

Saint Mary Parish Community

PENTACOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011



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Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ I share with you a beautiful story about two Brothers who were really 'brothers'. Identical twins Julian and Adrian Riester were born seconds apart 92 years ago. They died hours apart this week. The Buffalo-born brothers were also brothers in the Roman Catholic Order of Friars Minor. Professed friars for 65 years, they spent much of that time working together at St. Bonaventure University, doing carpentry work, gardening and driving visitors to and from the airport and around town. "It was fun to see them, just quiet, gentle souls," Yvonne Peace, who worked at the St. Bonaventure Friary for nearly 21 years, said Friday. They died Wednesday at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., Brother Julian in the morning and Brother Adrian in the evening. Both died of heart failure, said Father James Toal, guardian of St. Anthony Friary in St. Petersburg, where the inseparable twins lived since moving from western New York in 2008. "It really is almost a poetic ending to the remarkable story of their lives," St. Bonaventure spokesman Tom Missel said. "Stunning when you hear it, but hardly surprising given that they did almost everything together."

Julian and Adrian Riester were born Jerome and Irving on March 27, 1919, to a couple who already had five daughters. They took the names of saints upon their ordination in the Catholic Church. "Dad was a doctor and he said a prayer for a boy," Adrian once said, according to St. Bonaventure. "The Lord fooled him and sent two." After attending St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, the brothers were turned away by the military because of their eyesight, the university said. One had a bad left eye, the other a bad right eye. Eventually they joined the friars of Holy Name Province in New York City. They received separate assignments before reuniting at the seminary at St. Bonaventure from 1951 to 1956. After serving parishes in Buffalo for 17 years, they returned to St. Bonaventure in 1973 and spent the next 35 years there. They had separate rooms in the friary but one telephone extension that rang into both, Ms. Peace recalled. It was usually the more talkative Adrian who answered, though Julian possessed a quiet authority. They never said who was born first. "Brother Julian was like the big brother. Brother Adrian would defer to him," Peace said. "They picked up one of our friars at the airport one time and the friar said, 'Can I take you to dinner?' Brother Adrian looked at Brother Julian and said, 'We aren't going to dinner?' 'No, we'll go home,'" Peace said. "So that was it. No discussion, no contradicting. 'No, we aren't going today.'" Funeral services are scheduled for Monday at St. Mary Our Lady of Grace Church in St. Petersburg. Afterward, the brothers' bodies will be flown to Buffalo and buried Wednesday at St. Bonaventure Cemetery, across the street from the university.

◆ There are still spaces on our pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. I am told the price is right by those who know about such things. As you might remember from my previous bulletins, this trip to Italy is one you will remember for a lifetime. If you have questions about the trip, please, call the Rectory, I would be most happy to answer any questions. The deadline for the deposit is July 1. There are brochures in the vestibule of the Church with complete details concerning the trip. Why not visit the Eternal City and the village of St. Francis and St. Clare. I promise that it will be the trip of a lifetime.

◆ Have you ever asked your son or grandson if he were interested in becoming a priest? Sometimes young men simply need the encouragement of family and friends, a little invitation from loved ones to say 'yes' to God's call. Vocations grow at home and are nourished by the Church. Men, especially the young, need to be encouraged to make this bold choice and to answer the Call give by God. Making the home a safe and encouraging place to vocations to foster is a wonderful way for families to do their part when it comes to vocations.

Maybe your daughter or granddaughter has a vocation to religious life. Many young women have exceptional Sisters or Nuns that they admire and spur on vocations. Does she enjoy working with children or the sick or the elderly? Does she love to study and have an open and kind heart? These maybe the first longing for a young woman to answer God's call to a vocation.

Fr. Corey's Comments (cont'd)

Fr. Bob Kinnally is the Vocation Director, a terrific guy, who is easy to talk to and will help your son or daughter walk through the discernment process. He can be reached at (203) 416-1513. It is our job to cultivate the seeds God has planted, to water and nurture them. It is always great to have a Sister or Priest in the family. Please do what you can to foster Vocations.

- ◆ Some FYI's about the Catholic Church:

The Chief Commandments or Laws, of the Church:

- ~ To attend Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.
- ~ To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
- ~ To confess our sins at least once a year.
- ~ To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
- ~ To contribute to the support of the Church.
- ~ To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

Fun facts about the Vatican and its inhabitants:

- ~ Need a prescription, laboratory test, x-ray or ultrasound at the Vatican? That'll be 75 cents please.
- ~ The Vatican consists of 108 acres
- ~ Jesuit Father José Gabriel Funes, Director of the Vatican Observatory, states that there may be intelligent life on other planets, and they would be God's children too.
- ~ The papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace has seven large rooms and a chapel as well as a roof garden.
- ~ The Vatican has a security force of 100 supplied by Switzerland (*Swiss Guard*) whose official language is German.
- ~ The Vatican also has a helipad, train station, radio station, postal service, hotel, 900 citizens and 3,000 employees.
- ~ Italy is responsible for the national defense of the Vatican.
- ~ Vatican City's official website languages are Italian, English, French, German, and Spanish.

