



Mass Intentions for the Week

August 14 - 22

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday

5:00 CarolAlix
RB Ed & Jo Burns & Family

Sunday

7:30 Thomas Ferris
RB Wife
9:00 All Parishioners Living and Deceased
10:30 Andrew & Elizabeth Jarusinsky & Family
RB Family
12:00 Lavey Family

Monday

8:00 Krysinski & Olender Families
RB Family

Tuesday

8:00 Al Schwarz
RB Eleanor Dembowski

Wednesday

8:00 Anthony & Anna Kulisher
RB Daughters

Thursday

8:00 Mary Jean Lundberg & David Semosky, Jr.
RB Parents

Friday

8:00 Marianne Farese

Saturday

8:00 Ida Stoops
RB St. Mark Choir
5:00 Patrick Norris
RB Family

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

7:30 Helen Peason
RB Husband
9:00 Anthony Fudge
RB Family
10:30 All Parishioners Living and Deceased
12:00 Edward A. Bitsco
RB Wife and Family



Registration for Religious Education Classes for 2010/11: Grades 1-6 will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 PM; please note the change in time for this school year. Grades 7 and 8 will meet on Thursday from 6 - 7 PM. Registration forms may be found online at the Parish website (www.stmarkstratford.org) and at the doors of the Church. Please mail your completed form (one for each student) and tuition to the R.E. Office by September 13th. Your early registration is very much appreciated. Classes begin on October 5th. Please call Mrs. Patricia Nettleton, D.R.E., at 203-377-3158 if you have any questions regarding classes or registration.

Confirmation 2010 - We were notified recently by the Diocese that **Bishop Lori** will celebrate **Confirmation** on **Friday, September 17th**, at 7 PM in the Church. Any parishioner who attends another school besides St. Mark School, was not registered in St. Mark's Religious Education Program and plans on being confirmed at St. Mark's in September, needs to make arrangements for the sacrament with Mrs. Patricia Nettleton at 203-377-3158. Registered students will receive a letter with the details for the final preparation for Confirmation shortly.

Pre-Baptismal Class - the next class will be Tuesday, September 14th, at 7:30 PM in the Upper Room. All those anticipating the birth and subsequent Baptism of their first child need to attend this class. Please call the Parish office at 377-0444 to register.

Fr. Fernando Suarez will return to St. Mark Parish for a Healing Mass on **Friday, September 10th at 7 PM**. Parishioners will need tickets for the Mass. Please fill in the slip on the last page of this bulletin and return it to the Parish Office. The Parish will hold a penance service on Thursday, September 9th, at 7 PM in the Church in preparation for the Healing Mass. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fatherfernando.com>

Save the Date: Saturday, October 2nd St. Mark Welcome Back Family Festival and Raffle - dinner, entertainment for all ages and the drawing of our parish raffle. Details to follow.

Precious Blood: The offering of the Precious Blood during the celebration of Mass resumed on Sunday, August 1, at all Masses. Parishioners may avail themselves to receive Holy Communion under both kinds: *The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus*.

The readings for this Sunday may be found in:
**Catholic Community Hymnal in
Section 759 /Assumption**

Feed the Hungry This Ministry provides approximately 80 meals per month to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. We will meet in the Church Hall Kitchen on Saturday, August 28th, from 8:45 to 10:00 AM. The menu will be cold-cut grinders, tossed salad, fruit salad and ice cream. You may donate fresh fruit or vegetables; please drop it off before 9:00 that morning. Thank you to all who support this ministry! Questions, please call Marilyn Mucci at 612-7018.

Thank you Harvest Now - we had our first delivery of fresh vegetables (tomatoes) to the Connecticut Food Bank in Fairfield last Friday from our Parish. Thank you to those gardeners who are growing fruits and vegetables for the hungry. Please leave your donations at the Parish Office garage.

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's Center for Life was held the weekend of August 7 and 8 after all Masses. St. Gerard's Center for Life is a Catholic pregnancy resource center located in Hartford dedicated to assisting women make life-affirming decisions either to keep their babies or place their children for adoption. Since 2005, St. Gerard's has served over 2,900 mothers and saved through God's grace over 370 babies. To continue their life and soul saving ministry, they are requesting that you take a baby bottle or envelope fill it with a donation (Checks should be made payable to St. Gerard Center for Life). The bottles should be returned to the church the weekends of August 14/15 or August 21/22. You can also make an online donation by visiting our website at www.stgerardcenter.org. All proceeds will benefit St. Gerard's Center for Life. Thank you for supporting their center and continuing the efforts to protect and save the unborn and their mothers.

