



Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 7:00 a.m. Robert Malkin
(req. by Sean McMahon & Cheryl Renfer)
12:05 p.m. Alexander Szatkowski
(req. by Ken & Phyllis Nappi)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 7:00 a.m. George W. Plavcan: Birthday Anniversary
(req. by Jacquelyn Plavcan & Family)
12:05 p.m. for a special intention for Delcina Ferreira
(req. by Bob & Marian Uss)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 7:00 a.m. Josephine Puglisi
(req. by Kazimiera Paszkowska)
12:05 p.m. Fred & Sue Came
(req. by Ann Gabianelli)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:00 a.m. for the homebound
12:05 p.m. John MacBeth: Second Anniversary
(req. by Dee Kopchik)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:00 a.m. Leslie V. Wolfe: First Anniversary
(req. by Mark & Ginny Harger)
12:05 p.m. Fred & Sue Came
(req. by Ann Gabianelli)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 4:00 p.m. Joan DiMaggio
(req. by the Berry & Yarussi Families)
5:30 p.m. Halim Saloomey
(req. by Marhaba Saloomey)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7:30 a.m. Lucille DiBitetto
(req. by Joe & Frieda Santore)
9:00 a.m. for a special intention for Dom Moura, IV
and Ashley Moura
(req. by Marie Moura)
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St Joseph Church
12:00 noon Gustavo Murillo
(req. by Teresa Murillo & Family)
12:15 p.m. Assunda "Sue" DeMarco
(req. by Lawrence Donofrio)
5:00 p.m. Herman Pastore
(req. by Parishioners of St. Joseph Church)

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are pleased to announce that the parish has a new lay trustee: Mary Ann Miller (maiden name, Reilly), a lifelong member of St. Joseph Church. Mary Ann lives with her husband Ken and son Ben in her family home on Jane Street, off Wooster Street, just down from Highland Golf Course. A graduate of St. Joseph School, class of 1967, as were her younger brothers Peter and James and her own son Ben, Mary Ann is Human Resources Manager for Iroquois Pipeline, whose corporate headquarters are located in Shelton. Currently president of the St. Joseph School Alumni Association and a member of the Parish Finance Council, Mary Ann was the co-director, along with Jeff Borges, of our Centennial Capital Campaign in 2007 which raised almost half a million dollars to put new roofs on our church and part of our school, as well as to repair and re-lead most of our hundred-year-old stained glass windows. Mary Ann is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State Univ. and received her M.B.A. from the University of New Haven.

Mary Ann replaces retiring parish trustee **Lou Marusic**, a longtime parishioner who has served as lay trustee for over 25 years. The current Director of Finance for the City of Shelton, Lou is a dedicated member of St. Joseph Parish, having served most recently on the Parish Finance Council and as part of the *Coro Hispano* that plays every Sunday at our Spanish Mass. We are very grateful for Lou's many years of loyal, diligent service under multiple pastors. Mary Ann Miller joins lay trustee **George Schrade**, who with his wife Robin and daughter Kaitlin lives on Royal Court and is owner/manager of "A-Quick Pick Crane Service" here in Shelton. George was appointed trustee by Father Bob Weiss back in the nineties to replace former trustee **Helena Cullen**.

According to the laws of civil incorporation for Catholic churches in the state of Connecticut, the "trustees" or directors of The St. Joseph's Church of Shelton (our corporate legal name) consist of the Bishop, the Vicars General, the pastor and two lay trustees. These lay parish representatives play an important role of advising the pastor, especially on matters concerning our parish's institutional resources, human, financial, and physical. They serve to demonstrate that not just from a Catholic religious perspective, but also in a civil and legal sense, all members of the community of faith are invested in and responsible for the health of the Body of Christ which is the Church.

Our thanks to Mary Ann Miller and George Schrade for serving in this important role!

— **Monsignor Chris Walsh**

SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Joseph
Catholic
School**

St. Joseph School fact of the week: the value of a Catholic education is well worth the cost. Enrolling your child at St. Joseph School is a life-long investment in your child's future.

“Catholic Schools Week started last Sunday with a wonderful turnout of visitors. Student tour guides proudly showed off our school, pointing out the smart boards, lighted microscopes, computer and science labs, and decorated classrooms and halls. The primary wing hall was particularly beautiful, decorated by our younger students to represent the “Candy Land” game which the children could actually ‘play’!

