

☩ *Mass Schedule* ☩

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY'S

GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, MARCH 22
ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHURCH – 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

10:45 AM **ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 – Easter Thursday

8:00 AM †ANNA MAYNES (Maria Gramuglia)

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 – Easter Friday

8:00 AM †GEORGE WHITE (family)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 – Easter Saturday

8:00 AM †ROBERT & SHIRLEY GONYER (son & daughter)

VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:30 PM †BENJAMIN J. CALLAHAN (Pat Callahan & family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 AM †JOSEPHINE ARCAESE (family)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. ROSE

GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, MARCH 22
7:30 PM **SPANISH MASS - POR LAS INTENCIONES DE LA COMUNIDAD**

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 AM **ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

12:30 PM **POR LAS INTENCIONES DE LA COMUNIDAD**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 – Easter Saturday

1:00 PM Wedding: **LUIS ANTONIO LOJA** and **MARIA LOJA**

VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, MARCH 29

4:00 PM †ALICE OUELLETTE (family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

10:45 AM †EDWARD GWOZDZ (wife & family)

12:30 PM †MAMERTO SANTOS & MARCELLA MARCHAND (sus hijos)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. ISAAC JOGUES

GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS, SATURDAY, MARCH 22
7:30 PM **ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 AM **ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

MONDAY, MARCH 24 – Easter Monday

8:00 AM †CHARLES SHATTUCK 9th Ann. (wife & family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 – Easter Tuesday

8:00 AM †ELIZABETH DONAHUE (Adele Miller)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 – Easter Wednesday

8:00 AM †SALVATORE GIANNI (Joyce Anderson)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30 AM †ROBERT E. FITZGERALD (children & grandchildren)

2:00 PM Divine Mercy Service & Procession

5:30 PM †WILLIAM RITTER 5th Ann. (MaryBeth & Ken)

CLUSTER OFFICE

The cluster office will be closed on March 24th, the Monday after Easter.



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

“We are Easter Christians, and ALLELUIA is our song! So would claim Augustine in the 4th century when he, himself, realized the power of Easter. Augustine had come to faith late in life, and for him the Easter message was one of power and unlimited possibility. Once he realized the power of the Easter message, his life was changed dramatically. He went on to become one of the great doctors of the early church. In the late 1800's, a German philosopher by the name of Friedrich Nietzsche, one of the fathers of existentialism, would state: **“I could believe in Christianity if Christ's disciples looked more redeemed!”** The challenge for all of us latter day Christians is to let the message of Easter permeate our entire beings as did Augustine so long ago.

Today, we are here in our cluster united with Christians throughout the world to celebrate an event that changed the course of world history. Today we look to the empty tomb and realize that victory falls to those whose cause seemed hopeless! The terror of Good Friday and Calvary gives way to the triumphant victory of an Easter Sunday and an empty tomb! Good Friday is symbolized with blood and nails. Easter is celebrated with fresh living water and lilies! Today we celebrate the fact that love is, indeed, more powerful than hate; hope stronger than despair! But not unlike the women of old that we read of in the Gospel, we all approach the tomb wondering: **“Who will roll us back the stone?”** They went expecting to discover a dead and decaying body that they planned to anoint with burial oils! Wonder of wonders...they found the tomb empty and were greeted by an angel inquiring: **“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”** Today we are invited to reach back ritually and recall the day of our baptism! For it was in baptism that we were buried together with Christ, and it is through baptism that we share His resurrected life even now!

First century Christians changed the face of society because they let the power of the Risen Christ permeate their beings! People looked at these new followers of Jesus and exclaimed: **“See how they love one another!”** The challenge for us today is just as real.

The world needs desperately not to just hear the Easter message...the world needs to experience it by the way that we live! As we celebrate this glorious feast as a cluster of parishes here in the north end of East Hartford, I extend to all on behalf of the other priests, myself, and the staffs of the cluster our deepest prayer that

**The Risen Christ May Keep You Young...
For God's Greatest Glory!
A Young That Is...**

Active

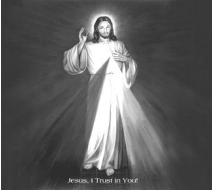
Optimistic

Energetic

And Filled With Love!

