

Saint Mary Parish Community

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

June 5, 2011



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Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ A huge **'Thank You'** goes out to all those volunteers who helped with this year's carnival. The amount of time and energy spent for the good of St. Mary School is priceless. I would like to say to each and every volunteer: ***A job well done!*** I pray that the Good Lord will bless all your tireless efforts and works.

◆ As we begin the summer months please know that the air conditioner will be on in the Church. The temperature is set on 69° year-round, and the air conditioner is run by computer. When it hits 69° outside, the air conditioning will go on and run to cool the Church. If you come to Mass early, when there is no crowd in the Church, it may seem colder especially if you are sitting under a vent. If the chill bothers you, please, remember to bring a sweater or jacket with you. Many thanks for your cooperation.

◆ The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously voted on May 25 to approve **Fr. Patrick J. Conroy, S.J.**, as the next House chaplain. *"Father Pat Conroy comes with a healthy respect for what we do,"* said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D – Calif.), The Hill reports. *"It is a beautiful honor steeped in history — deeply personal, free of politics — and we wish him every success in that job."* He will be the 60th House chaplain, but only the second Catholic priest to serve in that role. Fr. Conroy told Religion News Service that a chaplain's role is more like "a counselor" than a pastor. "As chaplain, I won't be responsible for the religious life of the people working on Capitol Hill, how they practice their faith in their respective congregations," he said. Asked whether he would pray "in the name of Jesus," he responded: "I never pray in the name of Jesus -- except when I'm doing something Catholic -- saying Mass, for example." The priest also discussed how he was interviewed for the position and had to discuss whether there was anything in his past that might become an embarrassment to House Speaker John Boehner, who nominated him. As a member of the Jesuits' Oregon Province, which has faced major lawsuits for some members' sexual abuse, Fr. Conroy told congressional staffers that his name might turn up in court documents. He also discussed a 1986 letter he wrote to an archbishop about a young man who said a priest had propositioned him. "I didn't hear back from the archbishop. There was no crime committed. I did what I was supposed to do, but the letter did come out later," he told Religion News Service. Defenders of Fr. Conroy's appointment had criticized questions about the priest's membership in the Oregon Province as an attempt to tar the priest with "guilt by association."

Ordained in 1983, Fr. Conroy has served as a parish priest in his native Washington state and served the people of the Colville Indian Reservation and the Spokane Indian Reservation. He was chaplain at Georgetown University from 1990 to 1994 and from 1997 to 2003. Between those periods, he served as chaplain at Seattle University. At present he teaches at Jesuit High school in Portland, Ore. Catholic priest Fr. Daniel Coughlin, the previous House chaplain, retired in April to widespread praise. The House chaplain position dates back to 1789, when the Continental Congress began a tradition of having the day's proceedings open with a prayer. The chaplain's present duties include leading the daily prayer, providing counseling and pastoral services, coordinating the scheduling of guest chaplains and helping to arrange memorial services for House members and staff.

◆ There is still room on our Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. Down payment is due on July 1st. It promises to be a most wonderful spiritual and cultural experience. If you might be interested, please call the Rectory for a brochure.

◆ Congratulations to all those graduating in the next couple of weeks. To Saint Mary School 8th Graders and Kindergarteners, to those in Bethel Middle School, Immaculate High School, Bethel High School, to all other High Schools in our area, to those graduating from colleges, universities and graduate studies, best wishes and kudos to a job well done. May God bless all your future endeavors.

Fr. Corey's Comments (cont'd)

◆ Saint Mary Parish accepts Offertory Collection electronically. If you would like this Offertory option, please call the Rectory for more information. That is how I give my Offertory each week; it is simple, quick and I never forget.

◆ There always seems to be a bit of confusion about **godparents and sponsors**. In the old days, it was the godparents' duty to raise a child if (*God forbid*) something should happen to the parents. Today a godparent must be over 16, fully initiated into the Church (has received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) and exemplifies the Catholic life by being a participating and regular member of a parish Community. The godparent must be an example to the child – attends Mass each week, is in a regular marriage (*married by a Catholic Priest or Deacon*), prays, knows the faith and Scripture – in other words, is an active member of the Church.

