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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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➤ *Many thanks to all who made this year's annual St. Mary Carnival a wonderful success. It takes so much work in planning, set-up, working the Carnival and take-down that special thanks goes to the many hard workers. It is amazing to see former students and parents, current students and parents, teachers, and friends of St. Mary School who put in the time and effort to help our School. May God bless you for your time and effort. Thanks a million!!!*

➤ *The Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington has launched a new website to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The site, [www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org), is meant to help people who are discerning a possible vocation and to educate Catholics about the need to encourage others to consider a vocation. The site includes discernment resources for men and women, ideas for promoting a vocation culture within the home, and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors, including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation-awareness programs. It also includes videos of priests and religious men and women talking about their vocations and testimonies from family members. The site has links to a Facebook fan page and a YouTube vocation channel. A Spanish-language site will be available in the fall at [www.PorTuVocacion.org](http://www.PorTuVocacion.org).*

➤ *Beginning Sunday evening, October 9<sup>th</sup>, all the priests in the Diocese of Bridgeport will be gathering at the Viking Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island for a Priest's Convocation. The Convocation will last until Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. All Diocesan Priests must be in attendance. As a result, there will be no 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, during the week there will be Communion Services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10, 11 and 12 at 9:00am. There will be no Funeral Masses on those days. I would ask for your prayers for all the priests of the Church in Bridgeport during these special days. I will repeat this announcement many times for the next couple of months so that everyone will remember the Liturgy schedule for these days.*

➤ *We are very pleased to announce the upcoming St. Augustine Lecture on Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Thursday, May 27, at Assumption Parish, Westport. Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. (Postulator for the Canonization of Archbishop Sheen) will be the speaker. Exposition, Benediction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 6:30pm. The lecture begins at 7:30pm.*

➤ *Under the category of AMAZING!!! Congratulations to Joan and James Dolan. On May 27<sup>th</sup> they will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They have three children, and God has blessed them with many happy years together. May you have many more happy and healthy years together.*

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➤ *Bishop William E. Lori will ordain four men as priests for the Diocese of Bridgeport on June 5 at St. Augustine Cathedral. The men to be ordained are Deacon Jeff Couture, Deacon Karol Ksiazek, Deacon Jaime Marin-Cardona, and Deacon Michael Novajosky. Congratulations to these men as they are ordained to the priesthood.*

➤ *I want to share with you some good news about three website resources that can enhance and assist your marriage and family life ministries.*

*First, the popular website "For Your Marriage" (<http://www.foryourmarriage.org>) has just re-launched with an entirely new design and a lot of new content. What's new and improved about "for your marriage"? Go and take a look. Also, you can read the news release describing it at: <http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-069.shtml>.*

*Second, the USCCB now offers a special marriage and family website completely in Spanish (<http://www.portumatrimonio.org>). This is an original website, modeled on "For Your Marriage" but not simply a translation of it. Here you will find advice, stories, testimonials, videos and other resources that are culturally-responsive to the needs of Spanish-speaking couples and parents.*

➤ *This is Pentecost Sunday. The day that the Lord sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles making it the birthday of the Church. Here is a prayer for you to use during this most Holy day of the Church.*

*O God the Holy Ghost Who art light unto thine elect Evermore enlighten us. Thou who art fire of love Evermore enkindle us. Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life, Evermore live in us. Thou who bestowest sevenfold grace, Evermore replenish us. As the wind is thy symbol, So forward our goings. As the dove, so launch us heavenwards. As water, so purify our spirits. As a cloud, so abate our temptations. As dew, so revive our languor. As fire, so purge our dross. Christina Rossetti (AD 1830-1894)*

*Also a Children's prayer for Pentecost:*

*Thank you God, for this wonderful world and for all the special people we love. Thank you too, for all the different ways there are to work close to you! Make us strong and wise so that we can see those ways. Help us feel how exciting it is to be a priest, or a teacher, or any of the other kinds of people who serve you and work for our people. Bless us with open hearts and open minds, God, so we can see what really matters in this world: our families, our dear friends, the people who help us grow and learn in the Church, and you, God, our Father and Friend. Hear our joy, God, as we, the children of your Church, gather for your blessing. We know you will open our eyes to truth and lead our heads and hands to serve you. Amen.*

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*Congratulations to all our young people who made their Confirmation this week celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori. We pray that the Holy Spirit enliven the hearts of all who received this Sacrament and that they will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord.*

*Today, SUN. MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the last day to submit your name for Parish Council. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile ministry.*

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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 **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 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. For more info: contact **Yvonne** (797-1361) or **yvonne\_cecera@hotmail.com**.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Next Meeting – MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm.**

**Rosary at 7:45pm in the Church.**



**DOROTHY DAY SHELTER:** We need a few more men willing to become **Shelter Volunteers** and stay at there one night a month. Please call **Deacon Mike Oles** (203 733-5880) for more info.

## YOUTH NEWS



**ATTN: MISSION TRIP ATTENDEES**  
All paperwork and final payments were due last month. If you have not sent these in, please do so **ASAP**. Any questions, please call **Mrs. Fitz** (744-5777).

**JR. YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:**  
**SUN., JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:15,**  
followed by pizza & games.



## SCHOL HAPPENING?



Come support St. Mary School at the **Parochial School All Star Track Meet** on **SUN., MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am**, at **Immaculate High School**.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner/Dance** will be held **WED., MAY 26<sup>th</sup>**, from **6:00 – 10:00pm**, in the **School Gym**.



Thank you to all who supported our annual **Carnival, Circus, and Raffle** this year! We appreciate all the volunteers who made it such a success. And, **special thanks** to the **Co-Chairs, Mary Jo Magrone** and **Tony and Patty Rizzo!**

**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 Church vestibule or on our website: **www.stmarybethel.org**.



*Occasionally during the year we recognize, prayer for, and thank our service men and women who are volunteering to protect and serve our country. If there is someone you would like to include, please call the **Rectory** (744-5777) with the **name, rank, branch of service and assignment** so that we may update our list.*



## **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](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!