St. Mark Girls 4th Annual Basketball Camp – The St. Mark Men's League will be holding a Skills Based Basketball camp for all parish girls who will enter grades 3,4,5, and 6 in September. The camp will be held on August 23rd- 26th, Monday-Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Parish Center. Cost is \$40.00 (same as the last 3 years). Siblings can attend for \$20.00. All campers will receive a T-Shirt on the 1st night. This is not a tryout. The focus of this camp will be to improve your skills. Please call Walt Brown to sign up @ 203-377-3987 or email walt_brown99@hotmail.com.

Mass in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Blessed Mother Teresa will be held on Wednesday, August 25th at St. Peter Church at 695 Colorado Avenue in Bridgeport at 6:30 PM with the Most Reverend William E. Lori as celebrant.

Fan the Fire 2010 - Teen Retreat will be held at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown on August 21, 2010 from 9 AM to 9 PM. All High School teens (grades 9-12) are invited to attend. Cost for the event will be \$45.00. Fan the Fire began 10 years ago at St. Joseph's Parish in York, Pennsylvania, and has grown from an initial gathering of just over 200 students to an annual capacity crowd gathering between 650-800 participants. Fan the Fire, CT had its initial gathering 4 years ago with 500 students and adults that were very excited to share their faith journey with each other. Every year we host this event, more and more youth attend and this should be our biggest gathering yet. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010, from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown, CT. The theme of this year's event will be "**Whom do you follow?**" Events include: fun and inspirational talks, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, rosary, great music, a teen Mass with Bishop Lori, and so much more. For more information or any questions you might have, you can visit our website at <http://www.fanthefirerally.com/ftfct10.html> or feel free to call the Office of Youth Ministry at 203-416-1449.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion If you are suffering from the pain of an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend from September 17-19, 2010 in Fairfield County. The retreat will combine spiritual meditations, discussions, Confession, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's Love and to help you forgive yourself and others. Participants have their own private room. For more information, please call the retreat director at 203-218-0291 or e-mail her at Jeremiah31v17@aol.com or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyarddbpt.com. All inquiries are kept in the strictest of confidence. This ministry is sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Annual Diocesan Blue Mass commemorating the Ninth Anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, September 12th, at Noon at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Trumbull. A Mass of Thanksgiving for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service who serve in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Reception immediately following Mass in the McClinch Family Center. All are welcome. For more information, contact Michael F. Basso, Past District Deputy at 203-334-2816. This event is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Bridgeport, Fairfield County Council and Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus.



Our Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for this Week	\$12,000.
Sunday, August 1, 2010	\$10,041.
Sunday, August 9, 2009	\$ 9,927.
Monthly, August 8, 2010	\$ 3,130.
Monthly, August 9, 2009	\$ 3,452.

“The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” - Luke 1:49

In Mary’s Magnificat prayer she reminds us of the very foundation for stewardship. The Lord has done great things for all of us. Every single thing we have is a gift from God. He has blessed us abundantly – in little ways and in great ways. So when we are called upon to share some of our gifts with the world we should remember the lesson of the Blessed Virgin. We should say, “Yes,” trusting that God is good and He will take care of us. He does great things for us!



