

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

MUSIC

Processional God, Whose almighty Word	486
Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted	883
Recessional Jesus shall reign	492

Mass Intentions

Daily
7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and Columbian Squires †

Noon Shrine Intentions

Saturday Vigil

5:00 PM For the people of Saint Mary's Parish

Sunday, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and Columbian Squires

10:00 AM Ralph Gabrielle †

Noon Shrine Intentions

5:00 PM Pasquale Greco †

Monday, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions

5:00 PM Jackie Giblin †

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 7

5:00 PM Deceased Dominicans †

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 8

St. Jerome Emilliani, Priest

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

5:00 PM Clementina Valentino †

Thursday, FEBRUARY 9

5:00 PM Robert Langdale †

Friday, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

5:00 PM Frank LaBarrie †

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, and observed on this Sunday, February 5, 2012, in parishes. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

National Day of Prayer for the African American and the African American Family.

This Sunday, February 5.

For information visit: www.blackcatholicsforlife.org

SANCTUARY LAMP

We burn the sanctuary lamps this week for the glory of God and for the repose of the soul of: **DECEASED DOMINICANS**. In your charity, please remember them in your prayers.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and a day that is rich in its blessings, especially for our sick and disabled. For me it is a very special moment in that my priestly ministry has been abundantly blessed with working with the sick in Lourdes, France since the mid-1970's. I will be leaving for Paris and Lourdes on Sunday February 5th and spending a good part of the week at the Marian Shrine where 50,000 people will most likely gather to celebrate the feast on Saturday February 11th. I would like to bring to your attention that our Parish statue of Our Lady with Bernadette will be placed in front of the Shrine to St. Joseph during this period of time, along with holy cards and a prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes. I invite you to join me in prayer during this period of time for the special needs of all our sick who have been recommended to the prayers of this parish community. I will be returning to the Parish on Monday night February 13th. I will take the intentions of our Parish to Lourdes and ask that we unite together in prayer for all our special needs.

ARCHDIOCESAN BLACK HISTORY MASS

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass in honor of Black History Month will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2:00pm. The Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop of Hartford, will preside. The homilist will be the Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF DINNER

The Annual Corned Beef Dinner to benefit the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place next Sunday, February 12 from 1 to 5pm at the Knights of St. Patrick Grand Hall, 1533 State Street in New Haven. For information contact Patricia Nester at 203-239-9956 or www.stpatricksdaysparade.org.

THANK YOU!

The Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dale R. Hoyt, extends his deepest gratitude to all who contributed to last week's Catholic High School Collection. "Your gifts will help us place more secondary students on the path to success by providing them with an excellent education imbued with faith. Your support of the educational mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford is sincerely appreciated."

CARITAS CHRISTI EVENT

Film Study: *Amazing Grace*

On Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30-9:00pm at the Caritas Christi Center, Hamden, Jim Pepitone will screen and lead a discussion of the film *Amazing Grace*. This film is a moving and dramatic tale of the passionate effort of Englishman William Wilberforce to abolish slave trade. Despite opposition in Parliament, he continued to wage a campaign to outlaw the inhumane practice. The donation for this program is \$8 and includes a snack.

To register please call (203) 281-2569. The Caritas Christi Center is located at 295 Benham Street, Hamden, CT 06514. website: www.caritaschristicenter.org

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 5, 2012

CHURCH SUPPORT

Your contribution to St. Mary's regular offertory collection this past week amounted to \$5,305. Households that used envelopes (133) contributed \$3,832 with loose income of \$1,473.

Contributions to our Window Restoration Fund amounted to \$45. All other miscellaneous income and envelopes amounted to \$768.

As always, I express my gratitude and appreciation for your continued financial support of our parish.

The second collection this weekend will be the monthly collection. The second collection next weekend will be the Capital Improvement collection for window restoration.

HOW WILL THIS LENT BE DIFFERENT?

Lent is coming very soon. We invite parishioners to borrow a book for the Lenten season to replace time spent watching TV or browsing the Internet. We have books on Catholic faith, saints, sacraments, church history, Mary and prayer just to name a few categories. You can be inspired by English martyrs or modern converts to Catholicism. You can read the early Fathers of the Church or find out how the Rosary came to be. Do you remember Bishop Sheen on the TV in your youth? We have his books. Never read the story of St. Dominic? - come see us! Like Scott Hahn? We have his classics as well.

With *hundreds* of volumes, we are sure you can find something that will enrich your life and faith.

Young Adults and children will find a variety of *new* books. For those that want to have a weekly movie night during Lent, we have many DVDs on the lives of the saints. Come check us out on Sunday mornings and make this Lent **different**.

THANK YOU

The St. Mary's Respect Life Committee thanks all those who participated in the 39th annual Rosary March for Life in New Haven on January 23. We sincerely appreciate your support on behalf of mothers and their unborn babies.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Family through the saving waters of Baptism: Eva Nebyat. May God's graces and blessings be with her as she grows in wisdom & understanding. We congratulate her parents.

SECOND SATURDAY OF DECEMBER

Please join the Helper's of God's Precious Infants at a peaceful and prayerful pro-life vigil in front of Planned Parenthood at 345 Whitney Avenue in New Haven until noon. Immediately following 7:30am Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and 8:30am closing benediction at St. Mary's Church, vigil attendees assemble in the parking lot of St. Joseph's Church at 129 Edwards St. for procession and prayer. For more information, please call Mary Walsh, parish pro-life representative at 203-230-0530.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY LIBRARY RETURNS

St. Mary Library Volunteers would like to thank all of the parishioners who have returned and will be returning overdue books and DVDs. We also thank those who will be replacing missing items or plan to make donations for this purpose. Your support of our parish library is much appreciated! Another thank you goes to the library volunteers who give their time to the library so generously. If you are interested in volunteering at the library, please stop in and speak to a volunteer on Sunday mornings.

Recipe: Parishioners Buffet Dinner ♥

From the Kitchen of: Parish Hospitality Committee



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 24 will be the first Parishioners Buffet Dinner (Pot Luck Style) in the Parish Hall.

More Information will be coming in future bulletin announcements. However, note this date on your calendar – plan to attend and start thinking of what special or favorite dish you wish to bring.

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PARISH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish's Hospitality Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm in the Stage area of the Church Hall.

St. Mary's Church January 2012 Income & Expenses Actual Vs. Budget

	Jan. 2012 ACTUAL	Jan. 2012 BUDGET
Income		
OFFERTORY (all collections)	36,416	33,029
STOLE FEES	2,250	0
GIFTS & DONATIONS	2,275	2,224
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>12,991</u>	<u>11,763</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	53,932	47,016
Expenses		
LAY/RELIGIOUS SALARIES,		28,310
PAYROLL TAXES & BENEFIT COSTS	27,120	
CONTRACTED SERVICES	601	940
UTILITIES	8,453	8,355
INSURANCE	1,700	2,040
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	1,779	418
OFFICE	247	200
MISCELLANEOUS/PARISH LIFE	393	826
SACRAMENT & LITURGY	5,170	3,356
CHARITABLE DONATIONS	550	500
PROFESSIONAL FEES / SCHOLA	1,422	1,684
CATHEDRATICUM/CSSP	<u>3,660</u>	<u>3,660</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	51,095	50,289