

SAINT MARY PARISH

A Roman Catholic Community in Greenwich, Connecticut

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:15 and 5:15 PM

Saturday Vigils: 4:00, 5:15, and 7:30 PM (Spanish Mass)

Daily: Monday - Friday: 7:00, 8:00 AM, and 12:05 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:45 to 3:45 PM in Chapel

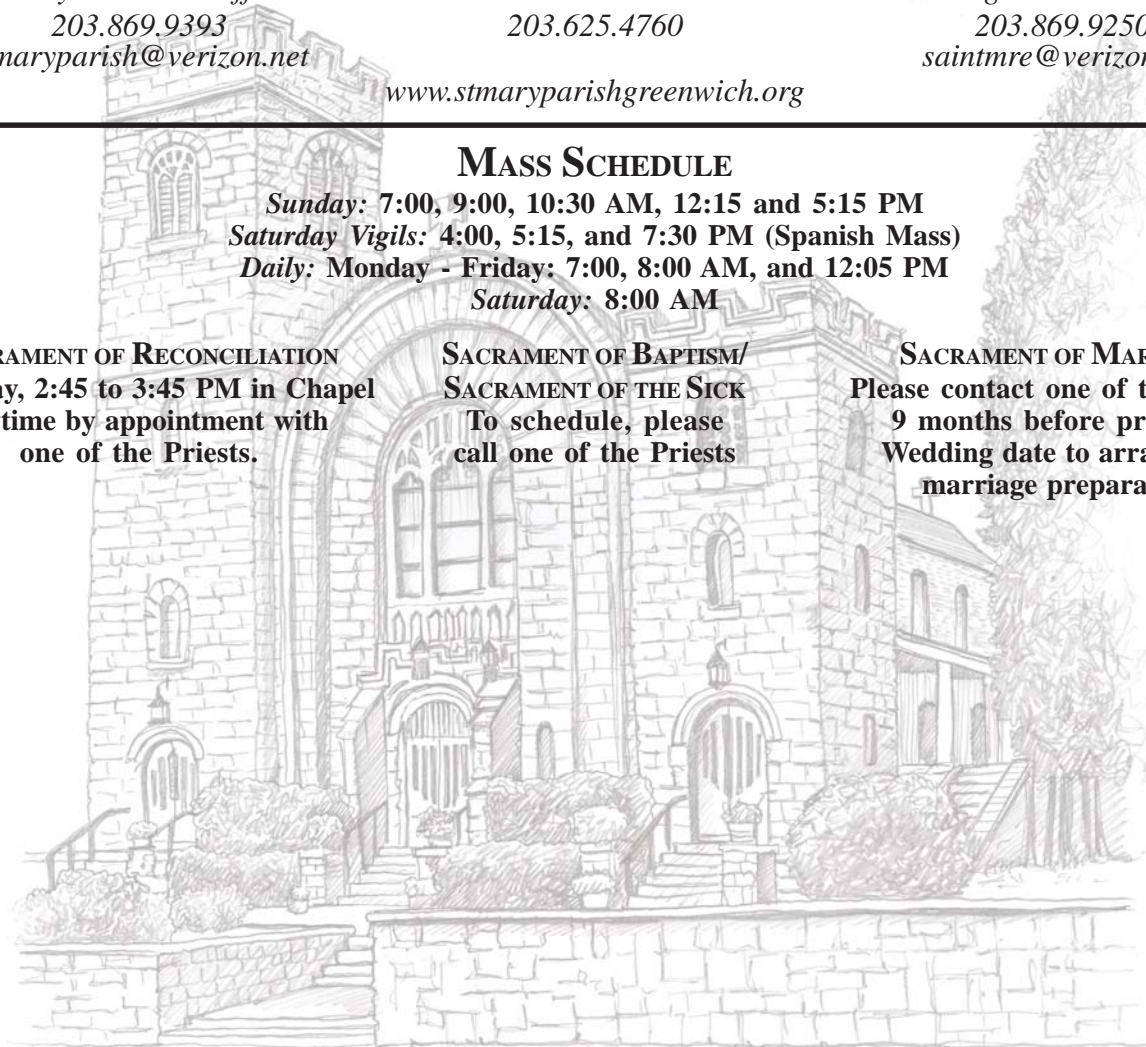
**Anytime by appointment with
one of the Priests.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

**To schedule, please
call one of the Priests**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

**Please contact one of the Priests
9 months before proposed
Wedding date to arrange for
marriage preparation.**



PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Reverend Monsignor Frank C. Wissel, D. Min., *Pastor*

Reverend Richard J. Gemza, *Parochial Vicar*

Reverend Rolando Torres, *Parochial Vicar*

Reverend Jean Marie DeGraff, C.S.J., *Parochial Vicar*

Charlene Prinszano, *Director of Religious Education*

Margaret Koellmer, *Census and Religious Education*

Elva Giuliani, *Business Office*

Cathy Lavaty, *Trustee*

Deacon Paul E. Tupper

Deacon Bruce Roby

Javier E. Ortiz, *Parish Center Coordinator*

Marjorie McGovern, *Director of Music/Cantor*

Rick Tripodi, *Organist/ChoirMaster*

Jennifer Jenkins, *Director of Youth Choir*

Anthony Sessa, *Trustee*



Saint Mary Church is handicapped accessible. Parking for the disabled is located in front of the Parish Center. Should assistance be required, please let us know and we will have one of the ushers assist you.