Lorraine Studley, Bob Haborak, Fedare Hrinak, Jeff Mastroni, Barbara Manning, Arlene Liscinsky, Julie Koloules, Bob Wargo, Mark Burry, Jose Millet, Kathy Skinner, Diane Vanderwaylan, Matthew Freetas, Caroline DiRiusso, Toni Stabile, Kathleen Hampton, Shirley Fenn, Michael Howard, Katie Bleekrod, Mary King, Christina Alterio, Evelyn Garafolo, Andy Yankowski, Carol Gay, Elaine Hauge, David Gallo, Eugene Greytak, Julia Sellers, Julie Porzio, Lawrence & Emma Cannon, Mary Kahanec, James Whelan, Lillian Butler, Michael Hostetter, Jr., Rachel Maietto, Joan Watkins, Marilyn Lonzenski, Carl Blumenthal, Mark Bensen, Florence Steele, Yvonne Wilson, Henry Pawley, Marie Pfrommer, Bea Fiocca, Martha Reynolds, George Fountain, Samantha Frattarola, Claire Hromjak, Eddie Corcoran, Mary Hovan, Constance Papp, Bette Stump, Bill Maloney, Mike Czech, Kevin Collins, Arlene Zayas, Spencer Grady, Joan Shannon, Eleanor Cornese, Lee Everetts, Frank Vitucci, Sr., Terri Nardone, Cayden Morin, Felizardo Cipriano, Connie Dezso, Gail Bergers, Chelsea Wheeler, Joan Green, Andrea Timchak, William Flynn, Paul Iwanoski, Mark Morreale, Charles Petrino, Michael McLoughlin, Gary Iadarola, Charles Falzone, Donna Bizak, John Semosky, Alex Convertito, Edward Recupero, Jim Garrity, Daniel Marzella, Yolanda Arkilander, Marcella Barr, James Conway, Quinn Faerdy, Linda Bates, William Flynn, Kathleen LaLuna, Henry Sroka, Douglas Selmont, Susan Herron, Evelyn Lesko, Victor Crespo, Elmer Klosterman, Sharon Rotunno, Jane & Jim Daly, Cathy Riccelli, Anthony DeLarosa, Mike Paternoster, Lisa Sinise, Margaret Mazeau.

(Parishioners are reminded to call the Parish Office at 377-0444 to let us know when to take a name off the prayer list. Thank you!)

Readings for the Week of August 15

Sunday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday:	Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7b/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

The Second Collection this weekend is the Holy Day Collection for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you for your generosity.

Adoration Chapel - All are welcome to spend some time in adoration with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. New regular adorers and summer temps are most welcome. Please call or email Gary or Scott at the contact information below the schedule to sign up for an hour.

Adoration Chapel Schedule

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
12am	X	X	O	O	O	O	C
1am	X	X	X	X	X	X	C
2am	?	X	?	O	O	X	C
3am	O	O	O	O	O	O	C
4am	O	X	O	X	O	X	C
5am	O	O	O	O	X	O	C
6am	O	X	O	X	O	X	C
7am	X	X	O	X	O	O	C
8am	O		O	O		O	C
9am	O						C
10am	O	O	O	O	O	C	C
11am	X			O	O	C	C
12pm	O	O	O		X	C	C
1pm	O	X		O	O	C	C
2pm	X	O		O	O	C	C
3pm	X	O	X	O	X	C	C
4pm		O	?			C	C
5pm	O	O	O	X	O	C	C
6pm	O	X	O		X	C	O
7pm					X	C	O
8pm	O	X		X	O	C	X
9pm	X	O	O		O	C	X
10pm	O		O	O	O	C	O
11pm	O		O	O	O	C	X

ADORERS NEEDED FOR ALL "X" and "O" HOURS!

X = NO ADORER SCHEDULED

O = One Adorer Scheduled

C = Chapel CLOSED (for now)

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Please call Gary Tennyson at 203-953-1200

or Scott Goodfellow at 203-394-2248 or

Email to StMarkAdoration@comcast.net

with questions or to volunteer for an hour

**Fr. Fernando Suarez, C.C. Returns To
St. Mark's Church
For a Healing Mass on
Friday, September 10th at 7 PM**

Each registered parish family is being offered 1 or 2 tickets on a first come first serve basis to Fr. Fernando's Mass. Please complete and return the slip below to the Parish Office with a stamped self address envelope. Tickets will be mailed on Friday, September 3rd. Seating in the Church, Upper Room, Church Hall and Parish Center is by ticket only for this Mass. The Upper Room will be reserved for parishioners with special needs and children.

Please be assured that no one will be turned away that evening. Fr. Fernando will stay and pray over people as long as needed. Your cooperation is very much appreciated as we are expecting many people to come seeking Fr. Fernando's gift of healing from outside the parish.

**Request for Tickets for
Fr. Fernando Suarez, C.C. Healing Mass
On September 10, 2010 at 7 PM
Doors will open at 6 PM.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Parish Envelope No. : _____

Request for 1 or 2 tickets (Please circle)

Date: _____

Special needs:
Wheelchair or other ambulatory device
Child under 12
(Circle all that apply)

Please return completed form to Parish Office in person, by mail or in the collection basket with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Tickets will be mailed on Friday, September 3rd.

Acct # 04-0152

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Stratford, CT.

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Sunday, August 15
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