
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year the Holy Day falls on a Sunday, so the Mass schedule will be our usual Sunday Schedule. As you may remember, the Assumption is our Parish Feast Day. This year Bishop William Lori will be with us to celebrate our 10:00am Mass and bless the new Sanctuary. There will be a “coffee and...” reception after that Mass. We hope many of you will join us for this special celebration.*

Reason # 5 for attending Church every week – Better personal health.

Good researchers are hesitant to draw conclusions without substantial data to back them up. One method of testing the strength of a theory is to look at many studies on one subject to see if the trends are significant and robust. Church attendance has been shown in many studies to improve health.

Researchers along with J. S. Levin and H. Y. Vanderpool at the University of Texas examined the validity and outcome of more than twenty-seven studies on the impact of religion on health. They concluded that twenty of the twenty-seven studies indicated a positive correlation between church attendance and health, even when other factors were controlled. They noted that those who attended church often were healthier than those who went infrequently.

➤ *I was recently asked about the number 666 and its meaning in the Bible. 666 is perfect imperfection and is symbolized by this number, falling three times short of seven. In Revelation 13:18 the number is called a person (a beast), meaning possibly a set of people, or an institution headed by a person or a group of people. It seems to mean a name, the letter of which, when regarded as numerals, total 666. In both Hebrew and Greek, letters are used for numbers, the value corresponding to the place in the alphabet; by adding up the number values in a word, a name or word may be obtained. St. Irenaeus interpreted 666 to mean Lateinos (a king that started the Latin Race around the year 200). Others have interpreted it to mean popes (like Leo X), emperors, generals (like Napoleon), religious reformers (like Knox or Luther) and, of course, Hitler. The most common interpretation is Nero Caesar, determined by using the Hebrew consonants for that name along with their traditional number values.*

Ok, so to balance that depressing number, the number 7 is the perfect number, three (the number of the Trinity) plus four (the numerical signature of nature) is the first of the symbolic numbers. Every seventh day is a Sabbath, every seventh year a sabbatical year, every seventh sabbatical year is followed by a jubilee year. There are seven weeks between Passover and Pentecost; the Passover and Tabernacle feasts last seven days, during which time twice seven lambs were offered daily. It's noticed also in the day of creation, days of the week, patriarch, Jacob's years of service, ears of corn and oxen in pharaoh's dream, trumpets of Jericho, baths of Naaman, penitential psalms, Jewish festivals, gifts of the Holy Spirit, works of mercy, joys and sorrows of Mary, last words on the cross, deacons in the apostolic Church, Churches of Asia Minor, lamps, spirits before the throne of God, candlesticks and stars and trumpets of Revelation, seals on the Book of Life, sacraments, great councils of the early Church, champions of Christendom, deadly sins, Christian virtues, seas, ages of man and the stars in Pleiades (supposed by the ancients to be heaven), for example.

Our Latin phrase for the week...for life: “Deo gratias”.

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

➤ *Father Terence Lee, our Missionary from the Mill Hill missionaries wanted me to share this message with you. He said:*

“I am always amazed at how generously our Catholic people respond to the needs of the Missions. I am well aware of the many demands made on them by other worthwhile causes, not least of which is the upkeep of their own parish and school; yet they never fail to support the needs of missionaries. I hope I and the Mill Hill Missionaries respond as generously.

Where else but in the Catholic Church could a total stranger (like myself) come in, ask the people for their money, and they give it generously and joyfully! Amazing and humbling.

May God continue to bless you and all the priests, staff and people of St. Mary's parish... may He bless you abundantly.”

Thank you Fr. Lee for your ministry and we “thank God” for you.

➤ *It is hard to believe that Seminarian Matthew Krankle has been here at our Parish for over a year now. It is time for him to go back to the seminary. After all the Masses on August 15th we shall have a reception for Matthew for you to say goodbye. Please put that date on your calendar. I shall be saying more about Matthew next week.*

Little Johnny was coming home from Church one Sunday morning with his mother.

His mother noticed he had a very serious look on his face. “What’s on your mind, Johnny?” she asked.

“Is it true what Father said about us all coming from dust and turning back to dust?”

“Yes, it is, Johnny,” she said. “Why do you ask?”

“Well, when we get home,” he answered, “You better look under my bed because someone’s either coming or going!”

As long as there are tests, there WILL be prayer in schools!

