
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *This week I share with you a prayer for the United States. This prayer was written by Bishop John Carroll, the first Bishop of the United States. The Archdiocese of Baltimore formed in 1789 was the first diocese in the United States.*

We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name.

We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope Benedict, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own Bishop, William E. Lori, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for her excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

➤ *A priest, known for his lengthy homilies, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man came back just before the end of Mass. Afterward the priest asked the man where he had gone.*

“I went to get a haircut” was the reply.

“But”, said the priest, “why didn’t you do that before the Mass?”

“Because,” the man said, “I didn’t need one then.”

➤ *The answers to last week’s trivia:*

1. The first American bishop was Bishop John Carroll.

2. The only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence, a cousin of John Carroll, was Charles Carroll.

3. The first American citizen to be named a saint was Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini.

4. A Zuchetto is a small skullcap worn by the Pope, cardinals and bishops.

This week’s Catholic Trivia:

1. Percentage-wise, which state in the United States has the greatest number of Catholics?

2. Who was the first native American to be named a saint?

3. At a funeral, what does the “pall” represent?

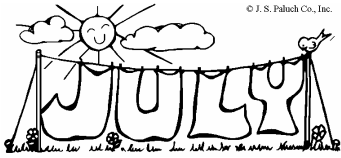
4. In an emergency, who can perform a Baptism?

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**This weekend there will be a second collection for Co-Op Missions. On Sunday our speaker will be Brother James McKnight of the Marist Brothers, or Little Brothers of Mary, a Catholic religious order of brothers and affiliated lay people. The order was founded in France, at La Valla-en-Gier near Lyon in 1817 by Saint Marcellin Champagnat, a young French priest of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers). The order is characteristically Marian.**

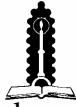
**Worldwide, there are more than 4500 brothers working in 77 countries on 6 continents. They directly share their mission and spirituality with more than 40,000 laypeople, and together educate close to 500,000 children and young people in schools, and minister to the spiritual and material wellbeing of countless others. The Marist Brothers are dedicated to the Christian education of young people, particularly those most neglected. Through their own lives devoted to the service of others, they guide the young toward a future rich in knowledge, service to others, and a stronger spiritual life.**


**Please be generous in support of our Missions and their important work.**



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

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** If you would like to volunteer one hour between 9pm Friday night and 7:00am Saturday morning on the first Friday of the month, please call **Jim Edelmann (748-4530)**.



 **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

A **HEALING MASS** will be celebrated here at **St. Mary Church** on **WED., JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at **7:30pm**, with **Fr. Larry Carew** as the celebrant and homilist. For info. call **Patti (203 748-7312)**.

**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)**.



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: SUMMER BOOKS**



**“Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana”;**  
**“Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt”.**  
Both books are written by Anne Rice.  
See you on **TUES., SEPT. 29<sup>th</sup>**, at

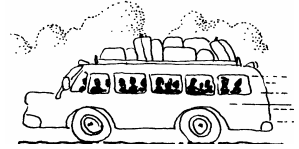
**7:30pm**, in the **Children’s Room** for discussion.  
**Have a great summer!**

**SAINT MARY CLOTHING BANK**

is now officially closed for the summer. We will reopen on **THUR., SEPT. 10<sup>th</sup>**.  
**PLEASE DON’T LEAVE CLOTHES OUTSIDE.**



**MISSION  
TRIP**



The following letter was sent to **Kate Fitzgerald** and the Mission Trip group of adults & teenagers who all worked diligently to provide much needed repairs and a face lift to a Church with little money to hire people to do this work.

***Dear Kate and all:***

***How can we ever thank you? Our parishioners are still talking about the beautiful painting of the walls in the church and the outside of the church around the roof. For us to enumerate all of the places that were done so perfectly: the dining room in the rectory and the corridor in the rectory; the foyer of the convent; the walls leading to the basement; and the “Blue room” in the convent – how refreshing!!!***

***The steps outside the rectory that were restored look great.***

***Our parishioners’ gratitude is overflowing to all of you. Your Youth Mission Group is owed a million thanks. They came with their drop cloths, rollers, paint, and went immediately to work and, they certainly worked diligently and quietly. Your adult supervisors cannot be left out. I remember Mr Gallagher’s name and all his assistants. Hopefully, they will receive many blessings from our parishioners’ prayers. If you are ever looking for a place again, I hope you will keep us in mind.***

***With a grateful heart I thank you again for the wonderful generosity of your teenagers who were so willing to come and help us.***

***Sincerely in Christ***

***Rev. Carl F. Dianda, Pastor  
St. Francis de Sales Church  
Washington, D.C.***

St Mary Vacation Bible School

July 27-July 31, 2009

9:00-11:45am

Ages 3-8 years old

\$15.00 per child

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical conditions, food restrictions, or allergies below:

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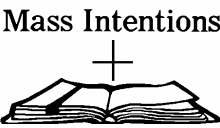
I understand that neither St. Mary Church, nor any of its employees or volunteers is responsible for any injury sustained by my child. I accept full responsibility for any medical expenses as a result of any such injury sustained.

Parent/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

If your child is already bored with summer and needs a week of fun, there are still some spots available. You may drop this form in the mail box at the Religious Education Office or at the Rectory, Monday-Friday, from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MON., JULY 20</b> | 6:30 + Frances Creczko – Peggy Grace                      | Mass Intentions<br> |
|                      | 9:00 + Kellianne Gartland – Family                        |                                                                                                        |
| <b>TUES, JULY 21</b> | 6:30 + Christian Major – Kathy & George Aiello            |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 9:00 + Tony Soegaard – Quatraro Family                    |                                                                                                        |
| <b>WED., JULY 22</b> | 6:30 Blessed Mother’s Intentions                          |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 9:00 + Tom & Bob Gadarowski – Aunt                        |                                                                                                        |
| <b>THU., JULY 23</b> | 6:30 + Suzanne Carlo Guerriero – Lil & George Eckie       |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 9:00 + Daniel McLeod ( <i>Birthday</i> ) – Wife, Francine |                                                                                                        |
| <b>FRI., JULY 24</b> | 6:30 + Kathryn Eglinton – Aldea Balingier                 |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 9:00 + Frances Drace – Patricia & Richard Kuhn            |                                                                                                        |
| <b>SAT., JULY 25</b> | 8:00 + Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy                      |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 5:30 + Wes Scofield – Family                              |                                                                                                        |
| <b>SUN., JULY 26</b> | 7:00 + Francine DaBenigno – Art & Bridget Cuomo           |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 8:30 + John & Blanche Kowalski – Ron & Jeff Kowalski      |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 10:00 + Mario Rustici – Pat & Richard Kuhn                |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 11:30 + Ronald Throckmorton – Mary, Jim, Maggie & Stefen  |                                                                                                        |
|                      | 5:30 + Kellianne Gartland – Family                        |                                                                                                        |

**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



*Alexa Elise Hughion  
Joselyn Camila Santos*

*Julianna Rose Saccomani  
Briana Liz Varano*

III – *Javier Cascudo & Colleen Jackson*  
I – *Ricardo Valencia & Jenilee Varian*



**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$14,356**

**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.*