

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, October 22nd, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Doris & John Lyons**, requested by Jack Lyons.
- Sunday, October 23rd, @ 8:00AM, Mass for **Josephine & Peter Pac**, requested by Pat & Gil Hatch.
- Sunday, October 23rd, @ 11:00AM, Mass for **Patricia Landmann**, requested by Mike & Kathy Reilley.
- Sunday, October 23rd, @ 5:00PM - **Grade 6 Mass**.
- Monday, October 24th, @ 8:30AM, Special Intention Mass for **Austin Buckman**.
- Tuesday, October 25th, @ 8:30AM, 4th Anniversary Mass for **William Shea**, requested by Fay Shea.
- Wednesday, October 26th, @ 8:30AM, 33rd Anniversary Mass for **Rebecca & Steve Balboni**, requested by the Balboni Family.
- Friday, October 28th, @ 8:30AM, 80th Birthday remembrance for **Catherine Lavins**, requested by the O'Bryan Family.
- Saturday, October 29th, @ 5:00PM, Mass for **Nancy Tribou**, requested by her Family.
- Sunday, October 30th, @ 11:00AM, Mass for **Martin Hollis**, requested by Terri Hollis.
- Sunday, October 30th, @ 5:00PM, Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for **Jim & Maura Frulla**, requested by the Frulla Family.
- Monday, October 31st, @ 6:30PM, Mass for **Dolores & Edward Wrobel**, requested by Cheryl Caneschi.
- Tuesday, November 1st, @ 8:30AM, Mass for **Jacqueline "Jacky" Ward Welsh**, requested by the Domashinski Family.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Friday, October 28th — Saturday, October 29th From 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Our parish will join the Archdiocese of Hartford in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the souls of unborn children lost to abortions. Please join us and the Lord in prayer. Registration sheets are in the vestibule and atrium.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 25th, 7:00PM - **Men's Club Mtg.** - R.H.  
Wednesday, November 9th, 7PM - **RCIA** - Library  
Parish Council Meeting - TBA

## Offertory Collection for 10/16/11

Weekly Collection:	\$ 11,163.05
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,726.05
Envelopes	\$ 9,437.00
Budgeted for Week:	\$ 2,000.00
Overage:	\$ 2,163.05
Cathedraticum*	- \$ 613.96
School Tax*	- \$ 613.96



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**GRADE 6 MASS** - The Grade 6 Class Mass will be on Sunday, October 23rd, at the 5:00PM Mass. Attendance is mandatory. Please arrive by 4:30PM for rehearsal. If your child cannot attend this Mass, please contact your child's teacher or Kathi Bonner prior to October 23rd. *Please remember to bring a food item for the Simsbury Food Pantry.*



**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR** is on the website ([www.stcatherine.info](http://www.stcatherine.info)). There are copies of the calendar on the table at Henry James each Sunday as well.

**"SPORTS SUNDAY"** is next Sunday, October 30th, highlighting Major League Baseball. All students and catechists are encouraged to wear their favorite MLB attire to class. We celebrate team rivalry in a fun and respectful way!



## SCRIP TIP...



College visits! Whatever the reason, the "search", move-in/move-out days, parent's weekend, or graduation, help St. Catherine's benefit from your overnight stay at many hotel chains: Quality Inn, Marriott, Hyatt, Best Western, Rodeway, and Comfort Inn. Some of these chains offer rebates upward of 8% to 10%! Check it out at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), order on line, and enjoy your trip!

Buy Scrip cards on-line at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), use the Saint Catherine enrollment code **7A65C56C279L1**. Or stop by the Scrip desk after Mass or look in the Atrium for Scrip order forms. Fill it out and drop it off at the office with your check, we'll process your order! Cards will be sold at all Masses for the weekend of October 29th/30th. **Thanks for your support!!!**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - ALL SAINTS DAY**  
**MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
**Monday, October 31st - 6:30PM Vigil and**  
**Tuesday, November 1st - 8:30AM & 6:30PM**

**PUMPKIN BLESSING FOR CHILDREN!**
  
  
 Please join us for our 4th Annual Pumpkin Blessing on **Sunday, October 30th, at the 11AM Mass**. There will be a party in Russell Hall afterward from 12N-1PM. Families must sign up in advance for this event. A flyer is coming home with all Religious Education children in Grades K-4. Please return it no later than **Monday, October 24th**.



