Group – Center 3 rd fl.
		7 PM	Cursillo – Center
Fri	10/30	NO SCHOOL STM-DIOCESAN INSERVICE DAY	
		9 AM – 11 PM	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Sat	10/31	8:30 AM	K of C Altar Server Breakfast – Bl. Sac.
		1 PM	STM ES Halloween Party – HS Gym
Sun	11/1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS	
		8 AM	El Camino – ES
		8:30 AM	Mass of Remembrance – Upper Church
		9:45 AM	Hispanic Pastoral Council – Center
		10:00 AM	Little Church – ES
		10:45 AM	1 st Grade CCD – ES
		3:30 PM	Prayer Group – Center
		5:15 PM	Youth Mass – Upper Church
		6:30 PM	Grades 7-11 CCD – HS/Center

11/3 Election Day; 11/4 STMHS Open House; 11/6-7 STMHS Theater; 11/7 Parish Yard Clean-up; 11/14 Pasta Supper; 11/20-22 Holly Days; 11/26 Thanksgiving



RCIA: Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Please join us for an evening. Do you have a spouse or a friend who could use a little nudge? Come with them to an evening of exploration and conversation. Join us at St. Mary's

Church this coming **Thursday – Oct. 29th** from 7:00-8:00 pm for a **Tour of the Church: This is our home as the family of God. Let's take an evening to explain the furnishings, explore the rooms, answer questions about the building that you may have.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: This is the final weekend for the official food drive. We are awed by the support of our parishioners. Although this ends the scheduled outreach, the St. Vincent DePaul Society continues to accept food throughout the year. Containers will be available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your unfailing support of our work to feed the needy of our community.



“When we have once placed ourselves entirely in the hands of God, we need fear no evil. If adversity comes, he knows how to turn it to our advantage by means, which will in time be made clear to us.”

- St. Vincent de Paul, Priest



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 on 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.

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.



ANNUAL 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, November 7th 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 who is coordinating this event (413-452-0811).

DISABILITY SUNDAY MASS: Come join us at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, today, Oct. 25th at 2 PM for a special inclusion Mass celebrated for people with disabilities by Bishop Timothy McDonnell. Light refreshments will be served at the Marshall Center following Mass. There will be wheelchair accessible bathrooms and the Mass will be interpreted in ASL. The purpose of Disability Sunday is to: help raise awareness of disability and the needs of disabled people, celebrate the lives of people with special needs, demonstrate that God responds to and uses disability in many different ways, and give people affected by disability a voice. Fr. Longe will be present, and would greatly value your physical and spiritual company.

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2009

Sun:	Jeremiah 31:7-9/Hebrews 5:1-6/Mark 10:46-52
Mon:	Romans 8:12-17/Luke 13:10-17
Tue:	Romans 8:18-25/Luke 13:18-21
Wed:	Ephesians 2:19-22/Luke 6:12-16
Thu:	Romans 8:31b-39/Luke 13:31-35
Fri:	Romans 9:1-5/Luke 14:1-6
Sat:	Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Luke 14:1, 7-11
Next Sun:	Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

BOOK FAIR: St Mary’s Schools will be holding a **Book Fair** at Barnes & Noble, Holyoke; Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th each day 9am-11pm. Enjoy story time by some of the “celebrities” of St Mary’s, fall crafts, music, game tables & more.

“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.



PASTA SUPPER – Save the Date! Our famous pasta supper, hosted by the Saints hockey team, will be held on November 14th at 5:00pm in the High School gym. Delicious spaghetti and meatballs will be prepared by (who else but) our Italian parishioners. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 thru 12. Under 5 is free! Proceeds to benefit STM hockey. For tickets please call the high school at 568-5692.

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. Brochures, with registration forms, are available from the ORE and should be returned by Oct. 27, 2009. 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.**

CONFIRMATION MASS OF COMMITMENT On Sunday, October 25th all Confirmation students will attend the 10:00 AM Mass for a special commitment service. Please keep in your prayers the 86 students who are preparing for Confirmation this year.

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.

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



ORGAN RECITAL: Join us for a delightful afternoon of music! Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 4:00 pm. BRETT MAGUIRE will lead us on a musical journey on the



historical Casavant Frères, Limitée tracker organ, Opus 78, 1896. Brett is the Minister of Music and Organist at Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, Mass. with academic credentials from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Oberlin Conservatory, (a student of James David Christie), with post-graduate study in France. Admission is free.

