

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

MONDAY, JULY 19

- 7:00 a.m. Daniel Quirk: Birthday Anniversary
(req. by the Quirk Family)
12:05 p.m. Eleanor Yassak
(req. by Ray Yassak)

TUESDAY, JULY 20

- 7:00 a.m. Deceased members of the McCarthy and
Hale families
(req. by Sharon Hale)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 7:00 a.m. for the safety of those traveling this summer
12:05 p.m. Ann Korpulski
(req. by Jim & Pat Oram)

THURSDAY, JULY 22

- 7:00 a.m. for the homeless

FRIDAY, JULY 23

- 7:00 a.m. for St. Joseph Parish volunteers
12:05 p.m. Barbara Carey
(req. by Richard & Pat Heller)

SATURDAY, JULY 24

- 4:00 p.m. Officer James A. Martin: 19th Anniversary
(req. by Jim & Mary Martin)
5:30 p.m. Jean Fitzgerald
(req. by Barbara McLeod)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

- 7:30 a.m. Daniel & Alma Sullivan
(req. by Steve & Jeanne Sullivan)
9:00 a.m. Eleanor Yassak
(req. by Ray Yassak)
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
12:00 noon Natalie Navarrete
(req. by the Family)
12:15 p.m. Georgina Ponnakal
(req. by Luigi & Nadia Battaglini)
5:00 p.m. Frederick Sadick: Third Anniversary
(req. by Judy Sadick)

Parishioners: Will the person(s) who booked Masses for Henryk Pasakowski on November 28 and Theresa Filakovsky on December 2 please call Ginny at the Parish Office (203-924-8611). Thank you!

Wedding Banns



Banns of marriage are announced this week for:
I Jaclyn Farley & Seth Stebbins

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON LUKE

Dear Parishioners of St Joseph's: Thank you for allowing me to become part of your parish. It truly has been an honor to spend these past eight weeks as your deacon. I can hardly believe how quickly these past weeks have come and gone!

It has been a wonderful experience to pray with you, teach in your classrooms, attend your graduations, visit your homes and stop by your nursing homes; to assist with your Youth Groups, the Men's Club, the Sons of St. Joseph and Bible Study group; to participate in your Carnival. St. Joseph is certainly an alive and vibrant parish!

I have been inspired by so many of you. I have been especially invigorated by your involvement in the life of the parish. As I mentioned at Mass the first weekend I was introduced to you, over the past three years I have heard many wonderful things about the people of "the Valley." It didn't take me long to learn firsthand that these wonderful things I had heard were true. Beginning with the Carnival, I found the St. Joseph community to be hardworking and welcoming-- a true faith community.

I am encouraged by your faith. I am encouraged to persevere in pursuit of the vocation to the priesthood. Over the years, there has been, at times, the temptation to question whether becoming a priest was a worthwhile endeavor as the church faces many challenges both internally and externally. However, coming to St. Joseph has confirmed and strengthened in me the desire to be a priest. I have been reminded by the profound faith professed and lived by the parishioners here of the truth that Christ is present in His Church, both in the Holy Eucharist and in the people of God. Your witness reassures me and motivates me to persevere!

This August, I will be returning for my last year of seminary. I am very excited to be joined this year at "the Mount" by up to ten other seminarians from our diocese! In recent history it is unprecedented for our diocese to send so many of our seminarians to one place for study. Certainly, the faithfulness of the Catholics in our diocese, as seen here at St. Joseph's, has been the fuel to encourage so many to pursue God's call to the priesthood.

Please keep us in your prayers. You can be assured of our prayers as a community of seminarians for each of you.

— *Deacon Luke Suarez*

SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Joseph
Catholic
School**

Are you looking for an *excellent, faith-based* education for your child in a close-knit, loving and nurturing environment? Registrations are being taken for the 2010-11 school year for grades pre-K 3 through 8th. Our *pre-K 4 program* is either a *three- or five-day, full-day program* (7:40 a.m.-1:40 p.m. with after-school care available until 5:30 p.m.); the *pre-K 3 program* is *two days* (9 a.m.-12 noon). For more info, please call the School Office at 203/924-4669.

“Fundraising activities are an integral part of assuring our Catholic schools remain open and we have had several successful ones this past year with all profits going directly to our school's budget. In July, 2009, our First Annual Golf Outing raised \$8,500. While we announced in last weekend's bulletin that this year's outing has been postponed (we anticipate having it on a Sunday afternoon this fall), we hope for it to be as successful as last year's, if not more! As we try to have events which appeal to every segment of our parish family, we will be having another 25-Week Dinner Club starting in November. If you are not familiar with last year's Dinner Club, here's a short explanation. Dinner Club dues are \$3 per person per week. A drawing for a \$50 or \$100 cash prize is held weekly. At the end of the 25 weeks, a gala dinner dance is held and additional large cash prizes are awarded. Dinner Club members are eligible to win every week as long as dues are up-to-date. You can join as an individual or as a couple, but what is most fun is to become a “captain” and get a group of 10 people together to fill a table at the dinner dance! Another fundraising activity is the \$350 assessment paid by each family (above the tuition fee) who sends a child to St. Joseph School. This assessment may be paid by the family by purchasing grocery store gift cards or participating in any of the catalog sales during the school year. Parishioners can also purchase gift cards after Mass on the second weekend of the month and are encouraged to do so as we receive a percentage of all sales!!

