
Fr. Corey's Comments

Alleluia, HE is risen, He is truly Risen! Many thanks to everyone who made the Easter Triduum such a beautiful and spiritual experience. First, welcome again to all those who received their Sacraments this Easter: Benjamin Michael Kent, Timothy John McIntyre, Rudolph Joseph Kraus, Sarahann Stratman and Stephen Fike. We, as a Parish Community, are most happy that you are now part of our Church. God grant you many happy years. Thank you to the entire RCIA team. By sharing your faith you have made the journey of our new Catholics a faith-filled and informative path to God.

A special thanks to Hollandia nursery for the beautiful flowers in the Church. Nothing looks more beautiful than an altar filled with lilies. Thanks to Shannon Landscape for the mulch that is the finishing touch around the Church, and Ron Gleissner and DreamScapers for the wonderful planters that greet you as you enter the Church. Thanks to Paul Orsino, MaryBeth Zarecki, Chris Folan and Bob Legnard, Fr. Cyrus and Fr. Ed for all the "behind the scenes" work throughout the Sacred Triduum.

Let me take a moment to thank our choirs. The Adult Choir, the Children's Choir and the Contemporary Choir have worked for months for this most demanding Holy Week of song. The hours spent were most evident by the beautiful and joyous song that took us from Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, to the gift of His Last Supper to the solemnity of His passion, death to the glorious victory of Jesus' Resurrection. Thank you for all your hard work, dedication and prayerfulness during these most holy days.

To every one else who took part in the Triduum... servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers, parking lot guys and all others....a million thanks!

Now, a most special word of thanks and congratulations. A ton of folks took the opportunity to go to confession during Lent. Many, many people heard the call and took advantage to be reconciled with God. We were busy on every Tuesday, Saturday and extra hours of confessions that were offered. It truly was a gift to the priests to be instruments of God's love and mercy. The Confession/Penance campaign that originated with Bishop Lori was a huge success! I encourage everyone to continue this wonderful spiritual experience by receiving this Sacrament often to grow in our faith lives.

The Sacred Triduum was wonderfully attended. Unlike some others who wonder why the crowds don't attend in such numbers every week, I am grateful for all those who come, whenever they come. Continue to invite them along. We love to have you all to celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

Finally, thank you so much for all the delicious treats you sent to the Rectory. We are most grateful for your thinking of us. Also, thank you for your generosity in the Easter collection. Your kindness is overwhelming.

I would like to take advantage of your generosity by asking you to give to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. With difficult financial times our charity is in need now more than ever. Your pledge can be made over several months. We most definitely need your help to meet our goal of \$130,000. If you have not made a pledge as of yet, please carefully consider it this week. A pledge of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or any other gift would be most helpful to meet the needs of those in our Diocese who cannot help themselves. I thank you for your prayerful consideration. In-Pew Sunday will be April 26th.

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



Eggs have an important role in our Easter celebrations. Eggs symbolize not only spring's rebirth, but also Christ's resurrection. Like his tomb, the egg is the hard cold casket from which new life finally and triumphantly breaks forth. The Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* (All life comes from an egg) took on a new, religious significance. In some cultures, eggs were forbidden during Lent, and therefore its prominence during Easter as it was the end of the 40 day fast. Decorating eggs comes from many different cultures with many different legends. Suffice it to say that decorating the eggs adds to the celebratory sense of the Easter holiday.

You may notice the symbols of the Alpha (A) and Omega (an upside down horseshoe) on the Paschal Candle itself. They are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and signify the eternity and the infinity of God, Christ who is the beginning and the end.

Why Easter Lilies? Well, there are many explanations, but one legend that I think is most touching is the following. Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.




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**REGISTRATION** – Religious Ed. is available for children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. They **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. If your child entering **Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade** is not registered for the Fall, please call the **Rel. Ed. office** (743-4557).

### **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP**

team will hold a "**Homeless Service Overnight**" on **SAT., APR. 25<sup>th</sup>**, to raise funds for our **Mission Trip/Retreat** to Washington in June. We will meet in the **School Gym** at **7:00pm** for a "**Soup Kitchen**" supper, then we'll make cardboard shelters for us to spend the night in outside. During the evening we will be involved in several service projects (i.e., making sandwiches for Dorothy Day, sorting cans for Brotherhood-in-Action, etc.). The Overnight will conclude Sunday morning with Mass at **7:00am**. We ask for your prayers, food donations for Brotherhood-in-Action (which can be dropped off that evening), and, if possible, a pledge for this fundraiser. What we raise will help cover travel, lodging, food and project costs for our trip. To make a monetary donation/pledge, please call **Kate Fitzgerald** (744-5777). Thank you!



