
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *I have been doing a little research about phrases we use all the time and you would be surprised at how many have Biblical or Catholic origin. Let me share some with you.*

ADAM'S APPLE is the remnant of Adam's sin, a piece of the forbidden fruit stuck in his throat.

APPLE OF ONE'S EYE comes from Psalm 17, verse 8, and refers to something or someone precious.

BEULAH LAND is a paradise, promised land, a far away dream come true land from Isaiah 62:4, reference to Israel being called not "Forsaken" but "Married" (Beulah in Hebrew).

A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME comes from the Book of Ecclesiastes 10:20 which is a caution against speaking privately what one would not want known publicly.

THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND comes from Matthew 15:14, when Jesus confronts the Pharisees.

COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS comes from 1 Peter 4:8. It is a compensating virtue, a pleasing cover of good over bad that can't be seen, quoting St. Peter when he spoke of love, the ultimate virtue.

ELEVENTH HOUR comes from Matthew's Gospel 20:1-16.... Meaning just in time; an allusion to the day laborers parable and the last ones hired.

A FLY IN THE OINTMENT comes from the Book of Ecclesiastes 9:18 and refers to a little thing that spoils everything, or at least detracts from its attractiveness.

SPARE THE ROD AND SPOIL THE CHILD comes from Proverbs 13:24, meaning it is folly to allow childish faults to go unproved.

GOOD-BYE is a contraction of "God be with you", like the French adieu, a' Dieu, I commend you to God.

➤ *Here is a little interesting development. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced on July 21st a pilot program that would teach religion or ethics in middle schools. Medvedev's pilot program would give the parents of students at 12,000 middle schools in 18 regions of Russia a choice between having their children study Russian Orthodoxy or secular ethics at school. Schools that have a significant number of Muslim, Jewish or Buddhist students would offer courses in those faiths as well. Since the Catholic Church in Russia is a small minority the Catholic religion will not be taught.*

It was not so many years ago that the thought of religion in the then Soviet Union would have been impossible. Yet, for years we all prayed for the conversion of Russia, and now this country is going to teach religion (though in an experimental stage) in schools. I think it is very interesting that in the land of the free and the home of the brave there is much controversy over this subject and yet in Russia ...

➤ *After doing some research, I found out that our Parish does have a feast day. In a letter written by the late Bishop Walter W. Curtis, we are the Parish of St. Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Assumption. So, our feast day would be August 15th. This year August 15th falls on a Saturday and, though it is a Holy Day, it is NOT a day of obligatory Mass attendance. (You do not have an obligation to attend Mass on August 15th this year.) Nonetheless, we shall celebrate Mass at 8:00am with coffee and cake after in the Parish Hall. I invite everyone in the Parish to come to the 8:00am Mass on August 15th to pray for our Parish and the needs of each one here.*

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

➤ *As you can tell by my sometimes-lengthy comments here in the bulletin, I think it is important to share news with you. I've always felt that the bulletin is a chance for a teaching moment. Often called catechesis, or teaching about the faith, the bulletin is a chance not only to catch up on what is happening in the parish but a chance to learn a little more about our faith. Msgr. Karl also had this idea and the pamphlets in the vestibule of the Church to teach, inspire and console. I have been introduced to a new program by Lighthouse Catholic Media that offers CD's on many subjects of our Catholic faith. There will be a display in the vestibule, and the CD's will cost \$3.00 each. You can listen to them at home, in the car, sunbathing on the beach or in the pool. The topics are the Bible, Mary, the Saints, Parenting, Music, The Church, Sacraments, Marriage, Prayer and Family Life. Some of the authors and speakers are Bishop Sheen, Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Dr. Scott Hahn, Mother Teresa, Pope Benedict and others. We hope to launch this program in September. Taking classes in person is one of the best ways to learn, but not everyone has the time. These CD's can be listened to to and from work, picking up the kids or while exercising. I hope that you will enjoy this new way to learn about our faith.*

➤ *There has been a lot of talk about the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Astronauts' landing on the Moon. But, I'll bet you didn't hear this story. [Archbishop William Borders] was ordained bishop in 1968 and made the first Bishop of Orlando, Florida. The new diocese encompassed central Florida and included Cape Canaveral, from where, the following year, Apollo 11 launched, bound for the moon. After that historic launch and lunar landing, with all the images of our astronauts walking, golfing, and planting the flag, Borders made an ad limina visit to Rome to meet with Paul VI.*

During their meeting, Borders rather nonchalantly observed, "You know, Holy Father, I am the bishop of the Moon." Pope Paul looked at him rather perplexed - probably wondering where along the line this American prelate had lost his mind. Borders then continued by explaining that by the existing (1917) Code of Canon Law, he was the de facto ordinary of this "newly discovered" territory. I will not be applying to be pastor of any parish on the Moon. Why? Cause I am living in paradise right now.

