
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *Now that Spring is here, many think it is wedding time. It is indeed wedding time, but here at St. Mary's we have weddings all year long. One of the things that many of the local Churches have is a wedding coordinator. I would like to offer this service here at our Parish.*

What would be involved?

- *Contact the bride and groom before the wedding to introduce themselves and make a friendly contact.*
- *Conduct the wedding rehearsal. (You would be schooled in how each priest conducts their wedding. In most cases the priest would also be at the rehearsal.)*
- *Be at the wedding to coordinate the wedding party and get them up the aisle.*

We would be looking for a couple (maybe husband and wife or two friends) or a single person who can commit to this position. There will be a stipend involved for this position. The person or people who accept this position would be totally trained. IT is a wonderful ministry in which to get involved, and if you love weddings this ministry is for you.

➤ *We have wonderful ushers at St. Mary. But, I think they work too much. Second collections really do break up the Liturgy. So, we shall continue to have two collections but only ONE passing of the basket. (The only time we shall have two passings of the basket will be the collection for St. Mary School.) I hope this will save wear and tear on the ushers' shoes and help to make the Liturgy more prayerful.*

➤ *We congratulate over 50 girls and boys who made their First Holy Communion this past weekend. May your love for Jesus in the Eucharist grow every day of your lives.*

➤ *It now appears that H.B. 5473 will not be advanced. Please accept the Bishop's appreciation for the response of our parishioners. It is amazing how much your calls and emails affect public policy. Thank you again for using your American citizenship to speak out against Bills that we feel are unfair.*

➤ *As you know the month of May has been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please make an effort to pray the Rosary this month for our Parish. I share with you these words of Pope Benedict this past weekend concerning Mary.*

"Mary is the person who more than anyone else contemplated God in Jesus' human face, and she can teach us how to gaze upon him," says Benedict XVI. The Holy Father made a one-day pilgrimage to the city to venerate the Shroud of Turin, on display until May 23. "The Virgin Mary is she who more than any other contemplated God in the human face of Jesus," he said. "She saw him as a newborn when, wrapped in swaddling clothes, he was placed in a manger; she saw him when, just after his death, they took him down from the cross, wrapped him in linen and placed him in the sepulcher." The Pontiff said that within her "was impressed the image of her martyred Son; but this image was then transfigured in the light of the Resurrection." "Thus," he reflected, "in Mary's heart was carried the mystery of the face of Christ, a mystery of death and of glory. From her we can always learn how to look upon Jesus with a gaze of love and of faith, to recognize in that human countenance, the Countenance of God."

MAY CROWNING PROCESSION – MON., MAY 10th, 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.



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

I have been getting the same question for a while now...when are we going to run that "Cash-in Your Old Gold" fundraiser again?

Well, the answer is NOW! On Wednesday 5/12, Thursday 5/13, Friday 5/14, and Saturday 5/15, Bob, the Gold Man, will be in the Church Hall once again buying your old gold. He'll be there 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM each day. Please take a minute to look through your jewelry boxes at home for broken chains, single earrings, rings with missing stones, old boyfriend/girlfriend gifts and yes, even that dental gold.

I have been approached by another company to run this same fundraiser for St. Mary's. But, what I found was that not only does Bob pay more to the people coming in to sell their gold, but he donates back to the Church and School TRIPLE what the other company does. I remember in December when Bob came to me to settle up after the first fundraiser. I was expecting to receive maybe a couple of thousand dollars. I was floored when he handed me a check for \$17,000. (I still can't help smiling every time I think about it.)

So, once again, I am asking for your support for this fundraiser, where you leave your checkbook at home and you take home the money.



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**ST. MARY'S MEN'S MINISTRY** will be meeting only two more weekends, **SAT., MAY 15<sup>th</sup>** and **SAT., MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-8:00am** in the **Parish Hall**. Please stop in and try out our award winning format and fellowship before the summer begins. Any questions, please call **Dave Whitmore (203 470-0909)**.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

Next meeting will be **SAT., MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**, from **10:30am-12:00noon**, in the **Parish House**. 



## **"FUN IN THE SUN"**

**JULY 12-16 & JULY 19-23**

Camp will be from **8:30am – 12:30pm** here. The cost is **\$100/child** per week for children **currently** in **grades K-6**. Information and applications are available in the vestibule, at the Rectory or at: **www.stmarybethel.org**. Return your completed forms with payment to the Rectory to reserve a spot. Any questions, please call **Kate (744-5777)**.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 26 – 30, 9:00-11:45am**, for children **3-8 years old**.


Cost: **\$15.00**. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or on our website: **www.stmarybethel.org**.



