
Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ I'd like to take this opportunity to wish **Sheila Kurjiaka** a "**Happy Retirement**". Sheila has been the bookkeeper and bulletin editor for the past 19 years. She served faithfully for Monsignor Karl and myself and has worked through good times and difficult times here at St. Mary Parish. Her attention to detail and loyalty to the Parish are just two of the many fine qualities Sheila brought to her job. Her work ethic is beyond compare. In the name of the entire Parish, I wish Sheila health and happiness in her retirement with her husband Joe, her children and grandchildren. May God bless you.

◆ On the first Sunday of June we shall hold the '**in pew**' collection for the **Annual Bishop's Appeal**. I made my pledge this year on-line and I increased it by ten percent. Our collection of monies this year for the Annual Appeal is running behind last year's collection. We, as a Parish, are asked to raise the same amount as last year and last year we exceeded our goal. The \$135,00.00 that we have been asked to raise is *OUR RESPONSIBILITY*. As members of the Parish, we are called to care for our Parish, our School our community of Bethel, our Diocese and those near and far. The areas that the Annual Bishop's Appeal helps are those that we cannot help as a Parish. Times are tough without a doubt, but how much tougher are they for those in need? I ask you most sincerely to make a pledge today. *PLEASE* help us to make our goal. If we do not make the goal, we shall have to make up from the Offertory what we failed to raise in the Appeal. No gift is too small. Many thanks for your consideration.

◆ Congratulations to all those who made their **Confirmation** this past weekend. Archbishop Daniel Cronin, Archbishop Emeritus from the Archdiocese of Hartford, gave the Sacrament to 105 young men and women. Now these young adults are fully initiated into the Holy Catholic Church. Remember young men and women and parents and sponsors – this is *NOT THE END* of going to MASS or learning about the faith, but as *ADULTS* it is now more important than ever to come to Mass as a family, to stand up for *YOUR* faith as you enter your High School years and to be an example to those around you for what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Remember, *this is only the beginning*. Now it is the time to put all you have learned into action. You carry the name "CHRISTIAN", be another Christ in the world!!!

◆ Thursday, **June 2** is the Solemnity of the **Ascension of the Lord**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 1st at 5:30pm and on Thursday at 6:30, 9:00 am, 12:05pm and 7:00pm.

◆ There is a tradition to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit for the nine days from the Ascension to Pentecost. If you Google "Pentecost Novena", you can find many options that you can pray. If you are not savvy with the computer, please call the Rectory and we can supply you with a novena. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

◆ We congratulate **Father Luke Patrick Suarez** who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport on May 14th. Fr. Luke Suarez, 26, is the fifth of 10 children, six boys and four girls, born to Mario and Teresa Clavin Suarez. His siblings are scattered throughout the Northeast, while the youngest three still living with his parents in Albany, NY.

Father Luke was born in Michigan City, IN, and grew up in Dover, DE. He first felt the call to the priesthood when he began second grade, serving with his older brothers at daily Mass. His family's encouragement and practice of faith would form the foundation for his future vocation. After high school, he enrolled at Ave Maria University in Naples, FL. He began pursuing a vocation to the priesthood during his sophomore year when he entered the pre-theologate program at Ave Maria. He graduated Ave Maria in 2007.

He entered St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford and was first stationed at St. Rose of Lima, which he now considers his home parish, before entering Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, to complete his theological studies. Fr. Luke is stationed at St. Rose in Newtown. Fr. Luke, welcome to the priesthood and to Vicariate 5. *Ad Multos Annos!!*

Fr. Corey's Comments (cont'd)

- ◆ **Latin phrase for the week:** *"Fugit inreparabile tempus"*
"Irretrievable time flies" (*Virgil*)

- ◆ **Catholic Belief**

To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world. Man must know, love and serve God in a supernatural manner in order to gain happiness of heaven. Man is raised to the supernatural order only by grace, a free gift of God.

We learn to know, love, and serve God from Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who teaches us through the Catholic Church.

