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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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➤ *Fun in the Sun has had another wonderful two weeks on the Campus of St. Mary Parish. Once again Kate Fitzgerald and her staff did a tremendous job in entertaining, praying with and guiding our young people. The company that supplied the rides and fun activities (D & A Amusements) did a great job, and we are most pleased to work with them. You should see the teen counselors that work with the young kids. We have a great parish, and I am so glad that so many take the opportunity to serve the Lord in so many different ways. It is also great that our young people think of going to Church activities as something they want to attend.*

➤ *I was informed that our Parish Youth Group Mission Trip was a truly life changing experience for both adults and kids alike. Going to Washington D. C. in the summertime is not always a pleasant experience. Yet, our folks worked diligently in many different places to do the work of the Lord. I always pray that our people can see the face of Jesus in those they meet. I have asked a couple of our participants to write some reflections for you in upcoming bulletins. I hope you will enjoy their stories as much as I have.*

➤ *Let me take a moment to share a wonderful heart-warming bit of news with you. Deacon Mike Oles has been a fixture in the Parish for many years now. We all know that Deacon Oles has a bit of a wacky sense of humor and loves to kid people. Perhaps you didn't know that he does a great deal of work with the homeless in the greater Danbury area. Mike works with the Dorothy Day Shelter, and that in and of itself is quite laudable. But, I am sure you didn't know Mike is also quite a hero. Using the system and the resources available by the cities, state and federal government, using Veteran's benefits as well as tips and ideas from people with local "know how", Mike has helped over 20 people find a permanent house that has become their home, helped them find resources, and has supported the homeless and jobless in their attempt to find jobs, all by himself. Mike Oles has taken the Gospel of Jesus to heart and helped to shelter the homeless permanently. If Mike could do this for over twenty people without any extra income from the government (using only those funds deserving to the individual), just think of what the government in all its levels could do to end homelessness. Mike, thank you for what you do.*

➤ *Now, for a moment on Deacon John DeRoin. The care that John gives to the elderly should inspire us all. With my mother in a nursing home I see how residents in a home long to see visitors, have a conversation, share some stories and just spend time with someone who is interested. John spends a great deal of time with the seniors, not just offering a Holy Communion Service (which is vitally important), but he offers Jesus to them by sitting and talking, laughing and sharing. John is involved with many other aspects in the Diocese like prison ministry and working with the St. Mary Parish Book Club. John, those of us who have relatives in nursing homes or have had in the past thank you for your company and how you represent the Church to folks who have been so faithful throughout their lives but due to poor health can no longer attend Mass. John, too, is a hero. John, thank you for all you do.*

➤ *Please take a moment to read all about our sponsors on the last two pages of the bulletin. Our sponsors are local Bethel and Danbury people who PAY for our bulletin. Visit their establishments or employ their services. They help us thorough their advertisements, so lets help them when we can. Advertisers, thank you for how you help our Parish.*

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

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➤ *Answers to last week's Catholic Trivia.*

1. *Rhode Island has the greatest Catholic population percentage-wise in the United States.*
2. *The first natural born American to become a saint was Elizabeth Ann Seton.*
3. *At a funeral, a pall is an ample cloth covering the coffin during a funeral Mass. The white color represents the color of resurrection and hope. It is symbolic of the person having been clothed with Christ at Baptism and the promise of eternal life for each Christian. We wear the white garment at our Baptism; the funeral pall is symbolic of that garment at the funeral.*
4. *In an emergency any one can Baptize as long as they have the intention to Baptize, using the formula: "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" and pour clean water 3 times over the person. Remember, this is only in an emergency.*

➤ *This week's Catholic Trivia:*

*There are a number of names we have given for the nameless in the New Testament. Tradition has given them names, so this week let's see how many you know.*

1. *What is the name of the Good Thief who died in the crucifixion with Christ?*
2. *What are the names of the wise men?*
3. *The parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary?*
4. *The Roman soldier who lanced the crucified Christ?*
5. *The impenitent thief at the crucifixion of Jesus?*

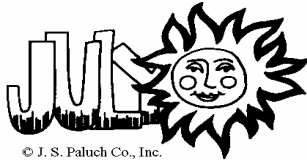
**Bonus question:**

*In the process of making a person a saint, how many formal steps are there, and can you name them?*

➤ *Here is a question that I have. The Patron of our Church is St. Mary. Does anyone know under what title Mary is our patron and does the parish have Marian Feast day? (If no one knows, and we don't have one, I think we should pick one of the Marian feast days and make it our Parish Feast Day.)*

➤ *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](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.com). You will find interesting information about the Churches in Fairfield County and enjoy the news of the other parishes and ministries in our Diocese.*

➤ *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](http://www.shrinect.org).*



