
Fr. Corey's Comments

What an unbelievable weekend last weekend. Let me begin with the beatification of John Paul II. The Vigil and the Mass of Beatification were absolutely inspiring! The Vigil brought me to tears. To hear the testimonies of Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, Blessed John Paul's friend and secretary, his influential spokesman, the Spanish layman Joaquin Navarro-Valls -- along with Sr. Marie Simon-Pierre, the French religious whose cure from Parkinson's disease, were awesome. To feel and understand the Universality of the Church, you simply had to watch and pray the Mysteries of Light on that WHITE NIGHT and see people from all over the world join together in their own native language and pray the Rosary together.

There must be another miracle for Blessed John Paul to be canonized. Please pray through the intercession of John Paul that he bring about a miracle in your life or the life of someone you know in need. During this month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Mother, I offer you a prayer from the late Pontiff for you to use.

*Hail Mary, poor and humble Woman, Blessed by the Most High!
Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era, We join in your song of praise,
to celebrate the Lord's mercy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom
and the full liberation of humanity.*

*Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord, Glorious Mother of Christ!
Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place of the Word, Teach us to persevere in listening to the Word,
and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit, attentive to his promptings in the depths of our conscience
and to his manifestations in the events of history.*

*Hail Mary, Woman of sorrows, Mother of the living!
Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve, Be our guide along the paths of the world.
Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ, to stand with you before the innumerable crosses
on which your Son is still crucified.*

*Hail Mary, woman of faith, First of the disciples!
Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account for the hope that is in us,
with trust in human goodness and the Father's love. Teach us to build up the world beginning from within:
in the depths of silence and prayer, in the joy of fraternal love,
in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.*

Holy Mary, Mother of believers, pray for us. Amen.

The next big event last weekend, were our two First Holy Communions. The Masses were most prayerful and inspiring. We pray for these children that this may be the beginning of a life-long and deep spiritual communion with Our Lord. During my homily, I told the parents that they would never let their children starve; that they are always mindful and attentive that their children have enough and nutritious food to eat. My prayer was that they never let their children starve for the Eucharistic Banquet and that they bring their children each and every week to be fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Yesterday, (Saturday) we celebrated two more First Holy Communion Masses and I will speak more about them next week.

The next big event was the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. It was a wonderful 'shot in the arm' for Great Britain and a nice fairy tale for the rest of the world. I must admit I was not all that interested in the wedding but I did enjoy watching it. One could truly see the love between the couple. It was a dignified and joyous event. I hope Kate will be an inspiration to brides not only in her demeanor but also through her choice of a classic, beautiful, and majestic wedding gown.

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Also, the guests were dressed distinguished and enjoyed the decorum and respectability. And with all this said, everyone can admit that with all the etiquette that was observed, everyone still enjoyed him or herself and were thrilled with the event. I hope the happy couple will inspire many brides and grooms.

With this in mind I shall approach a subject that may make some folks annoyed with me, but here I go anyway. When you come to Mass, you come to the Wedding Banquet of the Lamb. Reading the Book of Revelation you will notice many references to Christ marrying his Bride the Church at the Eucharistic Banquet. Every time we come to Mass we join in the Wedding Banquet of the KING. In observing the wedding of the Prince and Princess of England, I did not see sweat clothes, spandex, shorts or t-shirts. I did not see jeans on rock stars or soccer players or even on Spice girls. I do realize that it is what is in the heart that is important, but even in observing people in Africa, Mexico, Poland, Portugal and Italy I saw people DRESSED for the occasion. I was traveling in Bridgeport and passed by a Pentecostal Church on Madison Avenue at about 3:00pm and people were leaving the services; you would think they were leaving a prayer session with a King... and on second thought, perhaps they were. I understand there are always special circumstances that dictate a 'come as you are' attendance at Mass, but shouldn't we give our best to the Lord as He gives His best to us?

Finally, we learned of the death of Osama Bin Laden, the mastermind of the horrific events of September 11, 2001 and other terrorist actions through out the world. Let us pray and hope that with the closing of this door, peace will come upon the world and people will turn away from the killing of innocents and find peaceable ways to deal with difficult situations in all countries.

It is with pleasure that I share with you the wonderful news that our friend Monsignor Ed Scull celebrates his 60th Anniversary of his priesthood. Here is some information about Monsignor Scull:

Monsignor Edward Scull

Ordained May 3, 1951 - Bishop Henry J. O'Brien

Assignments:

*Saint Mary Church Bethel- Associate Pastor
Saint John Stamford - Associate Pastor
Notre Dame H.S. - Teacher - Math, English, Religion
Central Catholic H.S. Norwalk - Principal
Saint Gabriel Church Stamford - Pastor
Saint Pius X Church Fairfield - Pastor 30 years
Honor - Rev. Monsignor - Pope John Paul II 1997
Retired 2001
Weekend Liturgist...in retirement:
Saint Mary Church Bethel
Saint Marguerite Church Brookfield
Saint Joseph Church Brookfield*

I think that you all know that Monsignor Karl and Monsignor Scull were great friends as well as golfing and traveling buddies. It is because of Monsignor Karl that we all got to know Monsignor Scull. We have all come to know a great preacher, a prayerful presider and celebrant, a man with a wonderful sense of humor, kindness and a man that I am blessed to call my friend. On Wednesday of this past week, Monsignor's priest friends met at Marisa's Restaurant in Trumbull and had a surprise party for him. Please keep Monsignor Scull in your prayers so that this 85 year old servant of God and continue to labor in God's vineyard.