In order to be saved, all persons who have attained the use of reason must believe explicitly that God exist and that He rewards the good and punishes the wicked; in practice they must also believe in the mysteries of the Blessed Trinity and the Incarnation.

By the Blessed Trinity we mean one and the same God in three divine persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By the Incarnation is meant that the Son of God, retaining His divine nature, took to Himself a human nature, that is, a body and soul like ours.

The Church is the congregation of all baptized persons united in the same true faith, the same sacrifice, and the same sacraments, under the authority of the Sovereign Pontiff and the bishops in communion with him.

We find the chief truths taught by Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church in the Apostles' Creed.

- ◆ Congratulations to those from our parish honored at the **Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Scouting Ceremony** held this week! Bishop Lori presented the awards during the ceremony at St. Theresa's in Trumbull. Receiving the Parvuli Dei Award were John Daly, Dylan Disalvo, Xander Goodwin, David Kallberg, Nicholas Marchak, Nicholas Meier, Henry Specht and Matthew Vitarelli. Joseph Iorfino and Michael VanDeWater received the Light of Christ Award; and Eric Franzen, Charles Klinefeller, James Shafer, and Vincent Sheehan received the Pope Pius XII Award.

- ◆ The teacher asked to meet with Johnny's parents. "I think your son cheated on a school test," the teacher told the parents. "What do you mean?" the parents asked. "Well," said the teacher, "I compared your son's completed test with the boy sitting beside him and I found that both had the first three answers right and the next two wrong." "That doesn't prove anything," said the parents. "That's what I thought," said the teacher, "until I came to the sixth question." "What about the sixth question?" asked Johnny's parents. "Well," answered the teacher, "to the sixth question, the boy sitting beside your son had answered, 'I don't know'; and your son answered, 'neither do I.'"

- ◆ Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?" "It is" he replied. "This is the IRS. Can you help us?" said the caller. Father O'Malley replied "Yes, I can." The caller asked "Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" "I do" replied the priest. The caller then asked "Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is" said Father O'Malley. The caller continued "Did he donate \$10,000.00 to your building fund?" Father O'Malley replied emphatically "He will now!"

SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU to all who supported our annual **Carnival and Raffle** this year! We appreciate all the volunteers, both parents and parishioners who made it a success. **Special thanks** to the Co-Chairs **Mary Jo Magrone, Tony and Patty Rizzo and the entire carnival committee**. **Congratulations** to the winners of the Carnival Raffle: \$3,000 – Elizabeth Vitti; \$750.00 – Dave Polaski; \$250.00 – Joe Nicoletti. **Thanks** also to all who entered the **Carnival Pie Contest** and to the judges (Steve Varano from *Varano Bakery*, Rick Cyr from *Cupcakes & Milkshakes*, and our own Deacon Oles). Winners were: Best Taste – Linda Massi and Best Appearance – Greg Correard.

Spring Band Concert for Students & Parents is on **Mon., June 6th at 1:20pm** in the School Gym.

Pre-K 3's Moving Up Ceremony is on **Tuesday, June 14th at 10:00am** in the School Gym.

Pre-K 4's Moving Up Ceremony is on **Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00am** in the School Gym.

Kindergarten Graduation is on **Thursday, June 16th at 10:00am** in the School Gym.

Eighth Grade Graduation is on **Friday, June 17th in Church at 7:00pm**.

YOUTH NEWS

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP will be collecting **backpacks** that will be donated to shelters, midnight run efforts, and other organizations that will make them available to children that need them. New or used is fine! So please drop them in the boxes that will be provided from **June 11th - June 19th** in the church vestibule. Thanks to **Erin Morton** for organizing & leading this effort!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Join us on **June 17** from **7-9pm** for our **Year End Bowling** party at Loree's Lane. Cost is \$15 (includes shoes, 2 games and snacks). Permission slips are due by **Fri. June 15th** to **Parish Office** and are available in Vestibule, at school or online. Drop off & pick up is at Loree's Lanes. Please email Annie at smbygroup@gmail.com for more info.



