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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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*We have reason to celebrate in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Yesterday, Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Bishop William E. Lori ordained six new priests for the Diocese of Bridgeport, the largest ordination class in six years. Transitional Deacons Francisco Gomez-Franco, Sean Kulacz, Reginald Norman, José Ignacio Ortigas, Bruce Roby, and Sebastine Ukwandu were ordained at the 10:00am Mass at Saint Augustine Cathedral. The Ordinandi (men to be ordained priests), representing five countries, will serve among the 410,000 Catholics in 87 parishes in the Diocese of Bridgeport, which covers all of Fairfield County.*

*Some other Diocesan news: Karol Ksiazek and Michael Novajosky were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate last Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm at Saint Gabriel Parish in Stamford.*

*And the final bit of news from the Diocese is after seven years of dedicated service to Bishop Lori and the Diocese, Msgr. Dariusz J. Zielonka will be leaving his position as Priest Secretary to the Bishop and Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will be going to study at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, to obtain a Licentiate in Canon Law. Please join Bishop Lori in expressing deep gratitude to Msgr. Zielonka and wishing him well in this next endeavor, which will prepare him to return to the Diocese to serve in a new capacity.*

*At the same time, Bishop Lori has announced that Father Joseph A. Marcello, currently spiritual director at Saint Joseph High School in Trumbull, will succeed Msgr. Zielonka as Priest Secretary to the Bishop. We welcome him and wish him well.*

*Let me encourage parents to sign up for "Fun in the Sun" and "Vacation Bible School". The summer is coming quickly and the kids really enjoy the time out with new friends and old, and it's a chance to get them out of the house for a very reasonable price.*

*May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Mary's oldest title is "Mother of God", in Greek Theotokos, (God-bearer) and is celebrated on January 1. It was established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus which, in defending Mary's divine maternity, was clarifying Christ's true nature. There is a hypostatic union of the two natures in the one Person of Jesus; true God and true man. Another ancient title for Mary is "Our Lady", also known as "Notre Dame" in French and "Madonna" Italian. The final title that should be known to Americans is the Immaculate Conception. Under this title, Mary is the national patroness of the United States. The title celebrates her sinless beginning, conceived without having original sin, in the womb of her mother. Of course, there are other titles of the Blessed Mother like Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Good Council and many others. Please say the Rosary especially during this month to ask Mary's intercession for our world, parish and peace in the world.*

*Wedding season begins soon, and so I share this story. A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen", the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "Wow! How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."*



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB – MAY BOOK:**  
 Rediscovering Catholicism: *“Journeying Toward Our Spiritual North Star”*, by **Matthew Kelly**. Please join **Deacon John** in the **Children’s Room** at **7:30pm**, on **TUES., MAY 26<sup>th</sup>**, for a group discussion.



**MIDNIGHT RUN:** On **MAY 30<sup>th</sup>**, *Volunteers..* are needed to make meals and attend the run. We also need **new** men’s underwear, **new** socks, toiletries, blankets, men’s sweatshirts, jeans and t-shirts only. Monetary donations are also needed. To sign up please call **Mary Ferri (743-4557)**.



**MEALS-ON-WHEELS:  
 WEEK OF DELIVERIES**

Last weekend **Birthright** volunteers were here to pass out baby bottles for cash or check donations to help pregnant women in crisis. They will be here again this weekend, **MAY 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>**, to collect those bottles.



**Come Sing with the Choir!** The adult choir welcomes singers to become part of our Music Liturgy. If you are interested in joining, please call **Elizabeth (798-0076)** for more information.

Couples celebrating a special wedding anniversary – 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc. – during the months of January–June are invited to participate in a celebration of their anniversaries with family and friends at **St. Theresa Church**, Trumbull, on **SUN., JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**, at **3:00pm**. This will consist of a concelebrated Mass with Bishop Lori, the renewal of the marriage vows, and the presentation of certificates. Interested couples should call the **Rector** (744-5777) to register by **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**.



**ST. MARY TRACK MEET** will be held on **SUN., MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **12 noon**, at **Immaculate HS.**

**Early Dismissal – THUR., MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**, Ascension.

**No School – MON., MAY 25<sup>th</sup>**, Memorial Day.



*You are invited to  
 St. Mary School's  
 45th Anniversary and Blue Ribbon Award  
 Celebration Mass*

*St. Mary Church  
 Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 8:30am*

*Immediately followed by a  
 Communion Breakfast at*

*Three Oaks at Capellaro's Grove  
 42 Vail Road, Bethel, Connecticut  
 Guest Speaker: Mary Ronan*

*\$20 per Adult/\$10 per Child  
 No charge for children 5 and under*

*Please call **Kathleen DeMarco** @ 270-3597 with any questions you may have.*

*Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_*

*# of Adults \_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Children \_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of Children 5 & under \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_ .00  
 Total ..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_*



