
Fr. Corey's Comments

*For your entertainment and spiritual growth, Mr. Frank Runyeon from television and film will be in our Parish on Sunday, March 7th, at 2:00pm, for a one-man performance about the faith and living as a disciple of Jesus Christ. This is a beautiful opportunity to have a mini retreat for you and your family with this nationally known star. Acclaimed by critics, scholars, and over 1,000 Catholic and Protestant churches to date, Frank Runyeon performs ecumenical one-man plays of scripture — and speaks with humor about his years in Hollywood — in over 40 states each year. Best known for starring opposite Meg Ryan on CBS, Frank left Hollywood in the 90's to attend seminary. He now hopes to help his audience: rediscover the power of the central stories of Scripture, and laugh (good-naturedly) at the way the media portrays the world. Quite a transfer from *As the World Turns*, *Santa Barbara* and *L.A. Law* (among others) Frank will be able to share his talent, his faith in Christ and his ability to touch hearts in a most appropriate way during Lent. More about Frank to follow, but, please mark your calendars NOW!*

I must also repeat my introduction to our Parish Mission that will be held the week of Ash Wednesday. Father Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist...(Sr. Anne will testify that these priests are great because they were the Religious Order in her home Parish of Mission Hill Church in a little New England Town called Boston.) Pope John Paul II said of Parish Missions: "I wish to tell all mission preachers to persevere in this magnificent work. It is necessary and urgent today. Blessed are you if you announce the truth of the Gospel, the hope that consoles, the certitude which give joy now and forever. Blessed, too, those parishes and communities, which welcome you in the celebration of a parish Mission, those who have ears to hear and eyes to see the good news of God's mercy in this life leading to unending happiness forever. To you, preachers and collaborators, to those in the pastoral ministry who cooperate with you and to all who are touched by God's Spirit through your efforts, I pledge my prayers and impart my blessing."

Thanks goes out to Doctor Donna Boylan and Boylan Chiropractic for sponsoring our calendars again this year. Dr. Boylan, you are very kind to underwrite these lovely spiritual and liturgical calendars for the edification of our Parish Community. Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the feast of St. Blase. The traditional blessing of throats will take place during the 6:30 and 9:00am Masses.

As we continue the Year of the Priest, I continue to ask for your prayers not only for Fr. Cyrus, Fr. Ed and myself, but for all priests in our Diocese, country and world. Sadly, another priest from our Diocese has died this week. Fr. Robert Onze passed away in Florida. Fr. Onze served at my home parish of St. John Nepomucene when I was going up. He was a kind man and his last assignment was working with the elderly in the Stamford area. Eternal rest come upon him. Some of those who perished in the Haitian earthquake were their archbishop, Joseph Serge Miot, their Vicar General, as well as many of their seminarians. The cathedral in Port-Au-Prince also crumbled to the ground. We continue to encourage all to pray for this devastated country and may we help in any way we can.

Fr. Corey's Comments (Cont'd.)

On Thursday, January 21, Flaminia Giovanelli, 61, became the second woman to hold the position of undersecretary of a pontifical council. Rosemary Goldie held the position at the Pontifical Council for the Laity from 1966-76. Giovanelli is also the second-highest ranked woman in the Vatican after Sister Rosanna Enrica, who serves as undersecretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

She received the new position "with a feeling of gratitude to the Holy Father, who has said that we, women, must assume a certain role in the Church". The new undersecretary is convinced that the role of women in the Church is not always very visible but has been essential: "Women express a particular perspective. Her judgment is different and can complement what is seen in a more obvious way." A native of Rome, Giovanelli has worked for the justice and peace council since 1974. She is a graduate in political science from the University of Rome and holds diplomas in library science and religious studies. Recalling the 36 some years that she has worked for the justice and peace council, Giovanelli asserted that her job has been more than just a paycheck, but a vocation: "It is a service to man, to the person. It is a service to the Church and to the relation with work."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. There was a note posted by the fruit. "Take only one," it read. "God is watching." At the other end of the line was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One child whispered to another, "Take all you want. God's watching the apples."