### **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 **Rel. Ed. (743-4557)**.


### **ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: MAY BOOK**

**Father Joe, "The Man Who Saved My Soul"**, by **Tony Hendra**. Please join us in the **Children's Room** on **TUES., MAY 25<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30pm**, for a group discussion 



The purpose is to nourish Christian individuals with the knowledge of God's love and grace, and to help them discover their mission in the world. Next Ultreya: **THUR., MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. For more info: contact **Yvonne (797-1361)** or **yvonne\_cecera@hotmail.com**.

### **SCHEDULES for JUNE & JULY** If you are

unable to serve during these months, or if you no longer wish to serve, please call **Sheila (744-5777)**. 



### **FOR ALL OUR MOTHERS**

*Please stop and pick up a copy of our booklet, "God's Promise for Moms".*

# St. Mary School Carnival & Circus

## May 12<sup>th</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>



Come to see great attractions, games, and rides.

### **Carnival Raffle!**

**CASH Prizes** will be awarded. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$500. Please pick up your raffle tickets in the vestibule after all Masses.

### **Carnival Wristbands!**

Unlimited rides for wristbands holders. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the carnival. Wristbands are being sold after all Masses.

### **SMS IDOL ~ Our version of American Idol**

Open to all local amateur singers.

Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 14 & older competition featuring **Julia DeMato** from American Idol - Season 2.

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, all ages compete, also featuring **Rich Minor** of 98Q. For more information, contact **Cindy Iazzetta** at (203-730-8026).

### **Carnival Pie Baking Contest!**

**Saturday May, 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 PM**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places prizes will be awarded.

For more information contact **Konnie Davis** (203-791-8112).



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Road Race

Sponsored by



**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

Race begins and ends at

**St. Mary School**

**24 Dodgingtown Road**

**Bethel, CT**

Walkers  
Welcome!

Check-in: 7:30am  
Kids Fun Run: 8:00am  
5k starts: 8:30am

Register online at [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org)

Kids Fun Run - \$5.00

Walkers and 5K Pre-Registered - \$20.00

After May 19th, fee is \$25.00



Certified  
race course

Tec t-shirts to the first 100 registrants  
Prizes to top runners in all age groups  
Water stations, post-race food and refreshments

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Kids Run 5K

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ADULT SHIRT SIZE: M L XL

Register online, or complete this form and mail with entry fee to:

St. Mary School 5k Road Race  
24 Dodgingtown Road  
Bethel, CT 06801

Please make checks payable to: **St. Mary School**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| <b>MON., MAY 10</b> | 6:30 + Dan Kiah – Dave Deakin                                                |  |
|                     | 9:00 + Anna Hafner – Asta Smith                                              |  |
| <b>TUES, MAY 11</b> | 6:30 + Mary Garrahan – Sisters Alberta & Anne                                |  |
|                     | 9:00 + Martin Ryan – Bomberger Family                                        |  |
| <b>WED., MAY 12</b> | 6:30 + Walter Belardinelli – Avery Family                                    |  |
|                     | 9:00 + Ann Miller – Marie Miller                                             |  |
|                     | 5:30 + Richard Smithwick – Patricia & David Rist                             |  |
| <b>THU., MAY 13</b> | 6:30 + Heavenly Stock                                                        |  |
|                     | 9:00 + Raymond Considine (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) – Daughter                 |  |
|                     | 12:05 + Eleanor & Frank Carter – Gina & Dan Ippolito                         |  |
|                     | 7:00 + Walter Belardinelli – Colleen Ruiz & Mary Stocks                      |  |
| <b>FRI., MAY 14</b> | 6:30 + Michael J. Keegan – Nelson Family                                     |  |
|                     | 9:00 + Dorothy Clarke – Jed & Cornie Costello                                |  |
| <b>SAT., MAY 15</b> | 8:00 + Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy                                         |  |
|                     | 5:30 Dan & Judy Vivone ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Christie Macomber |  |
| <b>SUN., MAY 16</b> | 7:00 + Josephine Natale – Daughter, Lillie                                   |  |
|                     | 8:30 + Joanne Vecchiarello – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Coniglio                      |  |
|                     | 10:00 + Josephine Natale – Daughter, Lillie                                  |  |
|                     | 11:30 + Suzanne & Ronald Dorman – Dorman Family                              |  |
|                     | 5:30 + Kellianne Gartland – Family                                           |  |



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Brianna Taylor Gray*

*William Matthew Mancusi*

**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$14,656**

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PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)

Sheila Kurjiaka: *Bulletin Editor*
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*
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 12:45pm.*
(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.