*Love and prayers,
Arlene Clancy*

Pastor's Wish List

A set of four new priest vestments! If you are interested in making a memorial donation, please call the Parish Office. The donation to memorialize one vestment is \$400; the donation to memorialize a set of four vestments is \$1,500.

COOPERATIVE MISSION APPEAL

This weekend at all Masses, *Rev. David Guzman*, a representative from *The Yarumal Missioners*, will be speaking about the mission work his community is currently engaged in to spread the Gospel to our poor brothers and sisters in several countries in South America, Asia and Africa. A special second collection, known as the Cooperative Mission Appeal, will be taken at all the Masses to benefit all missionary work around the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School for children from pre-K to 5th grade, *“Circus! Circus!”*, will be held 9 a.m. to 12 noon during **July 26 – 30**. **Registration forms are located in the back of the Church.** Cost is \$30/first child and \$20/each additional child. Please return registration forms and payment by mail, in the collection basket or to the Religious Education or Parish Offices by the **July 18 registration deadline**. For more info, please call *Angela* or *Pat* at the **Religious Education office (924-9677)**.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Can you spare 1 1/2 hours per week, September through April, to teach our parish's children about our beautiful faith? We are in need of four catechists to complete our awesome team: **Grade 3, Tuesdays, 4-5:15 p.m.; Grade 6 (two needed), Tuesdays, 7-8:15 p.m. and Grade 1, Wednesdays, 4-5:15 p.m.** Complete training provided. For more info, please call the **Religious Education office at 924-9677**. Remember, God does not call the qualified, He qualifies those He calls!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PARISH

Our parish recently changed its email address to stjoseph.rectory@sbcglobal.net. Please use this new email address to send an email to the Parish Office.

Parishioners: To memorialize either the Sanctuary Lamp or the memorial lamp located in front of the St. Joseph and Our Lady statues for a one-week period, please send your name, phone number, the name of the person to be remembered, and a \$25 donation to the Parish Office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

- 19 Prayer Cenacle (7 p.m., Church).
- 20 Eucharistic Adoration (12 noon – 7 p.m., Chapel).
Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Church).
- 22 Eucharistic Adoration (12 noon – 7 p.m., Chapel).
T.O.P.S. (6 p.m., Pastoral Center meeting room).
Spanish Youth Group (4 p.m., Upper Room).
- 24 Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., 30 Fairmont).

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP AND JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Even though the Senior and Junior Youth Groups will not be meeting regularly during the summer, Father Nick is working on a special event in August for all of our youth.

FATHER NICK'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Father Nick's Thursday night Bible Study will resume after Labor Day. Please check the bulletin in late August for the September starting date.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MASS

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week will be celebrated **July 25-31**. NFP Week highlights the anniversary of the Papal encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Mother, on July 26 will also be celebrated. **Our Diocesan NFP Mass, (with Adoration and Rosary for Life)** will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2010 at St. Rose of Lima Parish, 46 Church Hill Road, Newtown with Father Ignacio Ortigas as celebrant.

DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

A **Mass of thanksgiving** for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport will be celebrated by Bishop Lori at **12 Noon on Sunday, September 12** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Trumbull. Known as the "Blue Mass," this year's liturgy will especially commemorate the ninth anniversary of the events of 9-11. A reception will follow in the McClinch Family Center. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the back of our church



Please note: During the months of July and August the Parish Nurse office is closed.

Health Hint: Beat the heat!! As the temperature increases, you can become even more vulnerable to a heat-related injury. The most common heat disorder is heat exhaustion, the inability to continue to exercise or do activities in the heat. To combat heat exhaustion, rest in a cool place, drink an electrolyte solution, such as Gatorade or a sports drink. Avoid caffeinated drinks such as colas, iced tea, alcohol or coffee. In severe cases involving vomiting or fainting, call 911. If not recognized and treated promptly, heat exhaustion can develop into heat stroke.

PRAYER CENACLE

Father Marcel invites all to come to the Prayer Cenacle on **Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. in the Church** which will continue throughout the summer months.

2010 MASSES AVAILABLE

Several weekday Masses are available over the next several months. To schedule a Mass, please stop by the Parish Office or send us a note with the name of the person(s) the Mass would be intentioned for, the preferred date and time and your name and phone number. We will check what is available and call you to confirm the Mass. Mass offerings are \$10 and must be paid when the Mass is scheduled.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS NEEDED

The Parish Office has openings for volunteer receptionists to greet visitors, answer the phone and assist with minor clerical tasks as needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ginny in the Parish Office (203-924-8611).

SUMMER ENRICHMENT COURSES

St. Joseph High School, Trumbull is offering time management, problem solving and critical thinking **enrichment classes** for any student entering grade 9 during August 2-13. Course hours are 8:30-11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more info, please call Mrs. Woods at the SJHS office (203-378-9378).

YOUTH CONNECTION NEWS

The Youth CONNecTion will present **Thoroughly Modern Millie** at Shelton High School during July 23-24 and July 30-31. Tickets are \$20/adults and \$12/students; to purchase, please call 203-225-6079 or visit their website at www.centerstageshelton.com.

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2010

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

COLLECTION REPORT

July 10 - 11, 2010

Offertory (416 env.):	\$10,205.11
EFT (38 env.):	1,281.00
Late envelopes (41 env.):	<u>1,257.00</u>
Total:	\$12,743.11

Please remember your weekly envelopes while traveling this summer – thank you!