**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30TH.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

9AM MASS on **MEMORIAL DAY** will be held at St. Mary Cemetery (*weather permitting*).

DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS -- **Wed., June 1st**
Our turn to Cook.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be on **FRI., JUNE 3rd** from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS must attend **one** of the following meetings: **June 4 at 9am, June 8 at 2:15 or June 8 at 7pm**.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING Those **currently in 4th grade and up** who wish to become an altar server must attend **one** of the following meetings: **June 11 at 9am, June 13 at 2:15pm or June 13 at 7pm** in the Church. Call the Rectory for more info.

FUN IN THE SUN CAMP, JULY 11-15 & JULY 18-22 for children in **Grades K-6** (for **2010-11 school year**). Camp is **Mon.-Fri.** from **8:30 am-12:30pm**, and the cost is **\$110.00 per child per week**. Complete information and registration forms can be found in the Church vestibule, at the Rectory, or on our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 25-29 from 9am – 11:45am for **children 3-8** years old. **Cost: \$20**. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule, at the Rectory, or on our website.

VIRTUS TRAINING for anyone **18 yrs. old and over** involved in **any parish activity** (including Mission Trip and Camp) will be held here at St. Mary's on **Tuesday, June 14 at 7pm** in the School Library. Register at www.virtus.org. Any questions, call Mary Ferri at 743-4557.

OFF THE STREETS: Needs basic household items for homeless persons moving into a small room (such as kitchen utensils, pots, pans, dressers, beds, tables, chairs, etc.) Bring items to the **United Methodist Church** parking lot (across from the Municipal Center) on the **first Saturday of each month from 10am-noon**.

Come to the St. Mary's **GOLD RUSH**



Leave your checkbook at home -- this time you take home the money!

We will be buying:

Broken chains and bracelets, single earrings, rings with missing stones, old boyfriend/girlfriend gifts, jewelry you never wear and yes, even that dental gold! **Bob, the Gold Man**, will be in the **Church hall**:

Friday	June 3rd	10am to 7pm
Saturday	June 4th	9am to 4pm
Sunday	June 5th	8am to 4pm

Not only will you get a fair price for your gold, but 60% of the profits will be donated to St. Mary Church!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., MAY 30	6:30	+	NO MASS
	9:00	+	Christian Major – Family (<i>at St. Mary Cemetery – weather permitting</i>)
TUES., MAY 31	6:30	+	Louise Gauthier – Daughter
	9:00	+	Brian Petronella – Jane & Bill Shannon
WED., JUNE 1	6:30	+	Carl Gyzms – Family
	9:00	+	Alvin White – Lawrence Havey
	5:30	+	William Stevens Jr. (<i>Birthday</i>) – Family
THU., JUNE 2	6:30	+	Ethel Jagendorf – The DiMatteo Family
	9:00	+	William Gulya – Family
	12:05	+	Judy McAuley – The Fitzgerald Family
	7:00	+	Mary Egan – Debbie & Tony Caraluzzi & Family
FRI., JUNE 3	6:30	+	Mary Agnes Kinsky – Family
	9:00	+	Helen Colquhoun – Anita Deane
SAT., JUNE 4	8:00	+	Frank & Lucy Chiarella – The Lawlor Family
	5:30	+	Eric Miglinas – The Lawlor Family
SUN., JUNE 5	7:00	+	Mildred Prato – The DiMatteo Family
	8:30	+	Frank Kinsky – Family
	10:00	+	Arthur L. Horan, Jr. (<i>Birthday</i>) – Family
	11:30	+	Donald J. Hassiak II (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – Eileen Zemko
	5:30	+	John Tyra – The Folan & Chamberlain Families



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jonathan James Chiappetta



III – Gregory Carriero & Camille Maranan

COLLECTION: \$13,436

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: *Once 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 celebrated.*