AUGUST 3, 2008 • EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 10, 2008

MONDAY *Jer 28:1-17, Mt 14:22-36*
 7:00 Angelina Sylvester
 8:00 Catherine Smith
 12:05 Stephen Catanzaro

TUESDAY *Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Mt 14:22-36*
 7:00 Special Intention
 8:00 Nair Nascimento
 12:05 Joseph DeSanto

WEDNESDAY *Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Mt 17:1-9*
 7:00 Alma Elizabeth Klebba Grempp
 8:00 Frank Walsh
 12:05 Elizabeth Benson

THURSDAY *Jer 31: 31-34, Mt 16:13-23*
 7:00 James B. Maher
 8:00 Mack Edwards
 12:05 Frederick Ambrogio

FRIDAY *Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7, Mt 16:14-28*
 7:00 Omar and Elena Sheriff
 8:00 Angelina Sylvester
 12:05 Angelina Chiappetta

SATURDAY *Hb 1:12-24, Mt 17:14-20*
 8:00 Carmine Frattaroli
 4:00 Frank, Jennie & Peter Neilsen, Alfred DeBona
 5:15 Prisinzano and Cali Families
 7:30 Maria Leonor V. DeGonzalez

SUNDAY *1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Mt 14:22-33*
 7:00 John Dowling
 9:00 Mary Jane Dooley
 10:30 Lorenzo Bria
 12:15 For the Parishioners
 5:15 James B. McArdle, Sr.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| MONDAY | AUGUST 4 | |
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| Adoration of Blessed Sacrament | 11:00-12:00PM | Church |
| St. Mary Guild Board Meeting | 6:00PM | Library |
| TUESDAY | AUGUST 5 | |
| WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 6 | |
| THURSDAY | AUGUST 7 | |
| FRIDAY | AUGUST 8 | |
| SATURDAY | AUGUST 9 | |
| Confession | 2:45-3:45PM | Chapel |
| SUNDAY | AUGUST 10 | |

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Scholarship Golf Tournament

Monday, September 8, 2008

Griffith E. Harris Golf Course in Greenwich

11:30AM check-in time 1:00PM shot gun start

Hole-in-One Chance to Win a Mercedes

Price \$150 per person includes:

Hamburger / Hot Dog / Appetizer Lunch
 Filet Mignon Dinner

Three-hour Open Bar includes:
 Beer / Wine / Soda

Cash Raffle

Prizes

For more information call:

Rob Roina
 203.550.0766

Dan Loperena
 203.223.5964

BAPTISM ♦ BAPTISM ♦ BAPTISM ♦ BAPTISM ♦ BAPTISM



Brenda Solange Leon, daughter of James and Maria Leon, baptized into God's family on July 27, 2008.



WEDDINGS

III. Catherine Phan and William Copen

PARISH REGISTRATION

This time of year is a good time to register your family in the parish. Many people who attend our Church on a regular basis think that attendance alone constitutes registration.

You must complete a Parish Registration Form in order to be part of St. Mary Parish.

Registration affords you the opportunity for in-parish tuition assistance at Greenwich Catholic School, sacramental sponsor certificate, having your children baptized and enrolled in our Religious Education program.

Pastor's Corner

When we grieve we lose ourselves in brooding, sometimes with anger and sometimes stumbling amid sadness as if in a dark and cold cave. Our grief settles upon our dreams at night and waits for us with the dawn. It becomes a stifling sadness then, so much so that we look for the opportunity to go off to some lonely place as Jesus once did upon the death of the Baptizer.

At such times others can draw us back into shared life. In coming together we begin to find ourselves healed and fed. And in spite of our grieving, the healing begins as it were from a starless sky, as out of a depth of darkness that seemed devoid of any light. In spite of our grieving we are fed as if from a basket that in the beginning seemed more empty than full. At such moments, then for Jesus and now for us, we begin to sense the pervading presence of a God who seems to favor the hollow more than the glory of the mountaintop.

So healing and feeding find their way into the lives of disciples, whether in moments of personal loss or personal disappointment, whether as a nation as when we came to face our own vulnerability and weakness with the events of September 11, or whether as individuals with the death of someone we love. At such times when we're in a wrestling match with grief we can come to realize how nothing can "separate us from the love of Christ" - not "anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword" (Romans 8:35).

Rev. Msgr. Frank C. Wissel



They ate their fill

SUNDAY OFFERTORY...