This week I can't nominate just one ‘person of the week’ because the early childhood educators ‘team’ is so amazing that all four must be included. Our two pre-school teachers graduated from SCSU: Deborah Kraynak has been with us for five years and taught for fourteen years before that; Maritza Celini has been here two years. In addition to their teaching responsibilities they share maintenance of our school's newly-designed web site. Go to stjoesschoolshelton.org to see us in action! Kindergarten teacher Marie Adams has undergraduate degrees in early childhood education and child psychology and a Masters from Sacred Heart; Alfonsina Giammarco, here as a pre-school teacher for 23 years, is now the kindergarten classroom assistant and the morning greeter for the school. She has an Associate's in Early Childhood Education. Marie serves on the board of our Home-School Association and as co-chair of our ‘Quarters Night’ with Miss Rossi.

Last Friday we welcomed a new student from Korea into our seventh grade, Woo Yeong Kwark (‘Kelly’). We are happy to have her with us and expect some other new students to enroll in the very near future!

*Love and prayers,
Arlene Clancy”*

Congratulations to Grace Munson, the winner of week 12's \$50 cash prize in the 25-Week Dinner Club!! It's not too late to join to be eligible for the **14 more drawings ranging from \$50 to \$500 plus a closing banquet.** For info, call Mary Ann Miller (203-922-1673) or Ginny Harger (203-924-8611).

HELP NEEDED BY A PARISHIONER

An **adult parishioner with a disability is in need** of some help with transportation, doing errands, driving to appointments, etc. If you are able to help, please contact Barbara at 203-339-2940.

CONTACT INFO FOR LEGISLATORS

Last weekend's bulletin contained a letter from Bishop Lori expressing his concerns about the **impact of a recent ruling by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to the millions of Catholics in our country and to the millions more served by Catholic institutions.** The ruling will force almost all employers, including Catholic employers, and health insurers to offer health insurance coverage for sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraception. In addition, **almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage** as part of their policies. **Never before in the history of our country have citizens been forced to directly purchase something that violates their consciences.** Please contact our area's legislators to protest this serious assault on our religious liberty:

Sen. Lieberman: 800-225-5605; www.lieberman.senate.gov
Sen. Blumenthal: 800-334-5341; www.blumenthal.senate.gov
Rep. DeLauro: 203-378-9005; www.delauero.house.gov
Rep. Himes: 866-453-0028; www.himes.house.gov

Remember, it has been said that all it takes for evil to prevail is for good people to be silent. Please do not be silent in the face of such an outrageous attack on our religious rights!

SENIOR ALTAR SERVER SPECIAL MEETING

A planning meeting for all senior altar servers in grades 8 through high school is Sunday, February 12 at 5 p.m. in the Rectory. Any servers who did not attend the February 4 planning meeting **are asked to make plans to attend this important meeting.** For more info, please contact Msgr. Chris.

CALENDAR OF SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

- Rosary (11:30 a.m., Monday - Friday, Church).
- 5 R.C.I.A. (10 a.m., Religious Ed. meeting room).
- 7 Eucharistic Adoration (after 12:05 p.m. Mass-7 p.m., Chapel).
- 8 Charismatic Prayer Group (7 p.m., Upper Room).
- 9 Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Chapel).
- Hispanic Intercessory group (7 p.m., Upper Room).
- 10 Eucharistic Adoration (after 12:05 p.m. Mass-7 p.m., Chapel).
- 11 Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., Pastoral Center).
- Hispanic Charismatic group (7 p.m., Upper Room).

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 5 Social Sunday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Holy Fam. Hall).
- Spanish Choir practice (11 a.m., Upper Room).
- Senior Youth Group (6 p.m., Upper Room).
- Can-Do Company (6 p.m., Pastoral Center).
- 6 Women's Devotional Group (7:30 p.m., 30 Fairmont).
- 8 Choir rehearsal (7:30 p.m., Choir Loft).
- 9 T.O.P.S. (6:30 p.m., Pastoral Center meeting room).
- 10 Hispanic Youth Group (4:30 p.m., Upper Room).
- Spanish Choir practice (7 p.m., Rel. Ed. meeting rm.).
- 11 Marriage Encounter (6 p.m., Church Hall).



