
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *Next Monday is Memorial Day, and there will be one Mass celebrated at 9:00am. Weather permitting, we shall gather to celebrate Mass at St. Mary Cemetery. Remember to bring a chair. I have always thought of Memorial Day as the secular All Souls Day. Memorial Day is not just the first picnic of the summer. It is a day to remember, honor and pray for those countless men and women who have given their lives in service to our Country. These men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom.*

Too often our Veterans are overlooked or underappreciated for the work they have done. Do not forget that the price of freedom is not cheap! Think for a moment about the young people who joined the service or were called by their country. Eighteen, nineteen or in their 20's, going to faraway lands, across oceans, leaving their families and friends, barely old enough to vote, just out of high school or college and doing what their country asks of them. Life's plans put on hold, loved ones a memory in the heart, a romance that is left at the ship or the plane... all these things so that we can enjoy the pursuit of happiness, liberty and freedom.

Now, for a moment think of their parents, moms and dads saying good-bye to their kids (their babies). It is most difficult to imagine seeing those military officers walking up the driveway with the news that your son or daughter gave their lives for their country. Think of the worry every day and night that their loved one will be safe and someday come home.

Think of the pride and the sadness that must go on in the heart of every soldier, sailor, reservist, marine, and air force member's parent. There is no doubt that today people voluntarily make this choice, but in no way does that lessen the sacrifice.

So, do not let this Memorial Day go by without praying for those who have died in the service to our country. Be proud of those men and women who have fought for honor and liberty and justice and freedom. Say a prayer for those parents who have lost their son(s) and daughter(s) in service to our country. May they know our appreciation and gratefulness.

Finally, teach your children this Memorial Day about honor, service and the cost of freedom. Help them to understand what sacrifice and selflessness means. Teach them to respect those who think of others more than self. May we all understand what true patriotism means; may we have a healthy respect and love for our Country, one nation, under God.

➤ *As we begin graduation season allow me to congratulate all college graduates. Special congratulations to those graduating from Bethel and Immaculate High Schools. Very special congratulations to those graduating from St. Mary School and all in the Bethel Middle School. Finally, an extra special congratulations to all those graduating in kindergarten and those "moving up" at St. Mary School, in the Bethel School system and the surrounding areas. And, if you are graduating from any other school that I have not mentioned...congratulations. Best wishes to you all and God bless!*

➤ *The novena of prayer has begun in choosing the members of the Pastoral Council. For 9 days prayers will be offered and at the end of those 9 days 12 names will be chosen. Thank you to those who put their names in to serve.*

➤ *I know that for some it is drafty in the Church. As I have explained before, the temperature in the Church is regulated by computer and is set at the same temperature throughout the year. Actually, this system is off-site and is regulated by the temperature outdoors. Look up. If you are sitting under a vent, you may want to change your seat. Please, bring a jacket or a sweater to Church.*

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

MAY

On Monday, we not only celebrate Memorial Day but we also celebrate the religious feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the second mystery of the Joyful mysteries of the Rosary. It is the day we remember Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. In Luke's Gospel, both Mary and Elizabeth are with child: Mary with Jesus and Elizabeth with John the Baptist. We have the parts of the Hail Mary and the Magnificat found in this first chapter of Luke. Please say a prayer to our Patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she will pray for our Parish, and this important feast day.

Eternal Father, You inspired the Virgin Mary, mother of Your Son, to visit Elizabeth and assist her in her need. Keep us open to the working of Your Spirit, and with Mary may we praise you forever. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. +Amen.



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.

BUCN Daniel Korin, serving in Afghanistan
Son of Robert & Mary Korin

Thomas McNally, Major in the Army,
serving in Afghanistan
In-law of the Donohue Family



THE RECTORY
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, MAY 31
Memorial Day



REGISTRATION – Rel. Ed 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, please call **Rel. Ed.** (743-4557).

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



DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS
WED., JUNE 2nd: Our turn to Cook.

COFFEE & ... will be served after the **07:00 Mass** on **SUN., JUNE 6th**.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be on **FRI., JUNE 4th**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: JUNE BOOK
Counterfeit Gods, “*The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope That Matters*”, by Timothy Keller. Please join Deacon John in the **Children's Room** on **TUES., JUNE 29th**, at **7:30pm**, for a group discussion.



ST MARY'S MEN'S MINISTRY will not be meeting again until next fall. Thanks to all the men and speakers from this past season and have a great summer! If you want to be involved in any way next fall when we start up again, please contact **Dave Whitmore** (203-470-0909).