Happy Easter!
Father Rohan

EASTER SUNDAY: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



DIVINE MERCY SERVICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

The Feast of Divine Mercy was requested by Jesus in a vision to St. Sister Faustina and was established by Pope John Paul II. A Divine Mercy Service will be held at St. Isaac

Jogues Church from 2:00 to 3:30 PM on Sunday, March 30th. There will be Exposition and procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament, talk on Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Mercy (chanted), & Veneration of the first class relic of Saint Sister Faustina. Please bring flowers. **The nine-day Novena of Preparation began on Good Friday.** Novena Prayers are said each day along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. **Sacramental Confession** may be 20 days before or after the Feast, as long as the person intending to receive the indulgence is free from mortal sin on the day of the Feast and fulfills all the other requirements to obtain the indulgence of the Feast.

DAILY MASS

For the winter months, the 8:00 AM daily Mass will not be held when school is delayed or canceled due to weather.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the cluster families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2008 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

All parishioners from the cluster are invited to join the CCD students during Lent in collecting pennies (other change and dollar bills also acceptable!) to be sent to Haiti. A collection box is in each church.

IN MEMORIAM

The Easter/Pascal Candles, the great symbol of the Resurrection, are lovingly given for all three churches in the cluster In Memory of **ARTHUR BERMANI**.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families **must** rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

ST. ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

A screening for pre-school and Kindergarten will be held March 27th and March 28th. Your child must be registered with the school prior to the screening. Call the school for details 528-4169.

THANK YOU CLUSTER PARISHIONERS

A sincere thank you to the cluster parishioners for supporting St. Rose School at the breakfast last Sunday. We are grateful to Judy Craig, past and present parents, and students for their efforts on behalf of our children. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.



Sanctuary Candle



St. Mary's Sanctuary candle burns this week:
**HEALTH & SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF
THE O'DEA FAMILY**

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel candle burns this week:
**HEALTH & SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF
THE GAGLIARDI FAMILY**

St. Rose's Sanctuary candle burns this week:
**HEALTH & SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF
MICHAEL SCANLON**

St. Rose's Shrine candle burns this week:
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BABY MAGGIE**

St. Isaac Jogues' Sanctuary candle burns this week:
**HEALTH & SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF
THE DELEON FAMILY**

If you would like to have a Candle burn in honor of a living or deceased loved one, or a special intention, please call the cluster office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Easter Sunday, March 23rd, no Religious Education Classes.

Classes resume on March 30th, regular class times. Year II Confirmation will meet from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

CHILDREN'S EASTER MASS:

Sunday, March 23rd, St. Mary's Church at 10:45 AM. All the children of the cluster are invited to participate in presenting the liturgy at this special family Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

The First Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All First Communion students and a parent or Guardian must attend. No siblings please. Lunch will be provided. Don't forget to bring a medium size mixing bowl, a wooden or other spoon to mix dough, and a pair of good scissors to cut felt with.

UPCOMING DATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Communion Practice on **Friday May 2nd**, 6:15 PM at St. Isaac Jogues Church. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 3rd**, 11:00 AM at St. Isaac Jogues Church.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Church on **Saturday, May 10th**, 11:00 AM.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

3/28/08 Meeting 7:30-10 PM, St. Rose Church Basement
4/04/08 Meeting 7:30-10 PM, St. Rose Church Basement
4/25/08 Meeting 7:30-10 PM, St. Rose Church Basement

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE
is a way of life for the followers of Christ.

Your gifts of love and sacrifice last week amounted to:

St. Mary's Church

Offertory Collection \$2,515

St. Rose Church

Offertory Collection \$4,154

St. Isaac Jogues Church

Offertory Collection \$2,285

STEWARDSHIP BY SHARON HUECKEL

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

CHOOSE LIFE

The delicate buds of spring, bursting with new life, will soon appear on trees and flowers. Easter brings another, even more precious form of new life. As we value and protect these types of new life, let us act with the same reverence and awe toward the miracle in the gift of each new human life.