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**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!**

*Periodically we like to recognize our service men and women and to pray for and thank those who are volunteering to protect and serve our country. If there is someone you would like to add, please call the Rectory (744-5777) with the name, rank, branch of service and assignment, and we will publish them in the bulletin occasionally as well as keeping a list for our prayers.*

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



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

**DeVere Crooks**, Lieutenant in the Navy, serving on a Destroyer in the Pacific Fleet  
*Son-in-Law of Deacon Mike & Kathy Oles*

**Todd Angell**, Corpsman in the Navy, serving in Kuwait  
*Son of Mary Angell*

**Ryan Ledan**, Corporal in the Marines, serving in Afghanistan  
*Son of Jerry & Michelle Ledan*

**James Perkins**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Army, serving in Baghdad  
*Son of Dave & Pat Perkins*

**Chad Van Kuren**, Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class in the Army, serving in Baghdad  
*Son of Dr. Kate Forno*

*We are very grateful for the safe return of:*

**Roger Bellamy**, Staff Sergeant, Air National Guard, serving in Afghanistan

**Thomas Burke**, Lance Corporal, Marines, Iraq

**Paul Nelson**, Staff Sergeant, Marines, Iraq

**Dave & Ann Perkins**, Captains, Army, Afgh.



**DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS**  
WED., AUG. 5<sup>th</sup>: *Our turn to Cook.*

**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).



**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.**

**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).

**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.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Children who are signed up to attend this week, JULY 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, should be brought in at 9:00am and be picked up **promptly** at 11:45am, at St. Mary School gym.



## **GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL**

**STAND** from the Entrance Song to the Beginning of the Collect (Opening Prayer):

*“This posture, from the earliest days of the Church, has been understood as the stance of those who are risen with Christ and seek the things that are from above...”*

**SEATED** throughout the Readings until the Gospel Acclamation:

*“Sitting is the posture of listening and meditating.”*

**STAND** during the Proclamation of the Gospel, and **SEATED** for the Homily:

*“We stand for the Gospel, the pinnacle of revelation, in the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**STAND** for the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful. During the Creed all **BOW** at the words, “by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man”:

*We bow at these words to signify “our profound respect and gratitude to Christ.”*

**SEATED** while the altar is prepared, and as the gifts are brought forward and placed on the altar.

**STAND** at the end of the *Orate Fratres* (Pray, brethren...) **but before their own response** (May the Lord accept...): *Note: this is a change in posture!*

**STAND** until the conclusion of the *Sanctus*, and **KNEEL** until the end of the Great Amen:

*Kneeling is a sign of adoration and reverence.*

**STAND** for the Our Father, until the conclusion of the *Agnus Dei*, when all **KNEEL**


**STAND** for the reception of Holy Communion:

*The communicant bows his/her head before receiving the Body of Christ either on the tongue or in the hand. If receiving the Precious Blood, the same sign of reverence is shown by bowing the head before reception from the chalice.*

**SIT** or **KNEEL** during the thanksgiving after Communion.

**STAND** for the Prayer after Communion until the end of Mass.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MON., JULY 27</b>	6:30 + Carl Gzysms – Irene & Al Gzysms	
	9:00 + Anna Hafner – Daughter, Asta	
<b>TUES, JULY 28</b>	6:30 + Julia Bednar – Dick & Edna Mae Beston	
	9:00 + Tony Soegaard – Carol & Ed Roth	
<b>WED., JULY 29</b>	6:30 + Rita Ann Kolwicz – Dave Deakin	
	9:00 + Leona Altman – Family	
<b>THU., JULY 30</b>	6:30 + Christian Major – Dan & Martha Walsh	
	9:00 + Carol Brawley – Brotherhood-in-Action	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>FRI., JULY 31</b>	6:30 + Cathryn Costello	
	9:00 + George O’Keefe ( <i>Anniv.</i> ) – Family	
<b>SAT., AUG. 1</b>	8:00 + Ann Lynch – Kay Flynn	
	5:30 + Lena Barber – Don & Brenda Craig	
<b>SUN., AUG. 2</b>	7:00 + Brendan Duffy & Alice McShane – McCabe Family	
	8:30 + Bernadine Loya – Family	
	10:00 + Douglas Dunleavy – Family	
	11:30 + Donna Westring – Mary & Frank Sullivan	
	5:30 + Hugh M. Lee – Family	



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Conrad Jeffrey Crupi*

*Emma Rose Gartland*

**I – Ricardo Valencia & Jenilee Varian**  
**II – Brandon Adams & Katherine Wax**



**GOAL: \$15,000**

**COLLECTION: \$11,955**

*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*  
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 Paul Orsino: *Property Manager*  
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 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.*