
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 19, 2009) Pope Benedict XVI declared this would be the Year of the Priest (the year ends on this feast in 2010). With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars. During this year events will be celebrated throughout the world to spotlight the priesthood. The Holy Father asks all priests to grow in their ministry by prayer, devotion, spiritual reading, spiritual direction and, of course, the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. The Pope calls us to remember that without the office of the Priest, the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, would not be present, the Sacrament of Reconciliation would not exist and the Sick would not be anointed. Please keep all priests in your prayers, especially we who serve you at Saint Mary.*

Please Pray for Priests:

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother wraps her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthens them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

So, who was St. John Vianney? Called the "Cure of Ars", St. John Vianney was the son of a poor farmer in Dardilly, France. He worked as a shepherd and didn't begin his education until he was 20 years old. While an ecclesiastical student he was called for military service, and became a "delinquent conscript", more or less because of illness, and hid to escape Napoleon's police. He had difficulty learning Latin, and twice failed the examinations required before ordination. He was finally ordained at the age of 30, but was thought to be so incompetent he was placed under the direction of Fr. Balley, a holy priest in a neighboring village, for further training. St. John lived an austere life, boiled and ate potatoes which he learned to keep suspended by a rope from the ceiling, so the rats wouldn't get to them. He allowed himself 2 hours of sleep each night and was frequently interrupted by the devil, who assaulted him with deafening noises, insulting conversation, and physical abuse. These diabolical visitations were occasionally witnessed with alarm by the men of the parish, but the pious Cure accepted the attacks as a matter of course and often joked about them. St. John was given many spiritual gifts, such as the power of healing and the ability to read the hearts of his penitents. It was this latter gift which caused his fame to spread throughout France, and created large crowds seeking guidance from him. The frail Cure began hearing confessions at 1 o'clock in the morning, and it has been reported that he spent from 13 to 17 hours a day in the cramped confessional. St. John died peacefully on August 4, 1859. His body was exhumed because of his impending beatification, and was found dried and darkened, but perfectly entire. St. John Vianney, who, as a student, had difficulties being accepted for the priesthood, was canonized in 1925 and was later named the Patron of Parish Priests throughout the world. More information on St. John Vianney can be obtained from The Cure of Ars, by Fr. O'Brien, or The Incorruptibles, by Joan Carroll Cruz. In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized him. His feast is kept on August 4th.

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

➤ *We received a grateful thank you from Birthright for \$2,304.65 from the Mother's Day "baby bottle" collection. The co-directors Mev Rechert and Claire Batchler ask for our continued prayers for their clients and volunteers, and they will pray for us.*

➤ *The answers to last weeks Catholic Trivia:*

1. *The film "The Cardinal" was filmed at St. John Church in Stamford.*
2. *St. Cecelia is the patron saint of music.*
3. *The letters S.S N.D. stands for the School Sisters of Notre Dame.*
4. *The five Luminous Mysteries (or the Mysteries of Light) of the Rosary focus on the public ministry of Jesus Christ. They are:*

The Baptism in the Jordan

"Here, as Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became "sin" for our sake (cf. 2Cor 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares him the beloved Son (cf. Mt 3:17 and parallels), while the Spirit descends on him to invest him with the mission which he is to carry out."

The Wedding at Cana

"The first of the signs, given at Cana (cf. Jn 2:1- 12), when Christ changes water into wine and opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers."

"The preaching by which Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion (cf. Mk 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (cf. Mk 2:3-13; Lk 7:47- 48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church (cf. Jn 20:22-23)."

The Transfiguration

"The mystery of light par excellence is the Transfiguration, traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astonished Apostles to "listen to him" (cf. Lk 9:35 and parallels) and to prepare to experience with him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit."

The Institution of the Eucharist

"Christ offers his body and blood as food under the signs of bread and wine, and testifies "to the end" his love for humanity (Jn 13:1), for whose salvation he will offer himself in sacrifice."

➤ *This week's Catholic Trivia has to do with the priesthood.*

1. *Name the Old Testament 'priest' who offered bread and wine to God, whose name is mentioned at ordinations? (Clue – he is in the stained glass window in the rectory).*
2. *What is the name of the prayer book that priest, religious and deacons used every day? (It is called by two different names and either is acceptable).*
3. *Who is the patron saint of confessors? (Priests who hear confessions.)*
4. *What are the three offices (stages) of Holy Orders?*



About fifty Youth Group members are now away on their **MISSION TRIP** to Washington, DC, under the expert direction of **Kate Fitzgerald** (her 8th trip) and with the support of a dozen adults, including our seminarian, Matthew. Please pray for their safe return tomorrow, **MON., JUNE 29th**.



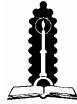
DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS
WED., JULY 1st: Our turn to Cook.

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 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)**.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION, scheduled on the 1st Friday of each month, has been **cancelled this month, JULY 3rd**. Anyone who would like to volunteer one hour a month between 9:00 Friday night and 7:00 Saturday morning should call **Jim Edelmann 748-4530**.



Religious Education 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**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Congratulations to our newly-elected officers:

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

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., JULY 7th (new date)**, at **7:30pm**, for discussion.

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



SAINT MARY CLOTHING BANK is now officially closed for the summer. We will reopen on **THUR., SEPT. 10th**. **PLEASE DON’T LEAVE CLOTHES OUTSIDE.**



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Rectory
Will Be
Closed On

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd



“Do you have any idea what the date is?”



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!

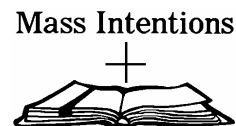
Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, at the Rectory, and also on our website at www.stmarybethel.org. Make checks payable to: St. Mary Church, and return forms and payment to the Rectory.

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 29	6:30 + Rebecca Duff (<i>Anniv.</i>) - Family
	9:00 + Tony Soegaard – Maureen, Janet & Mom
TUES, JUNE 30	6:30 + June Culhane – Brenda & Kevin Cleary
	9:00 + Patricia Havey – Husband, Larry
WED., JULY 1	6:30 + Tony Soegaard – Kathy & George Aiello
	9:00 + Patrick Buckley – Friend
THU., JULY 2	6:30 + Alan Brink – Friend at Main Street Rehab
	9:00 + Hugh Lee – Family
FRI., JULY 3	6:30 + Clara Festa – Braden Family
	9:00 + Henrietta & Lawrence Tirella – Eleanor Roche
SAT., JULY 4	8:00 + Elizabeth Molnar – Anziano Family
	5:30 + Edward Yunecko, Sr. – Celeste Caprio
SUN., JULY 5	7:00 + Cheryl Pickron – Carol & Bob DiMatteo
	8:30 + Tony Soegaard – Pat & Paul Orsino
	10:00 + Dennis Miller – Marie Miller
	11:30 + Helen Broccoli – Marie & Domenic Broccoli
	5:30 + William Barber – Frances & Robert Forrest



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Myles Peter Foster

Gabrielle Anne de la Cruz Cayabyab

III – Ciro Labadia & Amanda Boyer



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$12,681

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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.*