



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Saturday, December 29

8:00 AM Mass
4:30 PM Memorial: James Conway

Sunday, December 30

7:00 AM Memorial: Thoburn & Jeannette Meier
8:30 AM Memorial: Richard Salice
10:00 AM Memorial: Francis & Florence Lacey
11:30 AM Memorial: Robert Honold

Monday, December 31

6:30 AM Anniversary: Margaret H. Mullins
5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil ~ Feast of the Holy Family

Tuesday, January 1

10:00 AM Holy Day ~ Feast of the Holy Family
For the People of St. Peter Claver

Wednesday, January 2

6:30 AM Mass

Thursday, January 3

6:30 AM Mass

Friday, January 4

6:30 AM Mass

Saturday, January 5

8:00 AM For the People of St. Peter Claver
4:30 PM 1st Anniversary: Richard Herms

Sunday, January 6

8:00 AM Memorial: Robert Gillette & William Cassano
10:00 AM Anniversary: Dr. Richard White Horan
11:30 AM Memorial: Maddalena Leo & Aldo Riccardiello



In Our Parish

Tuesday, January 1

10:00 AM Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, January 5

8:30 – 9:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Rectory Office holiday schedule will be as follows: The Office will be closed December 31 and January 1. Fr. Leary, Fr. Sas and the entire St. Peter Claver Parish Staff would like to extend to everyone a Joyous Christmas and Blessings for the New Year !!

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning on the first Sunday of 2008, January 6th, our weekend schedule of Masses will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It is good Joseph was tuned into God for directions. He was "warned" to flee to Egypt, then to return to Israel and later to move to Galilee. Open your heart to God's direction in your life. What new place is God leading you in 2008? Listen and let the Lord lead!



Religious Education News

Happy New Year!! Classes will resume in January at their regularly scheduled times.

STORM CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation information: If there is no school or an early dismissal, there are no Religious Education classes. Please refer to cancellation information on WFSB (Ch. 3), WTIC AM and FM, radio stations WRCH FM, WZMX FM or by calling 521-2904 or 561-4235.

LITURGY NEWS

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday, January 5 from 8:30 – 9:30 AM.**

BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS PROGRAM

The next presentation of the Baptismal Catechesis Program will be held on **Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 pm** in the Music Room of the Parish Center. Parents anticipating the Baptism of a child at St. Peter Claver during the months of **March** and **April** should call the rectory office at 561-4235, to sign up for the program. Godparents are also encouraged to participate. Parents must be registered members of St. Peter Claver Parish and regularly attending Sunday Mass in order to have their child baptized in our parish. The selection of godparents should be done with careful thought.

MICHAEL KENNY – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Hi! My name is Michael Kenny and I am currently working on my Eagle Scout Leadership Service project, **Backpacks for the Homeless**. I will be collecting backpacks and a variety of items listed below and assembling them for the St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter in Hartford. A box will be provided in the back of the church for the following suggested items: backpacks, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, socks, flashlights, long johns, wind pants, winter gloves, rain poncho, knit hat, underwear, sweatshirt, candy bar/power bar. Donations of **gently used or new clothing – in adult men sizes** would also be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!



THE HOLY FAMILY

There will be no financial report this week due to the early bulletin deadline.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The St. Peter Claver Knights of Columbus December meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, **January 2** at 7:30 pm. We will resume our meeting schedule of the last Wednesday in the month in January. Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please contact Jim Farrell (539-0251).

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE 2008 WEST HARTFORD CHURCHES

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
St. Brigid	4:00 PM	7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
St. Helena	5:00 PM	8:30 & 10:30 AM
St. Mark	5:00 PM	8:00 & 10:30 AM
St. Peter Claver	4:30 PM	8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 AM
St. Thomas	5:00 PM	8:00, 10:00 AM 12:00 & 5:00 PM
St. Timothy	4:00 PM	8:30 & 10:30 AM

Food Basket Program/Giving Tree Collection



A **special thank you** to all our parish families who participated in our Christmas Food Basket Program. Through your efforts and generosity we provided Christmas Day meals for **over 100 families!** God has graced this parish

with so many riches, our greatest being our willingness to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. May God bless you all! We would also like to acknowledge everyone who so generously donated gifts to our Giving Tree collection.

VISITATION TO THE HOMEBOUND

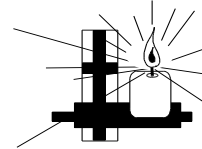
Please help us to reach out to our brothers and sisters. If you know of anyone, of ANY age, who is sick, disabled, or homebound for any reason and is unable to attend Mass, please contact Gigi Frailey in the Rectory Office. This is our on means of identifying who is homebound or ill. Thank You.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS SHARING THE LITURGY WITH US. MAY YOU FEEL CHRIST'S PEACE AND LOVE!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents too!

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



*O God of new beginnings
and wonderful surprises,
thank You for the gift of a new year.*

*May it be a time of grace for me,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew my commitment
to following Your Son, Jesus.*

*May it be a year of blessing for me,
a time to cherish my family
and friends.*

*A time to renew my efforts at work
a time to embrace my faith
more fully.*

*Walk with me, please, in every day
and every hour of this new year,
that the light of Christ might
shine through me, in spite of
my weaknesses and failings.*

*Above all, may I remember this year
that I am a pilgrim on the
sacred path to You.*

Amen

NEWS FROM OUR HAITIAN MINISTRY

Congratulations to Mr. George Hepner recipient of the \$50 Stop & Shop gift card drawing. Thank you George and everyone who purchased gift cards or made direct donations over the past few months. 5% of every Stop & Shop gift cards purchased directly supports the semi-annual medical mission to Haiti. Your support to the Haitian Ministry is appreciated and we hope that parishioners will continue to purchase them after mass each week.

MERTON READING GROUP

Your are invited to join our Thomas Merton reading group and explore the spiritual journals of one of the most interesting Roman Catholic priests of the 20th century. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 17**, at 7:00 pm at the home of Ellen Wittman. All are welcome! Please call Ellen at 231-8462 for further details.