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP Join us on **May 20th** at the Palace Theatre for a concert by “**The Call**” at **7:30 pm**. Cost is \$10, and permission slips are due by Friday May 13th to Parish Office. Any students attending from 6-8th grade must be accompanied by a parent. Permission slips are available in Vestibule or by email at smbgroup@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet on **SAT., MAY 14th**, from **10:30-noon**, in the **Parish House**. If you will be attending for the first time, please call the **Rectory (203 744-5777)** to confirm.



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

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: MAY BOOK

“**Hinds’ Feet on High Places**”, by **Hannah Hurnard**. Join us on **THUR., MAY 26, 7:30pm**, in the **Children’s Room**.



DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS: We are asking for a few additional men to volunteer and help keep the Shelter running smoothly. Volunteers normally take one night a month, but that’s up to you. You can also work in teams and share the experience with family or friends. You will not regret this life-changing experience. Learn more about this ministry after any of the Masses the weekend of **MAY 22nd**. Also, please mark your calendar for an informative and no-obligation meeting at the **Church**, on **THUR., MAY 26th**, at **7:30pm**. Any questions, please call **Chris Marchak (203 205-0122)**.

Off The Streets: We need many hands as this ministry develops to help homeless persons Off The Streets. Every kind of skill needed. Please join us the **3rd Thursday of each month** at **7:30pm** at the **Congregational Church in Danbury**. Park on the left side of the church (across from City Hall), come into the Church, and go to the **Pilgrim Room**.

MAY CROWNING PROCESSION is on **MON., MAY 9th**, at **7:00pm**. All parish children who recently received First Communion may participate. You should wear your First Communion clothing. Meet in the **Parish Hall** by **6:45pm**.



St. Mary School is proud to present **The Music Man** on **Friday, May 13** and **Saturday, May 14** at 7:30 PM in St. Mary School Gym. Tickets for Adults are \$12, and Students & Seniors are \$8. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend.



ST. MARY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

THUR., MAY 19th - SUN., MAY 22nd

Exciting rides and attractions here on the **School grounds**. To volunteer please call **Jo Jo Magrone (203 730-1840)**.

Carnival Raffle: Cash prizes will be awarded: 1st prize - \$3000, 2nd prize - \$750, 3rd prize - \$250. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available for purchase after all Masses.

Carnival Wristbands: Unlimited rides, good for any one day and night. **\$15** in advance, **\$20** at carnival. Advance sales after all Masses in May.

“**Come Discover the Book of Revelation**” Bible Study Our **Morning Bible Study** is taking an in-depth “**Catholic**” look into the meaning and purpose of the Book of Revelation. **Meet: WEDS., 9:30am**, in the **Parish Hall**. For more information, please contact **Rick Lawlor (203-470-8084); rlawlor22@comcast.net**.



Lecture on the New Translation of the Mass Texts on **WED., MAY 11th**, at **7:30pm**, at **St. Luke Church** on Long Lots Road in Westport. **Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction** will be at **6:30pm** before the lecture. Confession will be available.

ST. MARY’S MEN’S MINISTRY Join us in the Hall on **MAY 14th** from **6:30am-8am** for our **Breakfast Meeting**. For more info please call **Rick: 203-470-8084**.



"FUN IN THE SUN"

July 11-15 & 18-22

Monday - Friday,

8:30am-12:30pm

St. Mary School Grounds, Bethel

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!!!***

ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS!!!

St Mary Vacation Bible School

July 26 - July 30, 2010,

9:00 - 11:45am

Ages 3-8 years old

\$15.00 per Child



Child's Name Age

Child's Name Age

Child's Name Age

Address

Parent's Name

Phone # Cell #

Emergency Contact

Phone #

List any medical conditions, food restrictions, or allergies below:

I understand that neither St. Mary Church, nor any of its employees or volunteers is responsible for any injury sustained by my child. I accept full responsibility for any medical expenses as a result of any such injury.

Parent/Guardians Signature)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., MAY 9	6:30 + Mary Agnes Kinski – Family	
	9:00 + Francine Christopher– Daughter, Caroline Baia	
TUES, MAY 10	6:30 + Cathryn Costello – Family	
	9:00 + John Torkildsen – John & Linda Curry	
WED., MAY 11	6:30 + Annie Coffin – Drivers/Schedulers of HART	
	9:00 + Ann Miller – Marie Miller	
THU., MAY 12	6:30 + Meredith Tompkins – John Seidel & Family	
	9:00 + Luise Hundhammer Haring – Ann & Joseph Hundhammer	
FRI., MAY 13	6:30 Blessed Mother’s Intentions	
	9:00 + Raymond Considine (7 th Anniv.) – Daughter	
SAT., MAY 14	8:00 + Douglas Ruffles – Mary Ruffles	
	5:30 + Charles Koch – Joan & John Nickerson	
SUN., MAY 15	7:00 + Michael Patrick Keegan (54 th Birthday) – Bob & Debbie Nelson	
	8:30 + Stanley Mazur – Susan & Paul Mohn & Family	
	10:00 + John Girolametti – Laber Family	
	11:30 + Willis Goodrow – The Lawlor Family	
	5:30 + Jeff Smith – Morgan Family	



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ashley Lauren Antenucci, Allison Grace DeGiorgio, Julia Fran DeGiorgio



II – Nicholas Nazzaro & Rosemarie Frascione

COLLECTION: \$17, 275

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**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**  
**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: Twice 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 celebrate.**