So let's say I have some good friends who are good people and I want them to be godparents or sponsor for my child who is about to be Baptized or make his or her Confirmation. Isn't that good enough to be a godparent or a sponsor? Don't we want our children to have good people as their role models? Well, the answer is No and Yes. Of course, we want good people in our children's lives to models of honesty and how to be a good citizen. But, no, that is not enough to be a good sponsor or godparent. Why? Let me give you an example of why that is not enough. Let's say that you want your child to play the piano. You have a friend who is a wonderful carpenter and can teach your child a ton about carpentry. But, that is not who you want to teach your child about playing the piano. You want a person who knows about the piano, how a piano works, know how to teach the piano, understands musical history and plays the piano well him or her self.

When it comes to Baptism and Confirmation, a person who practices their faith is what you need for a sponsor or godparent. A person who frequents the Sacraments, and who has a spiritual and religious life is what you need. A person who not only understand the principles of our faith but *believes* in them, bases their lives on them and puts them into practice is a person who is a worthy godparent and sponsor. We should want the very best for the examples for our children – a person that can assure us that they will be an image and model of being a disciple of Jesus Christ as the child grows and develops. Isn't that the kind of godparent and sponsor we would want?

◆ The following are real children's letters to God:

Dear God, In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation? -Jane

Dear God, I read the Bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me. -Love, Alison

Dear God, Are you really invisible or is that just a trick? -Lucy

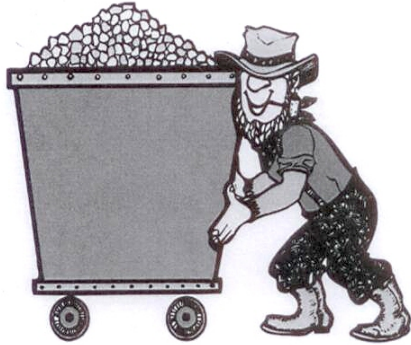
Dear God, Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house? -Anita

Dear God, Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? -Norma

Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones You have now? -Jane

Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. -Joyce

Come to the St. Mary's
GOLD RUSH



*Leave your checkbook at home --
this time you take home the money!*

We will be buying:

Broken chains and bracelets,
single earrings,
rings with missing stones,
old boyfriend/girlfriend gifts,
jewelry you never wear and
yes, even that dental gold!

Bob, the Gold Man,
will be in the **Church hall:**

Friday June 3rd 10am to 7pm

Saturday June 4th 9am to 4pm

Sunday June 5th 8am to 4pm

*Not only will you get a fair price for your gold,
but 60% of the profits will be
donated to St. Mary Church!*



"FUN IN THE SUN"

July 11-15 & 18-22

Monday - Friday,

8:30am - 12:30pm

Cost is \$110 per child per week

This is the 13th year of our summer camp for children in grades k-6 (for the 2010-2011 school year). Amusements, Water Slides, Rock Wall, Games, T-shirts, Prizes, Bible and Saint Stories, Arts & Crafts, Songs, Prayer and much more!

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, at the Rectory, and also on our website: www.stmarybethel.org. Return forms and payment to the Rectory with checks payable to: St. Mary Church.

For more information, please call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777 or visit our website!

SIGN UP NOW --- SPACE IS LIMITED!!!



JULY 25 - 29

9am - 11:45am

Ages 3-8 years old.

Cost is \$20 per Child.

Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule, at the Rectory, or on our website. Call Mary Ferri at 743-4557 for more information

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Band Concert for Students & Parents is on **Mon., June 6th at 1:20pm** in the School Gym.

Pre-K 3's **Moving Up Ceremony** is on **Tuesday, June 14th at 10:00am** in the School Gym.

Pre-K 4's **Moving Up Ceremony** is on **Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00am** in the School Gym.

Kindergarten Graduation is on **Thursday, June 16th at 10:00am** in the School Gym.

Eighth Grade Graduation is on **Friday, June 17th in Church at 7:00pm.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REL. ED. REGISTRATION FORMS are now available for children in K-8th grade. They **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. Forms are available on our website. If your child entering **Kindergarten or 1st grade** is not registered for the Fall, call **Rel. Ed. (743-4557)**

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COFFEE & ... will be served after the **7:00, 8:30 AND 10AM Masses** on **SUN., JUNE 12TH.**

CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS must attend **one** of the following meetings: **June 4 at 9am, June 8 at 2:15pm or June 8 at 7pm.** Meet in the Church. Any questions, call Seminarian Matthew at the Rectory.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING Those **currently in 4th grade and up** who wish to become an altar server must attend **one** of the following meetings: **June 11 at 9am, June 13 at 2:15pm or June 13 at 7pm** in the Church.