◆ I am giving up and giving in. People keep voicing their opinion that it is too cold in the Church. I have many things I must do each day and Church temperature is being taken off the list. We have informed the company that the Church will be at an energy saving temperature of 75° for the summer and it will be changed to energy saving temperature for the winter.

◆ We have not yet met our responsibilities for this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. The Appeal helps those in need around the Diocese of Bridgeport that we cannot help as an individual Parish. Each Parish in the Diocese has a certain amount of money they need to raise. Our goal, our responsibility is \$135,000.00, the same amount as last year. If you have not made a onetime gift or pledge for 5 months, may I ask that you bring this matter to prayer and try to help in whatever manner most fits your situation? No gift is too small and every gift is important. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

◆ Noticeably, there has been a decrease in Mass attendance in the last couple of weeks. This phenomenon has coincidentally occurred with the closing of our Religious Education program for the summer. Every Catholic is obliged (if not sick) to attend Mass each Sunday. The Body of Christ at St. Mary is not complete when we all do not worship together. Each person in our Parish makes us complete as a worshipping community and if you are not there, we are not as good as we can be and we do miss you! If you are traveling, meet the Lord on your vacation. Prepare before hand or use your smart phone on vacation by going to www.masstimes.org to find the local Churches and Mass times.

SCHOOL NEWS

There will be an **Early Dismissal** on **Monday, June 20th** which is the last day of school. The school community will be attending the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome.

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.**

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

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.

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 743-455

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: JUNE BOOK

"Twelve Apostolic Women", by **Joanne Turpin**. Join us on **THUR., June 30, 7:30pm**, in the **Children's Room**.



YOUTH GROUP

There is the final **MANDATORY MEETING** for this year's **MISSION TRIP** to **Chicago** on **Wednesday, June 16th at 6:30pm** in the Church Hall. All going on the trip **must** attend.

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 smbgroup@gmail.com for more info.

In the Community

Bethel Senior Center's Dessert Card Party will take place **Friday, June 25 at 7 pm**. Call the Center's office at 203-792-3048 to reserve a table. Many Bethel merchants have donated door and raffle prizes. You can play any kind of board game or card game, pool, table shuffle board – a good time is always had by all. We serve great desserts, punch, and coffee. There will also be table prizes. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Off The Streets We need many hands in this ministry to help homeless persons. *Every kind of skill is needed.* Please join us on **Thursday, June 16 at 7:30pm** at the **Congregational Church in Danbury**. Park on the left side of the church (across from City Hall), come into the Church and go to the Pilgram Room.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL has ongoing enrollment for the **2011-12 school year**. Come visit Immaculate to experience everything they have to offer. **"Mustang for a Day"** visits are available – call 203-744-1510 x. 132 to schedule your visit or visit www.immaculatehs.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JUNE 13	6:30 + Kevin Deering – Pat Kelly
	9:00 + Rosarie Lavigne – Wife Madeleine
TUES, JUNE 14	6:30 + Marie Luczak – Pat Kelly
	9:00 + Douglas Ruffles, Sr. – Wife Mary
WED., JUNE 15	6:30 + Edward Zensinger – The Drury Family
	9:00 + Mary Pizzarello – Edith Jaccarino
THU., JUNE 16	6:30 + Gregg Caterson – Cathy Jo Caterson
	9:00 + Bunny Rhodes – The Wakeman Family
FRI., JUNE 17	6:30 + Christian Major (<i>2nd Anniversary</i>) -- Family
	9:00 + Theresa Tortosa – MacGregor Family
SAT., JUNE 18	8:00 + Timothy Smith – Asta Smith
	5:30 + Ida & Ben Donnarumma – Family
SUN., JUNE 19	7:00 + Bruno DeLuca – Wife Natalie
	8:30 + Carlo Maddalena & John Milone – Children
	10:00 + Mark Barney – Mom & Dad
	11:30 + Frank Ninovonte – Josephine Greco
	5:30 + Angelo Bartolotta – Family



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Daphne Anna Quish Callie Lynn Samperi



II – Mark Fleckenstein & Christine Surdel

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$16,973

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 (*Vigil Mass*)
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.*