
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *I would like to begin my message this week with a prayer from the esteemed preacher and American fixture Dr. Billy Graham. (A parishioner gave this prayer to me.) THIS MAN SURE HAS A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY!*

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and Set us free. Amen!"

➤ *Reason #4 of Why we should attend Mass every week – Better behaved teenagers.*

A major study reviewed religion's role in reducing high-risk behavior among high school students. The study was conducted by J. M Wallace and T. A. Forman at the University of Michigan. A random group of 5,000 students – a very large sample from 135 American high schools was selected for the study. A range of high-risk behaviors was studied, including interpersonal violence, driving under the influence of alcohol, carrying a weapon to school, cigarette and marijuana smoking, binge drinking and seat belt use. They also studied lifestyle behaviors such as diet, exercise and sleep patterns. The researchers found that church attendance was associated with fewer deliberate, potentially injurious behaviors, less substance abuse, and better lifestyle choices. Those who indicated religion was important to them were far less likely to have taken a gun to school.

➤ *Take some time off this summer and relax. If we are to follow the Holy Father's example, he is taking some time off at Castle Gondolfo, the Papal Summer residence. Many in Europe take time off during the summer as it is just too hot to work. Well, it is plenty hot here, so take time to renew and relax. After all, it is good to imitate the Pope.*

➤ *Thank you to all who were able to give to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Luckily, we have met our goal, but at this writing I am not sure that the Diocesan goal has been met. If you were not able to give this year, I thank you for your prayers. Praying for the work of the Diocese is a good and pious thing, and prayer does help change the world. Sincere thanks for all your help.*

➤ *Bishop William Lori will celebrate the 10:00am Mass here on Sunday, August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Bishop will also bless our new Sanctuary at the Mass. There will be a "coffee and..." reception after that Mass. Remember, August 15 is the Feast day of our Parish*

A sign on a Bulletin Board outside a Church:

Thursday night: potluck dinner. Prayer and medication to follow.

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

➤ *There is a saying that goes: "No Eucharist without a priest, No priest without the Eucharist." This is a profound yet simple statement that brings us to the reality of vocations to the priesthood. Here, in our Parish we have three different kinds of vocations: one homegrown, one from another country, and another homegrown, but also a second vocation, a vocation after marriage. The priest, acting through the priesthood of Jesus Christ, makes present the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, soul and divinity on our altar every day. To be a priest is an honor, a sacrifice, a privilege and a cross. It is life-fulfilling and life-giving. It is a life of joy and sorrow, sharing in every part of the lives of those we serve. It is a life of leadership, and a life of reconciliation. It is a life like none other but a life that is absolutely necessary in this world. We would NOT have the Eucharist or the other Sacraments of Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Ordination, Confirmation and eventually Baptism or Marriage if there were no men accepting the call to priesthood.*

So, we need to do two things. First we need to pray for vocations. Without our prayers men would not have the spiritual courage to answer God's call. Second, we must encourage vocations to the priesthood. Every mother and father, every grandparent, uncle or aunt should introduce the possible idea of priesthood to our sons. The priesthood should not only be a viable and good option for our sons; it should be viewed as an honor for the family, and a real choice for the men in your lives.

If vocations are few, current priests can give less because they are spread so thin. An abundance of priests means more availability, more ministries and more prayer. Have you offered the priesthood as an option to you sons? For the love of the Eucharist, present the option today.

The pastor was greeting folks at the door after the Mass.

A woman said, "Father, that was a good sermon."

The priest replied, "Oh, I have to give the credit to the Holy Spirit."

"It wasn't THAT good!" she said.

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**Each of our Priests has two days off during the week as follows:**

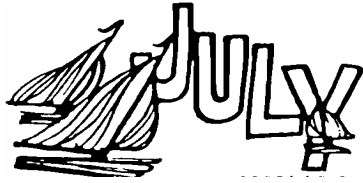
**Seminarian Matthew – Monday & Tuesday;**

**Fr. Ed – Monday & Tuesday;**

**Fr. Corey – Wednesday & Thursday;**

**Fr. Cyrus – Thursday & Friday.**

**Rectory summer hours: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Friday.**




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

 **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 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](http://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.**


**DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS**  
**WED., AUG. 4<sup>th</sup>**: *Our turn to Cook.*



 **NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be on **FRI., AUG. 6<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am.**

**ST. MARY CLOTHING BANK** is closed for the summer. We will reopen on **THUR., SEPT. 9<sup>th</sup>**, **9:30 to 11:30am.** **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CLOTHES OUTSIDE.**



 **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. 9<sup>th</sup> – SUN., SEPT. 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Women's – FRI., NOV. 4<sup>th</sup> – SUN., NOV. 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 Children signed up to attend this week, **JULY 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**, should be brought in at **9:00am** and picked up **promptly** at **11:45am**, at St. Mary School gym.