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### *SPECIAL THANKS FOR DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR*

*During the Christmas holidays there were many cards and envelopes passing through our office. Some envelopes with donations for flowers on the altar were inadvertently put aside with other offerings and have just recently resurfaced. Our apologies for not including them with all the others.*

#### *IN MEMORY OF*

Al Dennis  
Christian Major  
  
Dr. Nicholas J. Santaniello and Marie & Bill Shea  
Rose & Nicholas Gimigliano and  
Margaret & Joseph Gimiano  
Joseph & Gertrude Cleary, Joseph Cleary, Jr.,  
Joseph Cleary III, Edwin Dolph, Phoebe Schlemmer  
Deceased Members of the Deak & Anziano Families  
Deceased Members of the Sierocki & Barnett Families

#### *DONATED BY*

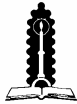
Family  
Maureen & Abe Ullah and  
Brendan Major  
Colleen & Nick Santaniello  
  
Theresa Gimigliano  
  
Dolph and Schlemmer Families  
Leon & Stephanie Anziano  
Family



# JANUARY

## PRAYER & FASTING GROUP -

Please join us in the **Parish Hall** on **SAT., FEB. 13<sup>th</sup>**, at **8:30am**, when **Lisa Plumb** will give a talk on Fasting. We will meet every Sat. morning during Lent after the 8:00am Mass. Questions? **Deacon John** (203 744-2106).



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be on **FRI., FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

**COFFEE & ...** will be served after the **07:00 Mass** on **SUN., FEB. 7<sup>th</sup>**.



## DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS

**WED., FEB. 3<sup>rd</sup>** : *Our turn to Cook.*

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

On **FRI., FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00pm**, in the Church, **Fr. Ed** will give a talk: *"Carrying the Cross of Losing a Loved One"*. Discussion and refreshments will follow in the **Parish Hall**.



## ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: FEBRUARY BOOK



*"The Snakebite Letters"*, by **Peter Kreeft**. Join our discussion on **TUES., FEB. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, **7:30pm**, in **Children's Room**.

## ST. MARY MEN'S RETREAT IS COMING!

Wives, Mothers, Sweethearts! Do you want your husband, son, or fiancé to be a better man in a matter of days? A weekend retreat will do it. Get him to sign up early. The retreat begins on **FRI., MAR. 12<sup>th</sup>**. Call **Nick Santarelli** (203 470-7102) for info.



## ST. MARY'S MEN'S MINISTRY

meets every **Saturday morning** from **6:30-8:00am** in the **Parish Hall**. Please stop by for bagels, fellowship, and faith discussions to help men and their families. Any questions, please call **Dave Whitmore** (203 470-0909).

# YOUTH NEWS

## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP



**MON., FEB. 1<sup>st</sup>**, at **6:00pm**, **Parish Hall**.

Interested students and parents should meet to help **PLAN A SKI TRIP**. Tentative date for trip: **SAT., FEB. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUN., FEB. 7<sup>th</sup>** - **Winter Flag Football**. Dropoff at **Parloa Park** at **12:00**, pickup at **1:30pm**. Bring Permission slips!



**SUN., FEB. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Sign up with Annie: **Hartford Wolfpack Hockey Game**. **CHAPERONES NEEDED!**

**Service hours** will be available every **Wed. night** from **5:00-6:00pm** for all Youth Group members.

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

**SAT., FEB. 6<sup>th</sup>** - **Ice Skating**. Cost: \$10/child. Drop off at **Danbury Ice Arena** at **1:30pm**, pick-up at **3:30pm**. Sign up. Permission slips must be returned to Rectory by **THUR., FEB. 4<sup>th</sup>**. **CHAPERONES NEEDED!**



## Day of Renewal and Reflection

on **SAT., FEB. 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00-5:00**

at **John Paul II Center**, **Danbury**. This year our theme is *"The Year of the Priest"*. The day will include talks, discussions, music, prayer and Mass. **ALL** are welcome. Cost: \$20. No pre-registration; pay at the door. Bring lunch. For more info. call **Tom Restivo** (203 268-8409).

**Contemporary Folk Group** is looking for a pianist. If interested, please call **Debbie Caraluzzi** (730-0804).



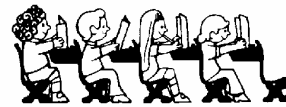
## ATTENTION SERVERS!



For those who wish to participate in the revamped MC program of St. Mary's, there will be a training session on **SAT., FEB. 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:00pm**. If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Seminarian Matthew**, or email him at **makrankall@gmail.com**.

# SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## Catholic Schools Week



### REGISTRATION for 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR



Registration for **Preschool 3 and 4** year olds will be in the **Gym** on **MON., FEB. 8<sup>th</sup>**, from **8:00am-12:00noon** and **6:30-8:00pm**. Registration for **Kindergarten** will be in the **Gym** on **WED., FEB. 10<sup>th</sup>**, from **8:00am-12:00noon** and **6:30-8:00pm**. To register please bring **copies** of your child's birth and baptism certificates, a record of immunizations, and \$100 non-refundable registration fee. For more information, call the **School (744-2922)**.