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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.**

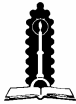
**Rectory summer hours: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Friday.**



**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** – Children **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 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.**

**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.**



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

**Men's – 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.**

**JUNIOR/SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
 begins **SUN., SEPT. 12<sup>th</sup>**, Parish Hall:



**JYG** (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) from **4:30-5:30pm;**  
**SYG** (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) from **6:30-7:30pm.**

**SYG** – Join the **Youth Advisory Committee** to plan events, lead youth group meetings, write for our newsletter, and participate in Mass as a lector. Sign up at a meeting on **SUN., AUG. 29<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm,** in the **Parish Hall.**

Member Requirements to be discussed at the first meeting are posted in vestibule of the Church.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**  
**13<sup>th</sup> 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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4. \_\_\_\_\_

## OFF THE STREETS

Status Report, July 2010

OFF THE STREETS (OTS) is a program we started last October to try to get homeless persons literally OFF THE STREETS or out of Emergency Shelters located in the city of Danbury and place them into a room or an apartment they can call their own. Our Pastor, Fr. Corey Piccinino, is the OTS Chaplain, our Spiritual Director.

Our most recent status report was in a bulletin in April. For those who are unaware of the details of the OTS program please read one of the OTS brochures in the Church foyer pamphlet rack. We have no paid staff, no office expenses, no anything expenses – except a small insurance policy and a small Post Office Box. We take no government money. Just about every dollar collected is used to assist a homeless person OFF THE STREETS.

When you see the brochures you might get the impression that OTS is a very expensive organization to maintain, but it's not. The professional OTS brochures were not only designed by but printed by our very own Rick Lawlor, Lawlor Graphics and Printing – at no cost to OTS. And, the company is redesigning a new one to be issued shortly.

We have a Board of Directors, and our most recent addition is another St. Mary Parishioner, Richard Schlemmer. We are very pleased to announce that Shepard's Warehouse has offered OFF THE STREETS 2,000 square feet of storage space for donated furniture. This, coupled with an earlier donation of two units at Putnam Storage, means that we now have the ability to accept furniture on a more timely basis. Terri Spallone handles all our furniture inquiries. You can reach her at (203) 792-9130. We can take only basic household items, please.

This Spring St. Mary Religious Education students raised approximately \$2,800.00 which has assisted more than five homeless persons get OFF THE STREETS into a room or apartment they could call their own. You may have seen the article about this in the Danbury News Times with pictures of some of the students and two OFF THE STREETS beneficiaries – a young Mother and three-year old son.

One of our mentors is Bianca Demasi, owner of the restaurant, SAGI Cucina Italiana, at 23½ Catoonah St., (across from the Firehouse in Ridgefield). She has hosted and prepared wonderful meals for two OFF THE STREETS Meetings. Any St. Mary Parishioner who mentions OFF THE STREETS during their visit to SAGI Cucina Italiana will receive a glass of house wine, gratis.

We need lots of help, in terms of Prayer, Mentors, Furniture, and Financial Contributions. Contact any of the persons mentioned herein to get involved. All contributions are tax deductible and should be made to: OFF THE STREETS, P.O. Box 591, Bethel, CT 06801.

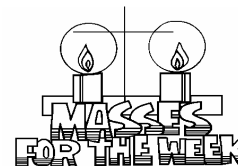
God's peace, Deacon Mike

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| <b>MON., AUG. 2</b> | 6:30 + Bernadine Loya – Family                                              |
|                     | 9:00 + Douglas Dunleavy – Family                                            |
| <b>TUES, AUG. 3</b> | 6:30 + Kathy Summa – Husband, Leonard                                       |
|                     | 9:00 + Dorothy Clarke – Rose Arceri                                         |
| <b>WED., AUG. 4</b> | 6:30 + Alicia Weaver – Folan Family                                         |
|                     | 9:00 + Michael Brennan – Yearbook Club Friends                              |
| <b>THU., AUG. 5</b> | 6:30 + Edward Zolla ( <i>Anniv.</i> ) – DiMatteo Family                     |
|                     | 9:00 + Fred Dietzel – Betty Hurgin                                          |
| <b>FRI., AUG. 6</b> | 6:30 + Bruce Jackson – Albert Kontis & Beverly Thiemann                     |
|                     | 9:00 + Nicholas Whitmore ( <i>13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Family         |
| <b>SAT., AUG. 7</b> | 8:00 + Josephine Natale ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Daughter, Lillie |
|                     | 5:30 + Anne Bartkus – Annie Banasik                                         |
| <b>SUN., AUG. 8</b> | 7:00 + Bruno DeLuca – Wife                                                  |
|                     | 8:30 + Ronald Gleissner, Sr. – St. Mary Parish                              |
|                     | 10:00 + Mary Deakin – Family                                                |
|                     | 11:30 + Daniel W. Vecchia, Jr. – Phoebe Ann Vecchia                         |
|                     | 5:30 + Joseph Martini – Marie & Dominic Broccoli                            |



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**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Logan Andrew Butler

Matthew Alan Willmott

Eamon Francis Monteleone

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I – *William Santaniello & Jessica Carino*



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**GOAL: \$15,000**

**COLLECTION: \$11,824**

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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.)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARRIAGE: All couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrate.