
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *Every now and again, it is important to refresh the community on some of the basics. Receiving Holy Communion at Mass, the Sacred Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, soul and divinity must happen with reverence, respect and adoration. In the Latin Rite Church, the Bishops of the United States have decided on the following directives when receiving Holy Communion. As a sign of adoration, each communicant should bow slightly before the Eucharist. If you want to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, after the minister of the Eucharist says "Body of Christ", you say "Amen" open your mouth and stick out your tongue. (Please don't bite - fingers might get hurt.) If you want to receive Holy Communion in the hand, hands should be extended with one hand on top of the other. The Eucharist is placed in your hand, then, taking your other hand, place the Host in your mouth. (Please don't grab the host or dunk the host into the Precious Blood.)*

We ask that Catholics receive the gift of Jesus in the Consecrated Bread and Wine. As in all gifts we can only receive a gift. We have no right to "take" Holy Communion; that is why we "receive" Holy Communion. Remember, either way you choose to receive, please answer the minister of Holy Communion with an "AMEN". The word AMEN means: I believe, I am in agreement with what was said, I am part of the Body of Christ, I am a member of the Church and believe what the Church teaches, I am a believing Christian and a disciple of the Lord, I truly believe that I am receiving Jesus Christ – body, soul and divinity. That AMEN is so very powerful and says so much about the receiver for it truly is a statement of faith.

➤ *With graduations coming to an end in the next week, may I congratulate all the young men and women from Canterbury High School, Fairfield Prep, Laurelton Hall and the Wooster School from St. Mary Parish. Great Work and blessings in the future.*

➤ *Another congratulations go to Grace Drumm Gilbride, a long time parishioner of St. Mary. Grace (amazingly) celebrated her 100th BIRTHDAY on June 16, 2009. Grace was a Sunday counter when St. Mary was on Greenwood Ave. She is also an avid fan of the New York Yankees. Grace, the whole parish celebrates your milestone with you. Our prayer is that you have good health and happiness for another hundred years.*

➤ *Another parishioner, Asta Smith, who I had the pleasure of meeting this past week (I don't ever like to reveal a woman's age but Asta is a contemporary of Grace and has twice the energy of your pastor), shared with me this story: "A family was having their pastor over for dinner one night. He sat in the living room with their little son while the parents were cooking. The pastor said to the boy, "I wonder what we are having for dinner?" The little boy said, "I know". The pastor said "What?" The boy answered, "Goat". The pastor said, "How do you know that?" The boy said, "I heard my parents say, 'Let's have the old goat for dinner tonight'." Well, I have at least one thing in common with the goat, Billy and I both have the same chin hair.*

➤ *As you know there has been a great deal of news, letters and directives coming from the Diocese of Bridgeport and Bishop Lori. Please keep up on what is going on by visiting the Diocese's website at www.bridgeportdiocese.com . You will find interesting information about the Church in Fairfield County and enjoy the news of the other parishes and ministries in our Diocese.*

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

➤ Our youth Mission Trip begins this WED., JUNE 24th. Please keep our young people and the adult chaperones in your prayers as they minister to the good people in Washington D.C. May they see the face of Christ in everyone they serve and may they feel Christ growing in them while they serve their brothers and sisters. We pray for their safe return on MON., JUNE 29th.



THIS WEEK: THE RECTORY WILL CLOSE AT 1:00PM, ON MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

➤ Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection, in support of the works of the Holy Father, is held in parishes throughout the world. We know how our Holy Father inspired us during his visit last year. Whether we saw him in person during his visit to New York or merely watched it on television, we heard his message – that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the “great hope” that can sustain people through the trials of this world.

I ask you to consider contributing to the collection this year, as you have in the past, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and all those in need throughout the world.

➤ Last week's trivia answers:

There are 40 days in Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

The letters INRI on top of the crucifix come from the Latin meaning Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews. (Remember in Latin there is no letter 'J' and the letter 'I' is used in its stead.)

Jesus' cousin according to the New Testament is Saint John the Baptist. (The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth is when they first meet.)

There are 73 books found in the Catholic Bible – 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. (We have 7 more books than the Protestant Bible.)

➤ This week's questions:

1. The film “The Cardinal” was filmed in what Diocese of Bridgeport Church?


2. Who is the patron Saint of Music? (Clue: Her stained glass window is in the choir loft of our Church.)

3. What does S.S.N.D. stand for after Sr. Anne and Sr. Alberta's name?

4. Name the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. (Clue: There are 5.)


➤ Looking for a peaceful way to spend a summer afternoon? Need a little prayer time away? How about a trip to Lourdes in Litchfield? This beautiful shrine in Litchfield is a bit of serenity just a bit down the road. Go to their website for directions and a full list of religious activities for the summer and the fall: www.shrinect.org.



ST. MARY BOOK CLUB – JUNE BOOK:

“The Return of the Prodigal Son”, by **Henri J. M. Nouwen.** Join **Deacon John** in the **Children’s Room** on **TUES., JUNE 30th,** at **7:30pm,** for a group discussion.


Our coffee committee is on summer break until September. **Many thanks to Frank & Maureen Olive (coordinators & 8:30am), Warren & Mary Lincoln (7:00am), and Mike Holmes (10:00am).**



 **REGISTRATION** – Religious Ed. is available for children in grades K-8. A child **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. If you have a child entering **Kindergarten** or **1st grade** **not** yet registered for the Fall, please check our website: **www.stmarybethel.org** for a registration form. You may send it in or leave it in our mailbox by the door. **Rel. Ed. is officially closed until Aug.**


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 27 – 31, 9:00-11:45am, for children 3-8 years old. **Cost: \$15.00.** Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or on our website: **www.stmarybethel.org.**



 **SAINT MARY CLOTHING BANK**
THURS., JUNE 25th, from **9:30-11:30,** will be the last day to drop off clothes before it closes the summer. Reopens: **SEPT. 10th.**
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE CLOTHES OUTSIDE.

Come Sing with the Choir! The adult choir welcomes singers to become part of our Music Liturgy. If you are interested in joining, please call **Elizabeth (798-0076).**



 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).**

Registration There is ongoing registration for St. Mary School 2009-2010 School year for grades k-8. For more information please call **Sr. Anne McCarthy (744-2922).**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:

MON., JUNE 22nd, 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 **Paul DiMarzio (778-2840).**

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

April – Jeff Jerolimo
May – Bill Tanner

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

April – Folan Family
May – Baumgartner Family

Congratulations to our newly-elected officers:

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| Grand Knight – | <u>John Stocks</u> |
| Deputy Grand Knight – | <u>Bob Nelson</u> |
| Chancellor – | <u>Bryan D’Souza</u> |
| Recorder – | <u>John Licari</u> |
| Treasurer – | <u>Art Horan</u> |
| Advocate – | <u>Andy Wojnicki</u> |
| Warden – | <u>Joe McCabe</u> |
| Inside Guard – | <u>Joe Crimi</u> |
| Outside Guard – | <u>Sean Payne</u> |
| Outside Guard – | <u>Matt Donatucci</u> |
| Trustee 1 year – | <u>Jeff Jerolimo</u> |
| Trustee 2 years – | <u>Don Kallberg</u> |
| Trustee 3 years – | <u>Paul DiMarzio</u> |

On Vacation VACATIONERS – If you are visiting other areas and would like information regarding Churches in that area, you may either call **1-800-Mass-Times** or visit the website **www.Masstimes.org.**





CAMP

July 6-10, 13-17

Monday - Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm

St. Mary School Grounds, Bethel

Cost is \$100 per child per week

This is the 11th year of our summer camp for children in grades k-6 (for the 2008-09 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!

ACT NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JUNE 22	6:30	+	Carol Brawley – Joy Clarkson & Louise Mastracchio
	9:00	+	Czeslaw Zabrzewski – Daughter
TUES, JUNE 23	6:30		Jadwiga Schneider (<i>Health & Blessings</i>) – Kostyk Family
	9:00	+	Hugh Lee – Family
WED., JUNE 24	6:30	+	Rev. Robert A. Nugent – Sr. Anne McCarthy
	9:00	+	Phyllis Matturro – Edith Jaccarino
THU., JUNE 25	6:30		Blessed Mother's Intentions
	9:00	+	Souls in Purgatory
FRI., JUNE 26	6:30	+	Carol Brawley – Patricia Kelly
	9:00	+	Julia & Nicholas Macelletti – Mike & Joan Macelletti
SAT., JUNE 27	8:00	+	Tony Soegaard – MacGregor Family
	5:30	+	Mary Gallagher – Family
SUN., JUNE 28	7:00	+	William Bonacci – Enrico & Francesca Bonacci
	8:30	+	Joe Mathias – Kallberg Family
	10:00	+	Hugh Lee – Family
	11:30	+	Vincent Vecchia – Phoebe Ann Vecchia
	5:30	+	Kellianne Gartland – Family

Mass Intentions



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Keegan Joseph Bedell

Aiden Jason Dance

III – Richard Gerety & Robyn Frazao

II – *Ciro Labadia & Amanda Boyer*



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$13,871

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

**PARISH OFFICE** (744-5777)

Sheila Kurjiaka: *Bulletin Editor*

Kate Fitzgerald: *Secretary*

Paul Orsino: *Property Manager*

Steve DeMarco: *Parish Council President*

Jane Shannon: *Cemetery Administrator*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (743-4557)

Mary Ferri: *Director*

Peggy Gavin: *Secretary*

Dennis Nauheimer (RCIA): 794-9488

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Mike Macelletti: *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 1:00pm.*

(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.*