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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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➤ *As summer gets into full swing for many this week, please remember to go to Mass when you are travelling. To find a local Church and Mass times go on line to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). Remember, the Lord wants to see you when you are away from home. Safe travelling!*

➤ *Just a reminder: All the priests of the Diocese will be attending a convocation in Newport, Rhode Island from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be Eucharistic Services during those days, and there will be no 5:30 pm Mass on that Sunday.*

➤ *Pope Benedict XVI said the Year for Priests might have been ruined by the clerical sex abuse scandal, but instead became a "summons to purification" in the church.*

*Concelebrating Mass June 11<sup>th</sup> with some 15,000 priests, the pope said that "the enemy Satan, wants to drive God out of the world and opposes those who work to ensure that God is at the side of every man and woman, especially in times of trouble. And, so it happened that, in this very year of joy for the sacrament of the priesthood, the sins of priests came to light -- particularly the abuse of the little ones, in which the priesthood, whose task it is to manifest God's concern for our good, turns into its very opposite," the pope said in his homily at the Mass concluding the Year for Priests.*

*Addressing the abuse scandal in his homily, Pope Benedict said the Catholic Church begs forgiveness from God and "from the persons involved, while promising to do everything possible to ensure that such abuse will never occur again."*

*Here is a prayer for the intercession of Pope John Paul II:*

*O Holy Trinity, we thank you for having given to the Church Pope John Paul II, and for having made him shine with your fatherly tenderness, the glory of the Cross of Christ and the splendor of the Spirit of love. He, trusting completely in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, has shown himself in the likeness of Jesus the Good Shepherd and has pointed out to us holiness as the path to reach eternal communion with You. Grant us, through his intercession, according to your will, the grace that we implore, in the hope that he will soon be numbered among your saints. Amen.*

➤ *Every year, when the Peter's Pence Collection is taken up around the world to support the works of the Holy Father, Catholics in the Diocese of Bridgeport are extraordinarily generous. The proceeds of this collection, held this year the weekend of June 26-27, are used to provide emergency funds to those who suffer from oppression, disease, war, or natural disaster. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his most recent encyclical "God's love gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all" (Caritas in Veritate, no. 78). The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes, and the faithful in grave difficulties. Through loving charity and with your assistance, the Holy Father casts Christ's love upon the world. Orphans in Rwanda, disabled pilgrims in Rome, and the sick and needy in Bosnia still recovering from the wounds of war, were all assisted last year thanks to funds from the Peter's Pence Collection. Please be as generous as possible in this year's collection, and, in doing so, cast the love of Christ upon the world.*

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

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➤ *The Annual Bishop's Appeal is coming to the end, and if you have not yet made a donation, please consider making a gift today. The Bishop's Appeal is able to help those in need throughout Fairfield County that we as one Parish could not help on our own. Please make a careful consideration.*

➤ *We have been informed by the Diocese that Father Andrew Walter, former parochial vicar at St. Mary's, has been ill. We don't know what is wrong or how serious it is, but please keep Fr. Walter in your prayers for a speedy recovery.*

➤ *Did you know that the peacock is a symbol of the Faith? As a symbol of resurrection and immortality, the peacock was not uncommon on ancient tombs. Those who die in Christ will be raised to a new and glorious life, because Jesus' flesh did not experience corruption. This glory is represented in the glorious fan tail of the peacock.*

➤ *Some interesting Catholic Facts:*

*As of 2008, there were 1.166 billion Catholics worldwide. U. S. Catholicism grew by 1.5% in 2009 with 68 million Catholics – more than any other U. S. religion.*

*Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, converted to Catholicism on Holy Saturday, 2009. A lifelong Baptist, Speaker Gingrich said his conversion was a ten-year journey.*

*Savannah, once the capital of Georgia, was begun by Englishman James Oglethorpe and a 1732 Royal Charter as a colony which did not accept Catholics, rum, or slaves.*

*Augustiner, the oldest and considered the best beer in Munich, Germany, was first brewed by Augustinian monks in 1328.*

*There are 8,847 Roman Catholic schools in France.*

*Need a prescription, laboratory test, x-ray or ultrasound at the Vatican? That'll be 75 cents, please.*

*The Vatican consists of 108 acres.*


*Looking for a spouse? Pray to Saint Raphael, the Patron Saint of Happy Meetings, advises the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.*


*Prayer For the Choice of a Good Spouse:*


*“Saint Raphael, you were sent by God to guide young Tobias in choosing a good and virtuous spouse. Please help me in this important choice which will affect my whole future. You not only directed Tobias in finding a wife, but you also gave him guidelines which should be foremost in every Christian marriage: Pray together before making important decisions.”*




Today is **Father's Day**, and we have prayer books in the vestibule for all the Fathers. Please pick one up.