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| <i>Financial Comparison</i> | |
| Weekend July 27, 2008 | \$ 9,839.00 |
| Weekend July 29, 2007 | 10,261.00 |

(includes annual, monthly and mail-in offertory donations)

SAVE THE DATE

The annual "Blue Mass" will be celebrated by Bishop William Lori on Sunday, September 7, at Noon at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Fairfield.

All are invited to attend this special Mass, honoring the service of Fire, Police, and EMS personnel in 21 towns and cities in Fairfield County, with special remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to others five years ago, on September 11, 2001.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pray with your child daily. Bring your child to Mass weekly. Traveling? To find a Catholic Church: www.masstimes.org. Have a wonderful, safe and fun Summer!

2008-2009 REGISTRATIONS



All students must register every year. Registration forms for the 2008-09 Religious Education Program were mailed in March to currently registered families. Please return your form promptly. **Persons registering after June 20 will be required to pay a late fee of \$50.**



Registrations will not be accepted after August 30, 2008.

New families please stop by the Parish Center to register.

Parents of children now in kindergarten are required to register for grade one at this time if they desire their children to be enrolled in the First Eucharist class the following year.



ATTENTION GRADE 6 PARENTS

Attendance in Grade 7 and Grade 8 Religious Education classes is mandatory for admittance into the 9th grade Confirmation Class.

Please take note of Religious Education email: saintmre@verizon.net

LITTLE ANGELS

Greenwich Catholic School's "Little Angels" Program for three year old children has limited openings in its expanded five-day afternoon program for the 2008-2009 school year. The class meets Monday through Friday from 12:00-3:00PM and is limited to 10 students.

The Little Angels Program is designed to develop the children's social, emotional and physical development through play, exploration and discovery. Children are introduced to new concepts and ideas and are familiarized with the world around them. Our program emphasis is on the interests and strengths of the children in an age appropriate and nurturing environment, while our teachers provide guidance, encouragement and stimulation.

For more information, contact Amelia Bonacorso in our Admissions Office at 869.4000, x109.

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Or, are you an adult Catholic who has not received Confirmation?

RCIA is a series of classes and ceremonies whereby adults (18 and over) from other religions (Christian and non-Christian) or with no religious background can learn about the Catholic Faith and become Catholic. The classes are also open to adult Catholics who did not receive Confirmation as a child.

Classes are lecture and discussion based, with emphasis on the official Catechism and teachings of the Church, the Bible, and Sacred Tradition, but are generally informal in nature. Depending on the particular case, RCIA culminates either with the Sacraments of Initiation for New Catholics at the Easter Vigil, or with the reception of Confirmation from Bishop Lori according to his schedule.

Classes will be offered in English and in Spanish. For more information, please contact Fr. Gemza (classes in English) or Fr. Torres (classes in Spanish). They can be reached at 869.9393.

FAN THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY

Saturday, August 16 - 10:00AM to 9:00PM
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newtown

The event features high energy, inspiring speakers and musicians along with a Teen Mass celebrated by Bishop William Lori, Reconciliation, Adoration, great entertainment and a lot of fun! Lunch and Dinner are included.

The cost of the rally is \$25 per participant. Scholarships are available. All details for the rally are posted at www.fanthefirerally.com.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- Sick or elderly at home
- Parishioner in Hospital
- Change of Address
- New to parish - would like to register

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Place in basket or mail to Parish Office

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC SINGLES

Summer Dinner Dance

Silvermine Tavern in Norwalk

Sunday, August 24 at 6:00pm

Cost \$35

For reservations call 203.261.2414



18TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF CLASSIC...

To benefit the Adoption Program of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County will be held on Monday, August 11, at Oronoque Country Club in Stratford, an Arnold Palmer Managed Golf Course.

The tournament will get underway at 10:30AM with registration and lunch, followed by a 12:00NOON shotgun start, scramble format. The event is open to men and women. Proceeds help support Adoption Services and the "Think First, Stay Safe," children's safety program in all Catholic Schools.

Entry fee: \$225 per golfer includes all golf fees as well as cocktails and dinner. For registration and hole sponsorship information, please call 203.416.1336.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SISTER MICHAEL

It is with great sympathy and sorrow that we learned of the death of Sr. Michael Marie, SSND, the week she celebrated her 60th anniversary as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

Sister served as CCD Director for many years at St. Mary and many of our adult parishioners were taught by her.

We will be planning a Memorial Mass for Sister on Saturday, September 13, at 11:00AM at St. Mary's. A light reception will follow in the Hitchcock Room.

Please keep Sister in your prayers.

Msgr. Frank C. Wissel

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Thomas More College is dedicated to classical education in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Focused on the classroom and the great texts of Western Civilization, the purpose of the college is to help transform the heart and mind of each student.

With campuses in Merrimack, NH, and Rome, Italy, the college is still accepting applications for Fall 2008.

Students interested should contact the Admissions Office at 800.880.8308 or visit www.thomasmorecollege.edu.