Purchase a **Tuition Raffle** ticket for your chance to win free annual tuition for one student valued at **\$4,500**; tickets are **\$75**. Buy for a specific family or make a donation. Drawing will be **FRI., FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30pm**. Tickets sold after Masses this weekend. For info. call **Cathy Drury (938-4067)**.

**Jessica Wojnicki**, an eighth grade student, has been awarded the **St. Augustine Academic and Service Award**. This was presented by Bishop Lori at the annual **Breakfast of Champions** at the Catholic Center in Bridgeport. ***Congratulations, Jessica***, for your academic excellence and service.

### ST. MARY SCHOOL PASTA DINNER

**FRI., FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>: 5:30-8:00pm, School Gym**

**Ziti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread,**  
**Dessert and Drinks**

Adults: \$8;

Children 5 – 12: \$5;

Family Max: \$30.

**(For more info. call: 203 798-0109.)**



### JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup> – FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **"Dividends for Life"**

#### **SUN., JAN. 31<sup>st</sup> – OPEN HOUSE**

11:00a-1:00p Open House

#### **MON., FEB. 1<sup>st</sup> – GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

9:00-10:20a Classroom Visits  
10:40a Musical Performance  
Grades PK – 8  
11:30a Lunch for Grandparents

#### **TUE., FEB. 2<sup>nd</sup> – STUDENT BREAKFAST**

7:45a Pancake Breakfast for  
Students  
12:00n Grades 4-8 Presentation:  
"The Electric Car Project"

#### **WED., FEB. 3<sup>rd</sup> – PARENT OPEN HOUSE** (Current & Prospective Parents)

9:00-10:20a Classroom Visits  
10:40a Musical Performance  
Grades PK – 8

#### **THU., FEB. 4<sup>th</sup> – TEACHER APPRECIATION**

11:00a Teacher Luncheon  
12:15p Musical Presentation  
Grades K – 8

#### **FRI., FEB. 5<sup>th</sup> – STUDENT APPRECIATION**

9:00a School Liturgy  
12:10p-12:50p Black History Show (K-4)  
1:00p- 1:45p Black History Show (5-8)  
5:30-8:00p Pasta Dinner including  
Tuition Raffle Drawing

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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|---------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MON., FEB. 1</b> | 6:30  | + | Jennie Jordan – Staff of Bethel Public Schools        |
|                     | 9:00  | + | John Murphy – Elaine & Pete Bartkus                   |
| <b>TUES, FEB. 2</b> | 6:30  | + | Richard Smithwick – Kevin & Brenda Cleary             |
|                     | 9:00  | + | Derry Kenning – Wife                                  |
| <b>WED., FEB. 3</b> | 6:30  | + | Kathleen Flanigan – Ray & Juleen Flanigan             |
|                     | 9:00  | + | Rose Anziano – Leon & Stephanie Anziano               |
| <b>THU., FEB. 4</b> | 6:30  | + | Donald Cleary, Sr. – Dave Deakin                      |
|                     | 9:00  | + | Dorothy Burton – Marie Miller                         |
| <b>FRI., FEB. 5</b> | 6:30  |   | Special Intentions                                    |
|                     | 9:00  | + | Msgr. Edward B. Karl – St. Mary School Children       |
| <b>SAT., FEB. 6</b> | 8:00  | + | Pat Buckley – Friend                                  |
|                     | 5:30  | + | Walter Beck – Family                                  |
| <b>SUN., FEB. 7</b> | 7:00  | + | Cathryn Costello                                      |
|                     | 8:30  | + | Tony Soegaard – Kozlowski Family                      |
|                     | 10:00 | + | Bing Yee – Dan & Helen Yee                            |
|                     | 11:30 | + | Stephen L. Daly – Chamberin Family                    |
|                     | 5:30  | + | Paul S. Kalinoski – Matthew & Jennifer Rostafin & Son |



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Ty Joseph Leo*

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**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$13,188**

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*If you, or a family member, are planning a stay at Danbury Hospital,
please inform the Rectory so a member of the clergy may visit.*

PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)

Sheila Kurjiaka: *Bulletin Editor*
Kate Fitzgerald: *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

Mike Macelletti: *Music Director*
Elizabeth Barnes: *Choir Director*
Debbie Caraluzzi: *Contemp. Group 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
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday at 1:00pm.
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES: Twice a Month.
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE:

*Couples must meet with a parish clergyman at
least six (6) months before the marriage is to be
celebrate.*