 **REGISTRATION** – Rel. 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).

**COFFEE &...** Our coffee committee is now on summer break. We need a volunteer to set up at the **10:00 Mass** once a month when we start up again in September. **Many thanks** to **Frank & Maureen Olive** (coordinators & 8:30am), **Warren & Mary Lincoln** (7:00am), and **Mike & Lisa Holmes** (10:00am). 

**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., 6/29**, at **7:30pm**, for discussion. 

**Dorothy Day Shelter:** Last week, seven additional men from the Parish signed up to become volunteers at the Dorothy Day Shelter. This ministry brings a person face-to-face with the homeless in our society, spending a night a month with the poorest members of our society in an emergency shelter. To have signed up for this ministry represents a great act of faith and sacrifice on the part of these men and their families. *May God's peace be with them.*

**ST. MARY CLOTHING BANK** will close for the summer on **THUR., JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**, and reopen on **THUR., SEPT. 9<sup>th</sup>**. 

*If you, or a family member, are planning a stay at Danbury Hospital, please inform the Rector so a member of the clergy may visit.*



**MANDATORY MEETING:** All teens going on the **Mission Trip** are required to attend (with a parent) this meeting on **TUES., 6/22<sup>nd</sup>**, at **6:30pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. All **paperwork and final payments** must be completed before the meeting. Any questions, please call **Mrs. Fitz** (744-5777).

## SCHOOL HAPPENING?

**Registration** There is ongoing registration for St. Mary School 2010-2011 School year for grades k-8. For more information please call **Sr. Anne McCarthy** (744-2922).

*We would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and fun summer! God's Blessings. See you in September!*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:

**MON., JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm**, in the **Parish Hall**. The **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic men's fraternal society dedicated to providing service to Church, community, family and youth. If you are interested in joining us, visit <http://pavia48.tripod.com/> or call **John Stocks** (203 778-6615).



**Cursillo** can help develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Catholic by being fully Christian. To learn more about Cursillo or to find out how to experience a 3-day weekend, contact **Yvonne** (797-1361) or [yvonne\\_cecera@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com).

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our **Prayer Line**. Our team leaders are **Mary Walsh** (798-1237) and **Colleen Santaniello** (792-0009).





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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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<b>MON., JUNE 21</b>	6:30	+	Mr. & Mrs. Hubers Cyr – Moretti Family
	9:00	+	Louis Cournoyer – Daughter
<b>TUES, JUNE 22</b>	6:30	+	John Hafner – Asta Smith
	9:00	+	Andrew Molnar – Leon & Stephanie Anziano
<b>WED., JUNE 23</b>	6:30	+	Czeslaw Zabrzewski – Daughters
	9:00	+	Daniel Kiah – The Red Hats
<b>THU., JUNE 24</b>	6:30	+	Henrietta & Lawrence Tirells – Eleanor Roche
	9:00	+	Daniel Kiah – Ed & Carol Roth
<b>FRI., JUNE 25</b>	6:30		Blessed Mother’s Intentions
	9:00	+	William Riley – George Keenan
<b>SAT., JUNE 26</b>	8:00	+	May Yee – Helen & Dan Yee
	5:30	+	Nicholas Macelletti – Mike & Joan Macelletti
<b>SUN., JUNE 27</b>	7:00	+	Bill Bonacci (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) – Mom & Dad
	8:30	+	Hugh Lee – Family
	10:00	+	Mary M. Gallagher – Family
	11:30	+	Armstrong Irving – Phoebe Ann Vecchia
	5:30	+	Jack Gallagher – Ferri Family



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Sophia Angela Ranallo*

*Joseph Rockne Sacchinelli*

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III – *Chris Veloso & Sarah Stratman*



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**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$13,007**

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**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.***