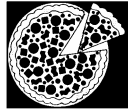
DOROTHY DAY SHELTER: We need additional men to serve as volunteers at the shelter. Sign up for a no-obligation informational meeting after any Mass next weekend, **June 5th/6th**. Questions? Call **Deacon Mike** (733-5880), **Chris Marchak** (205-0122) or **Phil Palermo** (790-1638).

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 6th & 13th, 12:30-1:15,
followed by pizza & games.



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Thank you to all who supported SMS Idol at the carnival this year! A special thank you to our wonderful judges: Debbie Caraluzzi, Karen Neville, and especially Julia DeMato. Congratulations to all the participants, especially Heather Schacht (1st Place), Jack Garvey (2nd Place) and Chase Gray (3rd Place)!

Congratulations to all who participated in our **2nd Annual 5K Road Race and Kids Fun Run!** We appreciate our volunteers who made this event a success, especially chairperson, Cathy Drury. It was a great day for runners and spectators alike!

NO SCHOOL on:
MON., MAY 31st



Concert for Students & Parents
TUES., JUNE 1st, 1:20pm, in the Gym.

Pre-K 3's "Moving Up Ceremony":
TUES, JUNE 1st, 10:00, Parish Hall.
Pre-K 4's "Moving Up Ceremony":
WED., JUNE 2nd, 10:00, Parish Hall.



Kindergarten Graduation: TUES., JUNE 8th, at 10:00am, School Gym.

Eighth Grade Graduation: FRI., JUNE 11, at 7:00, in Church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – JUNE 14th, 8:15pm.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

March – Luigi Marcone

April – Luigi Cazzaniga

May – Sean Payne

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

March – Bob Plumb Family

April – Dave Whitmore Family

May – Art Horan Family

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.



There will be a special **Central CURSILLO Ultreya** on TUES., JUNE 1st, at 7:00pm, at **Our Lady of Fatima Church, Wilton,** to thank all the Priests, Deacons and Sisters in the Bridgeport Diocese for their past service and commitment. For more info: contact Yvonne (797-1361) or yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com.

MASS OF HEALING & HOPE:

MON, JUNE 7, will be celebrated at 7:30pm here at **St. Mary's** by **Fr. Larry Carew.** All are invited to attend – and bring a friend. Any questions, please call Patti Finn (748-7312).



Pope John Paul II Care/Rehab Center, 33 Lincoln Ave., Danbury, will sponsor a **BLOOD DRIVE** on FRI., JUNE 4th, from 11:00am-5:00pm, Please register by calling **1-800-GIVELIFE** – available 24 hours, or call **203-797-9300** from 9:00am-7:30pm.



Schedules for JULY & AUGUST are due out. If you cannot serve any weekend during these months, please call Sheila (744-5777) by FRI., JUNE 18th, so you will not be scheduled for that week. Please call if you no longer wish to serve.



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. 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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., MAY 31	6:30	NO MASS	
	9:00	+	Lirio De Jesus – Roberto & Marivic Matic
TUES, JUNE 1	6:30		Souls in Purgatory
	9:00	+	Carl Gzysms – Irene & Al Gzysms
WED., JUNE 2	6:30	+	Michael Wood – Sister Alberta
	9:00	+	William Gulya – Duke Hart & Fern Blair
THU., JUNE 3	6:30	+	Frank Kinsky – Family
	9:00	+	William & Mary McCafferty – Family
FRI., JUNE 4	6:30	+	Mildred Prato (<i>Anniv.</i>) – DiMatteo Family
	9:00	+	Dan Kiah – Kevin & Brenda Cleary
SAT., JUNE 5	8:00	+	Suzanne Carlo Guerriero (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – Lil & George Eckie
	5:30	+	Lonzo Dominici – Rude Family
SUN., JUNE 6	7:00	+	Bertha McCollam – Family
	8:30	+	Priests of St. Mary
	10:00	+	Arthur Horan – Family
	11:30	+	Josephine Natale – Daughter, Lillie
	5:30	+	Donald Clarke (<i>Birthday</i>) – Family



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Jacqueline Eng
Matthew Lin
Lily Alexa Welter*

*David Michael Fusaro
Keelyn Lily McCloskey
Ethan Yinlong Williams*

III – Michael Promis & Jennifer Pasciucco



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$12,803

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.