Sabias que El 1 de noviembre la Iglesia recuerda la fiesta de todos los Santos, los que ya gozan del Señor. El día siguiente, 2 de noviembre, recuerda a los que se purifican en el purgatorio, antes de su entrada en la gloria. Venera a todos los millones de almas redimidas con la sangre del Cordero, ensalzando a aquella "gran muchedumbre que nadie puede contar". Esta fiesta se celebra ya en el siglo V con el título "Todos los Mártires". En Roma S.S. Bonifacio IV consagró el panteón pagano al culto de María y de todos los Mártires el día 13 de mayo. Más tarde, en el siglo IX, el Papa Gregorio IV mandó que se celebrara en toda la Iglesia la fiesta de Todos los Santos, para que ninguno quedase sin la debida veneración trasladándose al 1 de noviembre. Aconseja el Kempis que no discutamos sobre cuál es el mayor de los Santos. Ya dijo Jesús que Juan Bautista era el mayor entre los nacidos de mujer -por su tarea, por su misión- pero, aun así, añadió que el más pequeño en el reino de los cielos es, puede ser, mayor que Juan. Pues será más santo el que tenga más amor, el que se deje poseer más por Dios. Y eso sólo Dios lo sabe. El Apocalipsis nos dice que son innumerables los santos, los marcados con el sello de Dios en sus frentes: doce mil de cada una de las doce tribus de Israel. Es la confirmación de la vocación universal a la santidad de que nos habla Jesús mismo cuando dice: "Sed perfectos como perfecto es vuestro Padre celestial. (Mt 5:48) Una vez un catequista preguntó a un niño qué era un santo. El niño, antes, estando un día en la iglesia, preguntó a su mamá qué eran aquellas figuras que veía en las vidrieras de la iglesia y que brillaban tanto cuando salía el sol. Su mamá le había dicho que eran santos. Y ahora el niño contestó al catequista con rapidez y precisión: Un santo es un hombre por donde pasa la luz. Preciosa definición. Eso son los santos: seres transparentes, espejos de la luz de Dios, que se purifican constantemente para captarla mejor y reflejarla más perfectamente. San Bernardo nos enseña cómo celebrar la fiesta de Todos los Santos: «la veneración de su memoria redundando en provecho nuestro, no suyo. En cuanto a mí, confieso que, al pensar en ellos, se enciende en mí un fuerte deseo» Bienaventurados los que mueren en el Señor, nos recuerda el Apocalipsis. Y añade: Nada manchado puede entrar en el cielo. El purgatorio es la mansión temporal de los que murieron en gracia, hasta purificarse totalmente. Es el noviciado de la visión de Dios, dice el P. Fáber. Es el lugar donde se pulen las piedras de la Jerusalén celestial. En el purgatorio hay esperanza. Del lado que caiga el árbol, así quedará para siempre, dice un sabio refrán. Y en el purgatorio sólo están los salvados. En la puerta del infierno escribió Dante: «Dejad toda esperanza los que entráis». Es una esperanza con dolor: el fuego purificador. Pero es un dolor aminorado por la esperanza. El lingote de oro es arrojado al fuego para que se desprendan las escorias. Así hay que arrancar las escorias del alma, para que, como un vaso perfecto, pueda presentarse en la mesa del rey. La ausencia del amado es un cruel martirio, pues el anhelo de todo amante es la visión, la presencia y la posesión. Si las almas santas ya sufrieron esta ausencia en la tierra -«que muero porque no muero», clama Santa Teresa-, mucho mayor será el hambre y sed y fiebre de Dios que sientan las almas ya liberadas de las ataduras corporales. Con nuestras buenas obras y oraciones -nuestros pequeños méritos podemos aplicar a los difuntos los méritos infinitos de Cristo.

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

RECUERDA el 1 de noviembre es día de todos los santos y el 2 de Noviembre es festividad de todo los fieles difuntos, ofrezca la misa por algún familiar amigo o pariente.

LA CASA DE BELÉN (BETHLEHEM HOUSE) busca voluntarios para pertenecer al ministerio Pro-Vida en las siguientes maneras:

1. Voluntarios bilingües, ingles/español, para los clientes que necesitan los servicios en español. Tenemos experiencias de clientes con necesidades especiales.
2. Voluntarios que ayuden en contestar las llamadas telefónicas que recibimos en español para las citas o consultas.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

1. We need volunteers who would be Spanish translators for our Spanish clients at Bethlehem House., who have a background in dealing with special needs.
2. We need volunteers who could answer phone calls from Spanish speaking people, to schedule appointments to come to Bethlehem House.

Anyone interested in our pro-life ministry, please call Pam Hibbard at 413-262-8517, for the details.



VOCATIONS VIEW: The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer, "Son of David, have pity on me". Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 452-0816 or write g.dailey@diosspringfield.org

HARVEST SUPPER: Sat., November 7th at Second Congregational Church (487 Western Ave., Westfield). Serving at 5:30 PM. Menu: Chicken Pot Pie & gravy, mashed potato, corn relish, squash, apple crisp with ice cream, coffee, tea and milk. Call 568-7557 for reservations, adults \$10 and children under 10, \$5.



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: We will have an informational meeting this Monday, October 26th beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's High School. The trip is planned for April 18-28, 2010. Highlights include Mass in the crypt at St. Peter's, the amazing sights of Rome, a day in Orvieto and three in Assisi, a night in Bologna and two in Turin (where the shroud will be on display for the first time in many years). Join Fr. Brian and Fr. Jonathan Reardon (both were seminarians in Rome) for a trip of a lifetime! Come to our informational meeting and find out more about the trip.

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!