**RUN**  
**IN THE SUN**  
**CAMP**

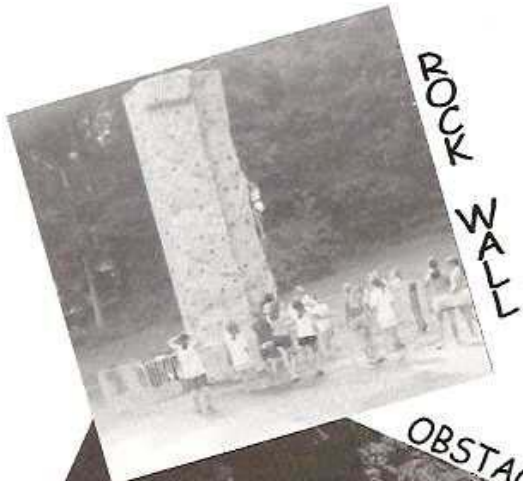
**July 6-10, 13-17**  
**Monday - Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm**  
**St. Mary School Grounds, Bethel**  
**Cost is \$100 per child per week**

**This is the 11th year of our summer camp for children in grades k-6 (for the 2008-09 school year). Amusements, Water Slides, Rock Wall, Games, T-shirts, Prizes, Bible and Saint Stories, Arts & Crafts, Songs, Prayer and much more!**

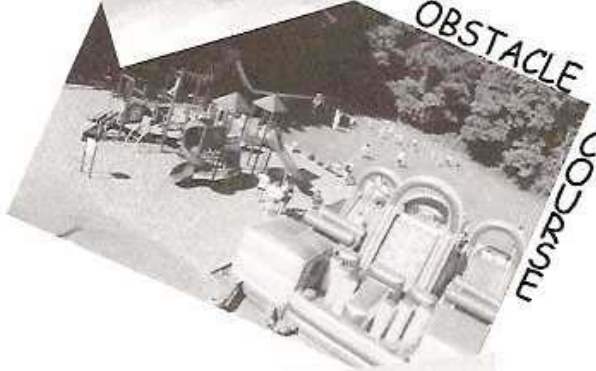
**Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, at the Rectory, and also on our website at [www.stmarybethel.org](http://www.stmarybethel.org). Make checks payable to St. Mary Church and return forms and payment to the Rectory.**

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

**ACT NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**



ROCK WALL



OBSTACLE

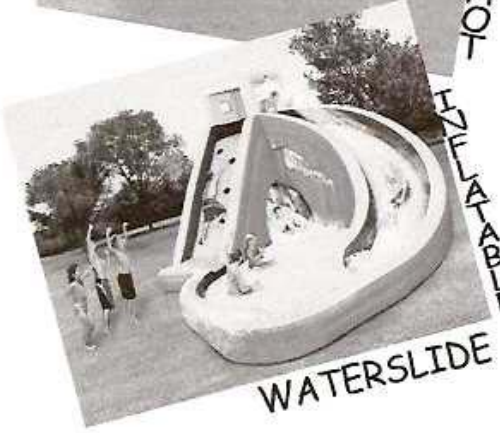
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BASKETBALL



WATER GUN



WATERSLIDE

# FUN IN THE SUN



SLIDE



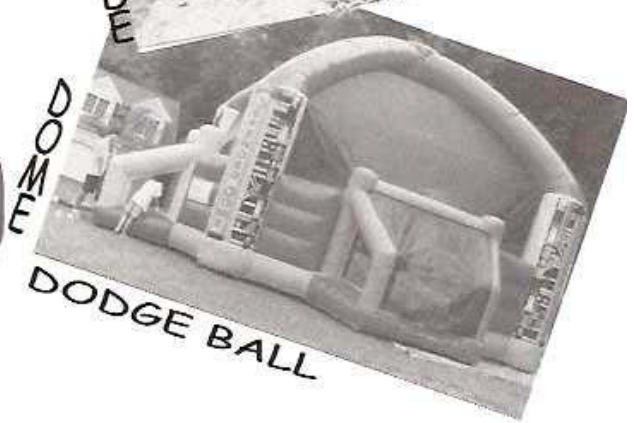
WATER TAG



VOLLEYBALL



WATER POLO



DODGE BALL

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MON., MAY 18</b>	6:30 + Robert Shon ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Friend	
	9:00 + Veronica Dowd – Doreen & Roy Betts	
<b>TUES, MAY 19</b>	6:30 + Tony Soegaard – School Sisters of Notre Dame	
	9:00 + Richard McLachlan – Maureen McLachlan	
<b>WED., MAY 20</b>	6:30 + Edward Laska ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Debbie & Ed Kasinska	
	9:00 + Bruno DeLuca – Wife	
	5:30 + Anne Zeneski ( <i>Anniv.</i> ) – Morton Family	
<b>THU., MAY 21</b>	6:30 + Rev. Patrick F. Connors	
<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	9:00 + Hugh Lee – Family	
	12:05 + Vito Sannasardo – Anna & Felix Bonnacci	
	7:00 + Margaret Orr – Giuseppina Inzitari	
<b>FRI., MAY 22</b>	6:30 + George Woronko – Sherman Family	
	9:00 + Mary Sawitaski ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Marie Miller	
<b>SAT., MAY 23</b>	8:00 + Alice McShane – Brendan Duffy	
	5:30 + Joan Czyz – Picard Family	
<b>SUN., MAY 24</b>	7:00 + Souls in Purgatory	
	8:30 + Carmina Gryskiewicz – Ken & Cindy Roberts & Family	
	10:00 + Mary Carton – Marie Miller	
	11:30 + Camille Tortosa – Phil & Claudette Guerrette	
	5:30 + Robert Bradley ( <i>19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Wife, Jacqueline	



This weekend, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection for the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.**

**GOAL: \$15,000**

**COLLECTION: \$13,542**

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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.***