## FROM FATHER MICHAEL...

**Catholic Education** must be a priority of every practicing Catholic. I say this because our Catholic schools infuse all aspects of education with the Catholic faith and tradition illustrating its power not just in raw numbers of students who go on to Catholic high schools or colleges, or those who graduate in record numbers, but also by those who then go on to “transform the secular world,” which is the primary role of every Catholic.

Certainly Catholic School Associations can boast about the record numbers of students who go on to higher education or graduate with honors compared to the nation’s public school record, but Catholic education is about forming the whole person. Our goal is to create *Catholic* leaders for the whole of society—in medicine, engineering, manufacturing, health care, social services and in business and industry. It is, after all, the Catholic Church that created the first European university system and our theologians became the scholars who then promoted education the world over. It is the Catholic Church that houses the world’s premier collection of literature, art, and other key studies in the Vatican, a repository of knowledge—past and present—and it is the Church that is working on future knowledge for the benefit of society. As the Church declares, “faith and reason are dance partners,” not opponents.

We are lucky to have two very good Catholic schools in our area: for elementary education, **St. Mary School** and **Northwest Catholic** for high school. Both institutions are called to enlighten the mind and form the Will so that they may work in concert and bring about healthy, well-educated, and morally grounded decision-makers and thus act accordingly. Dedicated Catholic teachers, who are paid much below the average wage of public school teachers, go in day-in and day-out to educate minds and form the human person, sending them home to Catholic families who hopefully practice their faith in daily activities of life. In today’s world, it is a struggle for many families to make Catholic education a priority. We as Catholics in a universal Church are called to support them. In public schools, where classes are devoid of faith and where teachers are at times forced to promote new values and new ways contrary to the individual and common good, the Catholic school continues to be holistic in teaching to the whole person and reminding them that they are here for a particular purpose—a God-given purpose—and are part of His plan of salvation. This is the whole idea behind the *New Evangelization* called for by the Holy Father. Evangelization comes from the word *evangelicum*, which means the Good News of God’s salvation and eternal life with God.

I write this to call your attention to **St. Mary School’s Open House** and to encourage all of us to look and see how we might support Catholic education right here in Simsbury. If you are a parent considering Catholic education for your children, take a closer look at what this school has to offer. As parishioners, we need to pray for and to help make Catholic education a reality for those who

wish to attend—it only benefits us all. I encourage you to read the following informational notice about an upcoming Open House at St. Mary School and a educational seminar for parents of young children—and to investigate the many benefits for our children and our society that come from Catholic education.

### **St. Mary’s School Open House**

St. Mary’s School in Simsbury invites you to an Open House on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm. Learn more about its competitive academics, extracurricular programs and its faith-based approach. St. Mary’s School is located at 946 Hopmeadow Street. Please RSVP by calling [860-658-9412](tel:860-658-9412).

### **St. Mary’s School Hosts Early Literacy Seminar**

St. Mary’s School in Simsbury is hosting a seminar, “Early Literacy Strategies for Parents of Young Children”, on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. It will provide parents with tools and strategies for teaching young children to read. The session is free and is open to the public. It will be held at St. Mary’s School, 946 Hopmeadow Street. Please RSVP by phone: [860-658-9412](tel:860-658-9412) or email: [edclark\\_13@comcast.net](mailto:edclark_13@comcast.net).

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Today we hear of the universal vocation of love from God. For many of us, the word “vocation” is most often applied to priests or religious sisters, deacons, monks or others called to a “religious life.” The word “vocation” is another word for “Love.” In today’s Gospel (Mt. 22:34-40) we hear from Jesus, the Love of God made flesh, that “The whole law and prophets depend on these two commandments: You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” While the call of the vocation of love is universal (or for all)—religious, priests, deacons, the consecrated, married men and women, younger children, the single life—the way or state in which we live out that love comes in different forms, yet is it still love.

Our faith demands of us to love God and to show that love in the way we love those around us and all those who have been created by God. This Gospel reading is often proclaimed at baptisms reminding us of our special purpose in life and of our collective and universal, yet differently expressed, call to Christian Disciple and to transform the world with God’s Love. We must think of love in all its facets—expressed differently by a parent to a child, by widows and widowers, by priests and religious, by single folks—similar to a stained glass window or a tapestry—coming to us in different forms and shapes but inspired by the One Master. The saints of all ages (men, women, and children) show us in many different ways the examples of God’s loving presence. Today in our culture the word “love” has become so common an expression that it loses its power all too often. However, Love is the fruit that binds us as a people and as a Church, and when expressed in right relationship, it is a powerful antidote for the ills of society. May we all express God’s Love well.

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