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

I hope you will visit the new Sanctuary. I think the project came out beautifully. I trust you will, too. If you would still like to offer a gift or a pledge, it would be most helpful as we are still a bit shy of our goal. Any size gift will be gratefully accepted. Any left over monies will be used for the next project (there is no date for this... a year, two years, ten years from now) to put in a hard porcelain floor in the rest of the Church that would be a permanent solution to the tiles that are separating, coming up and falling apart. Pledge/Gift cards can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

A Holy Week Meditation:

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then, for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of humanity's progress.

All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the parliaments that have ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of humanity on earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

With the arrival of Spring, I thought you might like to do some planting.

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind; Peace of heart; Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip; Squash indifference; Squash grumbling; Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful; Lettuce be kind; Lettuce be obedient; Lettuce really love one another.

Plant three rows of turnips:

Turnip for meetings; Turnip for service; Turnip to help one another.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:


Thyme for God; Thyme for study; Thyme for prayer.



School News



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd,
a day of Fast & Abstinence.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:
Next meeting will be SAT., APR. 17th, 
from 10:30am-12:00noon, in the **Parish House.**



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 discus-
sions to help men and their families. Any ques-
tions, please call Dave Whitmore (203 470-0909).

ST. MARY CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

In preparation for Easter we will be
cleaning up at the Cemetery. If there is
anything on the grave that you wish to
keep, please pick it up by MON., MAR. 29th.
If not, leave it there. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO**
PICK UP ITEMS YOU DO NOT WANT!




ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: MARCH BOOK



"Befriending Life: Encounters with
Henri Nouwen", by **Beth Porter.** Dis-
cussion will be on TUES., MAR. 30th,
at 7:30pm, in **Children's Room.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Next Meeting – APR. , 8:15pm.
Rosary at 7:45pm in the Church.

APPLICATIONS for TWO \$4,000 SCHOLARSHIPS
are now available at the Rectory and due
back on TUES., MAR. 30th. For more 
info call Tom Liquori (792-0664).



EASTER FOOD COLLECTION
The Knights will be putting together food
baskets for the needy for Easter. If you
wish to donate, tomorrow, MON., MAR. 29th, is
your last day to drop canned and dry goods off in
the **vestibule.** Any donation is appreciated.

THUR., APR. 1st – Early Dismissal, 11:15am.
FRI., APR. 2nd & MON., APR. 5th – No Classes.
Easter Blessings and Joy to all.



St. Mary **Annual 5K Fun Run** will be on
SAT., MAY 22nd. **Fun Run for Kids** 9
years old and under begins at 8:00am,
followed by the **5K Run** at 8:30am. For further
information or to volunteer, please call Cathy
Drury (203 938-4067). More details to come.

St. Mary **School Carnival** will run from
WED., MAY 12th – SAT., MAY 15th.
Anyone wishing to volunteer to help,
please call Jo Jo Magrone (203 730-1840).



St. Mary School would like to thank all who
supported our **Annual Auction** this year for their
generosity. Special thanks to our Co-Chairs, Erik
and Ruth Apotheke, for all their hard work.



Please sign up for **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**
and **EASTER MASSES** on the sheets in the
Bride's Room or call Sheila (744-5777).

EASTER FLOWERS: Envelopes have
been included in your packets for anyone
who would like to donate. Please don't
forget to list the names of the deceased.



On SAT., APR. 3rd, children 9 yrs.
and younger are invited to meet in
the **Gym** for our **Easter Egg Hunt,**
which begins at 9:00am, followed
by **"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"**
ending at 10:30am. The cost for breakfast:

\$7.00 per person advance tickets,
\$8.00 per person at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the Rectory.



CAMP

July 12-16, 19-23

Monday - Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm

St. Mary School Grounds, Bethel

Cost is \$100 per child per week

This is the 12th year of our summer camp for children in grades k-6 (for the 2009-10 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 at www.stmarybethel.org. Make checks payable to: St. Mary Church, and return forms and payment to the Rectory.

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

CAMP COUNSELORS: Applications are available for high schools students registered at St. Mary's. They must be returned to the Rectory by TUES., APRIL 6th.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., MAR. 29	6:30 + Sister Joan Armstrong – Sisters Alberta & Anne
	9:00 + Hannah McKay – Thelma Hyde & Family
TUES, MAR. 30	6:30 + Msgr. Edward B. Karl – 6:30am Crew
	9:00 + Hannah McKay – Coral & Bill Presti
WED., MAR. 31	6:30 + Lirio De Jesus – Roberto & Marivic Matic Family
	9:00 + John Stocks, Jr. (5 th Anniv.) – Family
THU., APR. 1	9:00 <i>Morning Prayer</i>
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	
FRI., APR. 2	9:00 <i>Morning Prayer</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	
SAT., APR. 3	9:00 <i>Morning Prayer</i>
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	8:00pm <i>Easter Vigil</i>
SUN., APR. 4	7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 12:00
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	5:30pm <i>No Mass</i>



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Alessandra Gianna Cafasso

GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$13,586

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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**

**Michael Ferrari:** *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.***