VIRTUS TRAINING for anyone **18 yrs. old and over** involved in **any parish activity** (including Mission Trip and Camp) will be held here at St. Mary's on **Tuesday, June 14 at 7pm** in the School Library. Register at www.virtus.org. Any questions, call Mary Ferri at 743-4557.

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: JUNE BOOK

"Twelve Apostolic Women", by **Joanne Turpin**. Join us on **THUR., June 30, 7:30pm**, in the **Children's Room**.



VACATIONERS If you are visiting other areas and would like information regarding Churches in that area, you may either call **1-800-Mass-Times** or visit the website **www.Masstimes.org**.

YOUTH GROUP

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP will be collecting **backpacks** that will be donated to shelters, midnight run efforts, and other organizations that will make them available to children that need them. New or used is fine! So please drop them in the boxes that will be provided from **June 11th - June 19th** in the church vestibule. Thanks to **Erin Morton** for organizing & leading this effort!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Join us on **June 17** from **7-9pm** for our **Year End Bowling** party at Loree's Lane. Cost is \$15 (includes shoes, 2 games and snacks). Permission slips are due by **Fri. June 15th to Parish Office** and are available in Vestibule, at school or online. Drop off & pick up is at Loree's Lanes. Please email Annie at smbysgroup@gmail.com for more info.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL has ongoing enrollment for the **2011-12 school year**. Come visit Immaculate to experience everything they have to offer. **"Mustang for a Day"** visits are available – call 203-744-1510 x. 132 to schedule your visit or visit www.immaculatehs.org for more information.

2011 SUMMER VOCATION DAYS, June 28-30, 2011 at Sacred Heart University. **"What's your status?"** is the theme of this year's dynamic three-day event for high school students, designed to help them grow closer to God, and hear His call - whatever it may be. Activities will include Mass and prayer, great live music, and inspiring speakers. Students will also have dinner with Bishop Lori, and have the chance to meet priests, sisters, and brothers. For more information, or to register, visit Facebook.com/summervocationdays.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JUNE 6	6:30	+	Barbara Rorick – St. Mary School Parents and Students
	9:00	+	Donald Clarke (<i>Birthday</i>) – Family
TUES, JUNE 7	6:30	+	Dante Vaghi – Dave Deakin
	9:00	+	John A. Miley – The Neptune Family
WED., JUNE 8	6:30	+	Rod Dexter – Kathy & George Aiello
	9:00	+	Arthur L. Horan, Jr. – Family
THU., JUNE 9	6:30	+	Cathryn Costello
	9:00	+	R. Eikhot – Lawrence Havey
FRI., JUNE 10	6:30	+	Nicholas Marinaccio – Pat Kelly
	9:00	+	William Winters – The Stevens Family
SAT., JUNE 11	8:00	+	May Yee – Helen & Dan Yee
SUN., JUNE 12	5:30		Mirella & Anthony DeLuca (<i>50th Wedding Anniv.</i>) – Edith Jaccarino
	7:00	+	Rose Friend – Family
	8:30	+	Sister Rita Goodman, <i>SSND</i> – Sister Anne & Sister Alberta
	10:00	+	Hugh Lee – The Pluff Family
	11:30	+	Viola Leonard – Elizabeth Gowarty
	5:30	+	Ida Donnarumma (<i>2nd Anniv.</i>) – Family



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sabrina Gioia

Fintan Joseph Marquez



I – Mark Fleckenstein & Christine Surdel

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$12,495

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION: \$1,416

PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)

Kate Fitzgerald: *Parish Secretary*

Paul Orsino: *Property Manager*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557)

Mary Ferri: *Director*

Peggy Gavin: *Secretary*

Dennis Nauheimer (RCIA): 794-9488

(Call if interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation as a Catholic with Confirmation and/or Eucharist.)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Michael Ferrari: *Music Director*

Elizabeth Barnes: *Choir Director*

ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922)

Sister Anne McCarthy: *Principal*

Linda Curry: *Secretary*

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 & 9:00am

Saturday: 8:00am & 5:30pm (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm.

BAPTISMS: *Every Sunday at 12:45pm.*

(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES: *Once a Month.*

(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARRIAGE: *All Couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.*