 Thank you to those who supported our **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!** We had our biggest crowd ever. A special thanks to the teens and adults who made sure that everyone was well fed and happy!

### **ST. MARY BOOK CLUB** – **April Book:**

"**Mere Christianity**", by C. S. Lewis.

Please join **Deacon John** in the **Children's Room** at **7:30pm**, on **TUES., APR. 28<sup>th</sup>**, for group discussion.



**Next Book, May:** Rediscovering Catholicism: "**Journeying Toward Our Spiritual North Star**", by **Matthew Kelly**. Discussion: **TUES., MAY 26.**

### **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

Join us as we explore deeper the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Grow in your understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in and through us on a daily basis. **Life in the Spirit** is a 6-week seminar beginning on **WED., APR. 29<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. For more information or to register call **Patti Finn** (748-7312) or **Sharon Closius** (798-9822).



Classes will resume MON., APR. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
A Happy, Healthy Spring Break to all.

SMS Grade 8 Confirmation will be on  
THUR., APR. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30pm.

SMS Grade 2 First Eucharist will be on  
SAT., APR. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am.

Come support our St. Mary School Track Team  
at their first meet next SUN., APR. 26<sup>th</sup>, from  
12:00n – 4:00pm, at Immaculate High School.

Spring Fling Walk-a-Thon will be held on FRI.,  
MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at noon, on School Grounds.  
Please support our students by making a pledge.



St. Mary's will host its first 5K Road  
Race & Fun Run on SAT., MAY 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration begins at 7:30am with the  
Fun Run for children 10 and under at 8:00am,  
followed by the 5K at 8:30am. For more info,  
please call Eve Olson (744-5540). Registration  
forms are available in the vestibule, or you can  
register online at www.stmarybethelct.org.

St. Mary School Carnival will be on our grounds  
from WED., MAY 13<sup>th</sup> – SAT. MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, with  
new rides and attractions! Bracelets will be sold  
after Masses the weekends of MAY 2/3 and 9/10.

Celebrate St. Mary School's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and Blue Ribbon Award at the 8:30am Mass on  
SUN., JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Communion  
Breakfast at Cappellaro's Grove. For more info  
please call Kathleen DeMarco (270-3597).

**PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION**

The Diocese has a new preparation class for the  
Permanent Diaconate. Interested men must be  
between the ages of 31 and 60, be men of faith and  
good character, and must be disposed and willing  
to give the required time/effort to the Diaconate  
Formation Program. Married and single men may  
submit applications now through August 31, 2009.  
For more info. please call Deacon Tony Detje,  
Program Dir., (203 748-5235 or 203 416-1415).



NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:  
MON., APR. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm, in the Parish Hall.

ST. MARY CONTEMPORARY FOLK GROUP  
The Contemporary Folk Group is in  
need of a **pianist**. If you would like to  
play piano with them, please call  
Debbie Caraluzzi (730-0804).



MEALS-ON-WHEELS:  
WEEK OF DELIVERIES

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*During the year it would be great to
pray for by name those who are
volunteering to protect and serve
our country. If you know anyone, please call the
Rectory (744-5777) with the name, rank, branch
of service and assignment, and we shall publish
them in the bulletin periodically as well as
keeping a list for our prayers.*

James Perkins, 1st Lieutenant in the Army,
serving in Baghdad
Son of Dave & Pat Perkins

Roger Bellamy, Staff Sergeant in the Air
National Guard, serving in Afghanistan
Husband of Madeline Bellamy, and
Father of Andrew, Hayden, Shelby & Grant

Todd Angell, Corpsman in the Navy, serving
in Kuwait
Son of Mary Angell

Chad Van Kuren, Sergeant 1st Class in the
Army, serving in Baghdad
Son of Dr. Kate Forno

We are very grateful for the safe return of:

Thomas Burke, Lance Corporal, Marines, Iraq
Chris Guerrette, Captain, Air Force, Afgh.
Paul Nelson, Staff Sergeant, Marines, Iraq.
Dave & Ann Perkins, Captains, Army, Afgh.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DONATED
TOWARDS FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR FOR EASTER**

IN MEMORY OF

Bill Bonacci
Robert Brady
Mary F. Deakin
Al Dennis
Arthur L. Horan, Jr.
Louis H. Pacific
Timothy Smith
Edgar Spallone
Edward Struski
Edward Trotta
Christopher Urban
Suzanne & Ronald Dorman
John & Anna Hafner
Elizabeth & Anthony Ippolito
Patrick & Mary Sullivan
Daniel W. Vecchia, Sr. and Daniel W. Vecchia, Jr.
Cliff Hurgin and Bridget & William Weinmann
Teresa Sullivan, Nora Boesch, Assunta LaMagna
Eleanor & Tom Cunningham and Ellen & Vincent Geoghegan
Rose & Nicholas Gimigliano and Margaret & Joseph Gimignano
Blanche & John Kowalski, Frank & Katherine Kowalski,
Frank & Anna Tencza
James A. O'Sullivan, Sr. & Sarah O'Sullivan, Thomas Hunt, Sr.,
Anne Hunt, Thomas Hunt, Jr.
Gertrude & Joseph Cleary Sr., Joseph Cleary, Jr., Joseph Cleary III,
Edwin Dolph, and Phoebe Schlemmer
Deceased Parents and Granddaughter, Ashley
Deceased Members of the DeAngelo Family
Deceased Members of the Anziano and Deak Families
Deceased Members of the Falvey and Richard Families
Deceased Members of the Fischer and Goodrich Families
Deceased Members of the Hunt and O'Sullivan Families
Deceased Members of the Frank E. Hurgin and Leo. P. Kelly Families
Deceased Members of the McNamara and Stelzel Families
Deceased Members of the Shannon and Devlin Families
Deceased Members of the Sierocki & Barnett Families
Deceased Members of the John Stevenson and Patrick Troy Families
Deceased Members of the Troetti and Landi Families

DONATIONS BY: John & Kathy DeRoin and Joseph & Louise Previte



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Daughter, Mary
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Michael Sullivan Family
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Edith Jaccarino
Leon & Stephanie Anziano
Walter & Catherine Richard
Eileen & Don Goodrich
Jim & Eileen O'Sullivan
Leonard A. Hurgin Family
Agnes McNamara and Family
Jane & Bill Shannon
Andrey & Thomas Barnett
Ann Stevenson
Janet & Mauro Troetti

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., APR. 20	6:30 + John Flanagan – Family	Mass Intentions 
	9:00 + Charles A. Gereg – Family	
TUES, APR. 21	6:30 + Rev. William Kiernan	
	9:00 + John Rubino – Robert Leggiero	
WED., APR. 22	6:30 + Bill Benzing – Kevin & Brenda Cleary	
	9:00 + Deborah Quinn – Donna & Dan Kiah	
THU., APR. 23	6:30 + Czeslaw Zabrzewski (<i>Birthday</i>) – Kostyk Family	
	9:00 + Marion Clarke – Mirella & Tony Deluca	
FRI., APR. 24	6:30 + Ethel Deakin – Family	
	9:00 + George Viebrock, Sr. – Family	
SAT., APR. 25	8:00 + Alice McShane – Brendan Duffy	
	5:30 + Katherine & Walter Beck – Joan & Mike Macelletti	
SUN., APR. 26	7:00 + Eleanor Settanni – Lucy & Edward Share	
	8:30 + Margaret Wagner – Linda MacGregor	
	10:00 + Brennan Merrick – Leone Family	
	11:30 + Deborah Quinn – DeLuca Family	
	5:30 + Gail Dapolite – Marie & Domenic Broccoli	



Next weekend, APRIL 25th/26th, there will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions. Your contribution will help needy dioceses in Appalachia, the deep South, the Southwest, and many other places to provide basic pastoral services to poor and isolated communities.

GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$27,867

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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*  
**Steve DeMarco:** *Parish Council President*  
**Jane Shannon:** *Cemetery Administrator*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (743-4557)**

**Mary Ferri:** *Director*  
**Peggy Gavin:** *Secretary*  
**Dennis Nauheimer (RCIA):** 794-9488

**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.*