**ARE YOU MOVING?** If so, please notify the Rector, so we may have your envelopes sent to your new address, or remove you from our mailing list. This is especially important for **ALTAR SERVERS**, **LECTORS**, and **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** so you will receive your schedules on time.



**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?**  
 If you are missing a pair of glasses, a key, a jacket, a book, a toy, or some other item, you may have left it in the Church. Be sure to check out the boxes in the Usher's room. If you find anything in the Church, please leave it in a box in the Usher's room.



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



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).



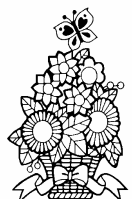
**Shut-Ins** Anyone who is homebound or unable to attend church who would like to receive the Eucharist, especially for holy days, may call **Mary Walsh** (798-1237) to arrange for a visit.



**PASTORAL CARE at Danbury Hospital**

**Prior to Your Hospitalization:** You or a family member should notify the Rector.

**Upon Admission:** You or a family member should notify the registrar that you are a St. Mary parishioner. **Hospitalized**



**ST. MARY SCHOOL**  
**13th ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Redding Country Club**  
109 Lonetown Road, Redding, Ct.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010**

**11:30am – Lunch & Registration**

**1:00pm – Shotgun Start**

**5:30pm – Hors d'oeuvres & Buffet Dinner**

**One best ball of foursome, gross and net**

**\$200.00 per player includes:**

**Greens fee and Cart;**

**Lunch;**

**Refreshments on course;**

**Cocktail Party;**

**Dinner.**



***Return the form below with your check(s) payable to Saint Mary School to:***

***Steve DeMarco, 4 Drummers Lane, Newtown, Ct. 06470***

***(Any questions? Steve DeMarco: 203 270-3597.)***

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**GOLF** **ST. MARY GOLF OUTING**  
**August 23, 2010 – 1:00pm**

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(Captain/Contact – Phone # \_\_\_\_\_)
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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| <b>MON., JULY 26</b> | 6:30  | + | Frank Kinsky – Family                                               |
|                      | 9:00  |   | Irwin Levine ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Family             |
| <b>TUES, JULY 27</b> | 6:30  | + | Jean Nicolich – Bartolotta Family                                   |
|                      | 9:00  | + | John Gavin – Folan Family                                           |
| <b>WED., JULY 28</b> | 6:30  | + | Kevin Sutton – St. Mary School Community                            |
|                      | 9:00  | + | Susan Gebhardt – Folan Family                                       |
| <b>THU., JULY 29</b> | 6:30  | + | Heavenly Stock Intentions                                           |
|                      | 9:00  | + | Leona Altman – Family                                               |
| <b>FRI., JULY 30</b> | 6:30  | + | Michael J. Keegan ( <i>30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Nelson Family |
|                      | 9:00  | + | Peter Stewart – John & Jess Deacon                                  |
| <b>SAT., AUG. 1</b>  | 8:00  | + | George O’Keefe – Wife, Peggy                                        |
|                      | 5:30  | + | George Capuano – Marie & Domenic Broccoli                           |
| <b>SUN., AUG. 2</b>  | 7:00  | + | Anne Bishop – Neil & Susan Callaghan                                |
|                      | 8:30  | + | Mary Howard – John O’Donnell                                        |
|                      | 10:00 | + | Regina O’Hara – Daughter, Peggy Boag                                |
|                      | 11:30 | + | George Newett – Bernice Clarke                                      |
|                      | 5:30  | + | Michael Allen – Wakeman Family                                      |



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Rowan Alexandra Lupica*

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III – *Gregory Kilcourse & Lisa Villamana*



**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$13,994**

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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.