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
Catholic To The Core

All high school age youth are invited to attend SJYG events.
Meetings are 6-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room

Sunday, February 5: *Game Night* in the Upper Room. Bring a snack to share, a favorite board game, play pool, ping pong or air hockey and enjoy the Super Bowl (only to 8:30 p.m.).

Saturday, February 11: *food drive service project* for Spooner House - manning the Stop & Shop (Seymour) collection site from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and unloading food donations at the Spooner House from 2:15 -4 p.m.

CAN-DO COMPANY

"Can-Do Company" is for boys and girls in grades 5-8.
Meetings are 6-8 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. All are welcome!

Sunday, February 5: meeting from 6-8 p.m. to plan a *field trip on February 17 to the Discovery Museum, New York.*

CONVIVIO YOUTH CONFERENCE

This year's *Convivio Catholic Youth Conference* for high school teens is Friday, March 9 (4-9 p.m.), Saturday, March 10 (9 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Sunday, March 11 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at Sacred Heart University. Cost is \$45 for the whole weekend. Come for some or all of the conference. To obtain a permission slip, please contact Mrs. Gorel (203-814-0307 or jljgorel@sbcglobal.net).

COME CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE!

All married couples are invited to attend a fun night out on *Saturday, February 11* from 7-11 p.m. in the Church Hall. A short program to reinforce the positive aspects of your marriage will be followed by music and dancing. Cost is \$10/couple; BYOB; snacks and setups provided. To register, please contact Jeff & Terry Pearce (203-463-8528 or jtpearce5@hotmail.com).

ZITI DINNER AND BINGO

The Men's Club's *Annual Ziti Dinner and Bingo* is Saturday evening, February 18 in the Church Hall after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on February 11-12. Tickets for an all-you-can eat dinner and Bingo are \$8/adult, \$4/child 12 and under or \$24/family (immediate family members only). Proceeds from this year's event will benefit our parish Church and hall Renovation project.



Women's Retreat: April 20 - 22, 2012 at Enders Island, Mystic, Connecticut beginning 5 p.m. on Friday and ending 1 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$170 for the weekend. Deposit is needed to reserve your spot by February 11, 2012. *Contact Linda Gorel at 203-814-0307.*



**"HONOR OUR PAST -
INVEST IN OUR FUTURE"**

2011 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to those who have already made pledges to our Capital Campaign. *After 13 weeks, pledges total \$847,815, 77% of our goal!* The active phase of our campaign concluded at the end of January; if you have not had the opportunity to fill out a pledge card, we invite you to take one from the end of the pew, fill it out and either place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Please note: because of the large demand for "Named Memorial" plaques at the \$5,000 and \$10,000 pledge level, eight more gift opportunities for the Church Hall sanctuary and sacristy have been added to those already announced.

Sincerest thanks to the 320+ parish families who have pledged to our Church and Hall Renovation Project!!

ATTENTION ALL SUBCONTRACTORS

General contractors are currently working on bids for the Church Hall renovation project. *Subcontractors interested in being considered* for the plumbing, electrical, carpentry, drywall, HVAC, flooring, painting and masonry portions of the project should contact Deacon Brad Smythe as soon as possible (203-924-7885, ext. 407 or stjoseph.plant@sbcglobal.net).

MISSION TRIP COLLECTION

A parish couple, Joel and Kim Barbosa (daughter of Stephen and Sandie Kopac), are traveling in July to Ethiopia on a mission trip. They need to bring **200 pounds of items** to give to orphans: children's close-toed shoes and clothes, soccer balls, arts and craft/school supplies, backpacks and baby items (formula, diapers, etc). If you can donate an item(s), please call Kim (203-526-6878) to arrange for pick up or drop off.

ST. JOSEPH'S BOX REMINDER

Your cash donations help to provide much-needed assistance to parishioners in a variety of ways. Thank you for your support.

COLLECTION REPORT

January 28 - 29, 2012

Sunday offertory (436 env.):	\$11,208.25
EFT offertory (50 env.):	1,404.54
Late offertory (25 env.):	<u>3,064.00</u>
Total:	\$15,676.79

Guardian Angels (73 env.): **\$1,694.75**

Thank you for your generosity! For more info about our electronic offertory option, please visit our parish website.

