
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *Happy Summer! Well, the heat is on so let's hope for sunny days, low humidity and some relaxing weeks. Summertime is a good opportunity to go over some things that perhaps seem second nature to most of us but can be tightened up after some reminders.*

At Mass, there are certain gestures that help us participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy. During the Creed (We believe in one God) there is a section where we are asked to bow. It comes in the middle of the Creed and says: "by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man". The bow is to recognize the Incarnation and to honor the fact that Jesus became one like us but without sin. If you forget when this occurs during the Creed, just watch the priest and deacon and follow their example during the recitation of the Creed.

By the way, the Sacramentary, the red book we use at Mass, states that during Mass we should also bow our heads when we say the name of Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus.

Speaking of bowing... The Bishops of the United States have decided that the universal action that we all should take before receiving Holy Communion is a bow to the Blessed Sacrament and then say AMEN to the statement "THE BODY OF CHRIST", or "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST".

When it comes to receiving Holy Communion, please use the method prescribed by the Church. You have two options: 1) Receive Holy Communion on your tongue by opening your mouth and sticking out your tongue - please do not bite down on the Eucharist as you may bite the minister's finger; or 2) by putting one hand on top of the other and then placing the Eucharist into your mouth with the bottom hand. Now many people have decided to make up their own variations of this practice. Let me explain the variations that are not helpful: The laced bridge.... Hands linked or intertwined that look like a bridge with a hump in the middle, or The Valley... two hands side-by-side pointed downward. or The Snapper, taking two fingers and grabbing the Eucharist from the minister's hand, or The V for victory, two hands with the heels of the palms touching and the fingers pointed straight up. Now, these positions may sound a bit humorous, but they are not allowed or recommended because there is a greater chance of dropping the Eucharist in the process of receiving Holy Communion. So, please place the bottom of one hand into the palm of the other and then using the bottom hand to place the Eucharist in your mouth. Please, remember to say Amen after the minister says: "The Body of Christ or the Blood of Christ".

➤ *I do realize that this is a touchy subject, but I am going to make a small suggestion. If you can, please try on Sunday to stay until the end of Mass, which is when the procession gets to the back of the Church. To be honest, it is somewhat discouraging to see folks leave early. Ok, please don't be offended at my recommendation. I know there are many reasons people have to leave early, and I respect that. I am just offering an invitation to stay with us.*

➤ *Once again, if you are travelling during the summer, or in fact any time of the year, you can go to www.masstimes.org to find a local Church and the Mass times. Don't take a vacation from God. Remember to go to Mass on Sunday.*

*You know they even have Dial-a-prayer for atheists now.
It rings and rings, but nobody answers.*

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

➤ *Our youth Mission Trip begins today, SUN., JUNE 27th. Please keep our young people and the adult chaperones in your prayers as they minister to the good people in Camden, NJ. 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 FRI., JULY 1st.*



➤ *Recently, I was asked, "Why should I go to Church?"
Well, I found some reasons that I would like to share for the next number of weeks.*

Reason 1: In 1989 the Journal of Religion and Health published a study on the effects of Church attendance on blood pressure. Researcher D. Larson and his colleagues found that smokers who did not attend Church were seven times more likely to have abnormally high blood pressure. Smokers who did attend Church had lower blood pressure, similar to nonsmokers who did not attend Church. Larson concluded, "If you are going to smoke, make sure you go to Church."

The Latin phrase for this week probably could be used on an anniversary or Valentine's Day:

*Te valde amo ac semper amabo
I love you very much, and always will forever.*

Also, a reminder, Monday, July 5th is the legal holiday for July 4th, Independence Day. There will only be one Mass celebrated on July 5th at 9:00am. The Rectory will be closed on Friday, July 2nd and Monday, July 5th. We will also start our summer hours at the Rectory: beginning Tuesday, July 6th, the Rectory will close at 2:30pm from Monday through Friday.

Please put the date, July 26th on your calendar. It is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. It is a wonderful day to pray for our grandparents, both living and deceased, and we will have a special blessing for the grandparents on that day at Mass.


We have been informed by the Diocese that the goals of the Annual Bishop's Appeal have not been met. They are especially interested in folks that have made pledges or gifts before but have not this year. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider giving a gift today. Remember there are no small gifts. All gifts are welcomed and appreciated.


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*A police officer pulled over a car full of nuns.
The officer said, "Sister, the speed limit on this highway is 55mph. Why are you going so slow?"
Sister replied, "I saw a lot of signs that said, 41, not 55."
The officer said, "Sister, that's the name of the highway, not the speed limit."
"Silly me," the embarrassed nun said, "Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful."
But then the officer glances in the back seat where the other nuns are quaking with fear.
He asks, "Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends?"
Sister says, "Oh, we just got off Highway 101."*




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


 Religious Education **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).


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. 

 **NO NOCTURNAL ADORATION: JULY**

DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS 
WED., JULY 7th: Our turn to Cook.

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.

ST. MARY CLOTHING BANK closed on THUR., JUNE 24th, for the summer; reopens on THUR., SEPT. 9th.  Clothing Drive

 **CURSILLO** can help develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Catholic by being fully Christian. Upcoming Cursillo weekends:

Men’ – FRI., SEPT. 9th – SUN., SEPT. 12th
Women’s – FRI., NOV. 4th – SUN., NOV. 7th

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.



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 2009-2010 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: www.stmarybethel.org. Return forms and payment to the Rectory with checks payable to: **St. Mary Church.**

For more information, please call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777 or visit our website!

ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS!!!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JUNE 28	6:30	+	Mark Vlash – Family
	9:00	+	Elva Villafuerte – Cafferty Family
TUES, JUNE 29	6:30	+	Heavenly Stock Intentions
	9:00	+	Walter Dankowski – McClellan Family
WED., JUNE 30	6:30	+	Lirio De Jesus – Roberto & Marivic Matic
	9:00	+	Alfonso Ilaria – Stocks Family
THU., JULY 1	6:30	+	Timothy Smith – Asta Smith
	9:00	+	Helen Dailey – Mr. & Mrs. George Keenan
FRI., JULY 2	6:30	+	Walter Belardinelli – Jerolimo Family
	9:00	+	Beverly Polistena – Eric & Nancy Polistena
SAT., JULY 3	8:00	+	Joe Quatraro – Friend
	5:30	+	Edward Yunecko, Sr. Celeste Caprio
SUN., JULY 4	7:00	+	Christian Major – Mom, Dad & Brendan
	8:30	+	Joseph Tobin, Sr. - Family
	10:00	+	Elizabeth Molnar – Leon & Stephanie Anziano
	11:30	+	Kathryn Eglington (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – Eileen Lovallo
	5:30	+	Dennis Miller – Marie Miller



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Vincent Thomas Caruso

Tyler James Conroy

II – *Frank Intrieri & Nicole Nienstadt*



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$14,107

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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.**