DISCERNMENT EVENT PLANNED

Catholic women ages 21-45 are invited for prayer, simple supper and sharing on the topic, "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" The gathering is sponsored by the Connecticut Vocation Council of Women Religious and will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, **Thursday, March 27th**, at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House, 31 Colton Road, Farmington. To attend, please contact Sr. Elaine Betoncourt, CSJ via email at sebcsj@hotmail.com or by phone 860-586-8637.

ST. FRANCIS AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 82nd Annual Membership Drive for the Women's Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center began March 10th and will continue through April 14th. Further information and a membership form can be found on the flyers, which have been placed in the rear of all three churches. You may also contact community representative, Peg Byrnes, at 528-3271 or the Women's Auxiliary at 714-4558. Help us help St. Francis by becoming part of our proud tradition.

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel is always open. Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Your visit can make a difference in your life.

Bingo  Bingo

**7PM EVERY THURSDAY – NON SMOKING
ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH HALL**

**7PM EVERY FRIDAY – ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL
ALL PAPER – ADMISSION \$2.00
INCLOSED NON-SMOKING ROOM**

FELICIAN SISTERS ANNUAL POLISH SUPPER...

...to benefit the elderly and infirm sisters, from 3 – 7 PM on **Sat., April 5th**, at Our Lady of the Angels Convent, 1315 Enfield St., Enfield. Cost: \$8.50. Mass in the Chapel at 4 PM. Babki. Door Prizes. Take out orders.

CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROSARY AT STERLING MANOR

The Rosary will be prayed at Sterling Manor this **Tues., March 25th**, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

St. Mary's Women's Club will meet this **Wednesday, March 26th**, at 7:00 PM. Following the business meeting, we will be entertained by the Griffith Irish step-dancers. All women of the Cluster are invited to attend.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES LADIES GUILD BAKE SALE

The Ladies Guild of St. Isaac Jogues will hold a bake sale after the 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM Masses at St. Isaac Jogues next **Sunday, March 30th**.

FRENCH CANADIAN DINNER

There will be a Cluster French Canadian Dinner on **Saturday, April 5th**, at 6:30 PM at St. Isaac Jogues Church Hall. Price: Adults \$10, Child \$5. Menu: French-Canadian Pea Soup, Salad, Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Meat Pie, "Creton" (potted pork), and Dessert. Tickets can be purchased at Mass or at the Cluster Office.

WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Women's Club will hold their 15th annual Communion Breakfast for all women of the Cluster and of the Ghanaian Catholic Ministry on **Sunday, April 6th**, after the 9:00 AM Mass at the Parish Center. Rev. John P. Murray, S. J. is the Mass Celebrant and breakfast speaker. Fr. Murray is a native of Manchester and a 1972 graduate of East Catholic High School. He is an internal Consultant for Ignatian spirituality in the Department of Human Resources at Boston College. Previous to BC, John was the executive assistant to the New England Provincial for the Society of Jesus. Ordained since 1987, Fr. John has a variety of experiences in high school ministry, spiritual direction and retreat work. He sees his new role at Boston College as helping people experience the richness of God's presence in their lives, their work and their families. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and will be sold after all Masses this weekend and the weekend of March 29-30, or you can purchase them from the Cluster office. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Come, be spiritually refreshed!

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY

...is in need of peanut butter, diapers, and toiletries.

ST. ROSE FOOD PANTRY

...is in need of mayonnaise, baked beans, & spaghetti sauce.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES FOOD PANTRY

...is in need of pasta, soups, hot & cold cereal, dry milk, coffee, tea, mayonnaise, & toiletries.

NEW LIFE SEMINAR FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED

A New Life 10-week seminar for the divorced and separated will be held at St. Bridget Parish, Manchester beginning this **Thursday, March 27th**, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. For registration and information call 643-2403 ext. 13 (day) or 649-7423 (evening).

HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT

“Loving for Life: Raising Your Children in an UnGodly World” presented by Mary Ronan on **Saturday, March 29th**, 9 AM – 5 PM (lunch included). This day retreat will provide participants with the tools families need to help their children live faith filled, joy filled, healthy lives. Program Offering: \$50. To attend send your name, address, and offering to: Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford CT 06107. For info call 521-0440 or visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

TAG SALE & BAKE SALE

New Covenant United Methodist Church, 16 Church Street, will hold a Tag Sale & Bake Sale on **Saturday March 29th**, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips, & beverage for sale for Lunch from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. All proceeds go to global and local missions.

NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR THE BEREAVED

A New Day 10-week seminar for the bereaved will be held at St. Bridget Parish, Manchester beginning **Tuesday, April 1st**, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. For registration and information call 643-2403 ext. 13.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Nation's oldest Irish Catholic Fraternal Organization, is currently seeking new members for Division 2 Hartford CT. Catholic men of Irish birth or descent 16 years or older interested are asked to contact Ray McKinstry, President 875-8278 or John Neilan, Vice President 257-3952. Additional information on the Order can be obtained by visiting their website www.AOH.com. Meetings are held at 8 PM on the first Friday of the month at the Irish American Home Society, 132 Commerce Street, Glastonbury.

HOSPICE SEEKS SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS

The VNA HealthCare Hospice program is seeking spiritual care volunteers to work serving the needs of terminally ill people and their families, in the greater Hartford area. The Hospice program helps patients spend the final days of their lives at home, with the support of their families. Experienced professionals and volunteers help relieve the physical and emotional pain of terminal illness. Spiritual care volunteers are caring people with experience in pastoral skills, who are interested in giving spiritual support to patients and families under the guidance of the Hospice Pastoral Counselor. Volunteers will participate in training on topics such as patient right, listening skills, death and dying, as well as the volunteer's own belief systems and feelings concerning end-of-life issues. Training for volunteers will be held at VNA Health Care, 103 Woodland Street, Hartford. Interested people may call Pat Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator 525-7001.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

An informational seminar on International Adoption will be held on **Wednesday, April 2nd**, 6:30 PM at Catholic Charities, Inc., 56 Church Street, Waterbury. The seminar is free of charge and offered to the public. In addition to guest speakers, including a family who has adopted, there will be some information presented on Domestic Adoptions. Please register with Nerina I. Carroll, Adoption Social Worker (203) 755-1196 ext. 111.

BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive sponsored by the 5th grade students of Mayberry Elementary School, 101 Great Hill Road, will be held on **Friday, April 4th**, 1:30 – 6:30 PM in the school gym. Food will be provided to all donors. For an appointment to donate please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

NEW DAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A New Day 10-week grief support group led by Sister Maureen O'Brien will be held at St. Christopher Parish Center, beginning **Monday, April 7th**, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. For registration and information call Marie Beaulieur 569-6436.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

The twenty-second Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on the first weekend of June, **Friday, June 6th – Sunday, June 8th**. This unique experience of healing for those who struggle with the pain, guilt, and sorrow of the abortion experience has touched hearts and addressed needs. The retreat setting is completely private. Confidentiality is absolute. For information call Mary 203-882-1236, or e-mail her at mmhdfc@sbcglobal.net.

FAITH AND POLITICS IN OUR TIME

Rev. Richard P. McBrien a Theology Professor at Notre Dame University will speak on “Faith and Politics in Our Time” at Hotchkiss School Chapel, Lakeville, on **Friday April 11th**, 7:30 PM. Please use the main entrance on Rte 112, just west of Rte 41. Father McBrien, a native of W. Hartford and a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, is an internationally recognized scholar and lecturer. Reservations are not required. For preferred seating call 435-2659 or 435-0502 with your name, address, and number of seats required. Confirmation will be sent. Donations are appreciated. Send to: Church of St. Mary, PO Box 466 Lakeville, CT 06039 marked “McBrien”.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, a friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now? The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford for a limited time affords all Catholic families the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to 4 years at St. Mary Cemetery in E. Htd. (Mausoleum entombment space is also available), Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury, and St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester. This offer will conclude on May 15, 2008. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery at 646-3772 for more info or to schedule an appointment.