Last week's Catholic Trivia:

Abbreviations:

- 1. AM – Latin for Ave Maria (Hail Mary)*
- 2. AMDG – Latin – Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam – For the greater glory of God – the motto of the Jesuits.*
- 3. AMR – Latin Ave Maria, Regina (Hail Mary, queen)*
- 4. ICHTHYS – The letters of this word are an acronym spelling 'fish' in Greek. Iesus Christos Theou Yos Soter – Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. The initial letters of these five words form the Greek word ichthys – fish. For this reason Christ is often pictured as a fish. You may see them on the back bumpers of cars.*
- 5. JMJ – Jesus, Mary and Joseph - In the old days, especially, people in school used to put JMJ on the top of their papers. If you remember Archbishop Fulton Sheen's television program, the Archbishop used to put these initials on the top of his blackboard as he taught.*

This week's Catholic Trivia:

- 1. At a priest's funeral which direction is his head pointing?*
- 2. Who is Old Scratch or Old Bendy?*
- 3. What is the name of the book from which we read the Old and New Testament at Mass?*
- 4. What does the term "Ad Limina" refer to?*

A Message From Deacon Mike

More than 100 St. Mary Parishioners volunteer their time at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House (DDHH) in Danbury which has provided emergency shelter and a daily hot meal to thousands upon thousands of the homeless and the hungry since its inception in 1982. Over the years the mission of DDHH has stayed the course focusing on these ministries almost exclusively. (For the past 12 years, St. Mary Parish has been a primary driver of the DDHH Santa Workshop to provide toys to the neediest kids.) DDHH is all volunteer (no paid staff) and there are no federal or state or municipal sources of funding. All funding comes from individual or company contributions.

Every person associated with DDHH would love to see the shelter and soup kitchen close because there was no longer a need for it. No one has a vested interest in keeping them open because no one draws a salary at DDHH. Most especially, when it comes to the homeless, everyone at DDHH would love to see them out of the shelter and into a room. It's difficult because every circumstance is different. Yes, there are city, state, federal and VA programs to help people off the streets. Even Catholic Charities has a Homeless Outreach Team and program. And yet, at DDHH, the numbers continue to grow and many times we see the chronically homeless. It's disturbing and has been a constant source of frustration to many of us adults over the years.

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, a very specific incident happened a few years ago which shows us that through the eyes of children we can see the power of God in addressing the problem – not through bureaucracy or major organizations, but literally through the eyes of a child.

A few years ago I was asked by the Director of Religious Education to come to the school to talk to her 6th graders about homelessness. I said, "Let me bring a homeless person in to let the kids hear directly what it's like to be homeless." When the children heard his story, they started a program, "That's Not Fair" and raised money to try to help one homeless person off the streets and into an apartment. Since that humble beginning, our eyes were opened, the program has grown, and Dorothy Day has contributed to getting more than 20 chronically homeless people off the streets and into apartments or rooming houses, most of them within the past year. This miracle is really starting to take off; more and more homeless people are seeing this miracle happen before their very eyes – and its giving them hope that this miracle can happen to them.

We at DDHH work with every possible agency, every possible family and friend contact, use every and all means to ease a person out of the shelter and into a room they can call their own. And, we do it fast – no bureaucratic procedures, paperwork, waiting lines, no background checks, no references except our own knowledge of the homeless person. As long as they have some source of income so that they can pay a monthly rent, we at DDHH will help with the deposit. Many of the homeless just need a kind of extended family member to nudge them into realizing that with just a little help they can surmount obstacles to them getting off the streets and out of shelters.

Here are some ways you can help make the dream of the children, of the DDHH, and most especially, of the homeless come true.

Make a tax-deductible contribution to the DDHH, P. O. Box 922, Danbury, CT 06813-0922 and in the note section at the bottom of the check identify it as follows "to help a homeless person off the street".

Provide Deacon Mike Oles with any available rentals on the local bus routes which are low cost – such as a rooming house, or tiny apartment).

Call Deacon Mike at 203 733-5880 to work directly within the ministry. God's peace to all.

SCHOOL NEWS

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).

ST. MARY SCHOOL
12th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Mary School IBM Technology Upgrades

The **IBM Corporation** supports the technology needs of K-12 Schools through their IBM Matching Grants Program.

IBM employees and IBM retirees have the ability to participate in the IBM Matching Grants program in support of a school of their choice. Under the IBM Matching Grants program when an IBM employee or retiree donates 20% of the cost of the equipment, IBM donates the remaining 80%. Each employee may donate up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year.

IBM employees who are parents of St. Mary School students are sponsoring a Technology Drive aimed at upgrading the Computer Lab at the school. We are reaching out to our Parish community to let them know that we are sponsoring this activity and would ask that if you are an IBM employee or retiree if you would consider assisting us this year.

We realize that these are tough economic times and computer technology may not be high on your personal priority list.

St. Mary's school has always been a leader in technology education and through the generosity of IBM and its employees and retirees we have been able to continue to keep our equipment current and continue to provide our students with the educational edge in this area that is so important as we prepare them for High School and beyond.

If you are an IBM employee or an IBM retiree and are interested in assisting with our Technology drive, please contact Ken Stevens (203 792-2027) for further details.

The Golf Club at Oxford Greens
Oxford, Ct.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009

11:00am – Lunch & Registration

12:30pm – Shotgun Start

**6:00pm – Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktail Party,
 Dinner & Awards Presentation**

One best ball of foursome, gross and net

\$200.00 per player includes:

- Greens fee and Cart;**
- Lunch;**
- Refreshments on course;**
- Cocktail Party;**
- Dinner.**



Fill out the form below and return it with your check(s) made payable to Saint Mary School to: Rizzo Co., 64 Triangle Street, Danbury, Ct 06810

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GOLF **ST. MARY GOLF OUTING**
August 24, 2009 – 12:30pm

1. _____
 (Captain/Contact – Phone # _____)
2. _____
3. _____
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., AUG. 10	6:30	+	Charles Zelinek – Marie & Kay.
	9:00	+	Lori & Kayla Donohue – Muriel & Barry Connolly
TUES, AUG. 11	6:30		Special Intention
	9:00	+	Stephen Blizman – Roger & Veronica Hibbert
WED., AUG. 12	6:30	+	Suzanne McAuley – Family
	9:00	+	Peter Clarke (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – Stocks Family
THU., AUG. 13	6:30		For the People of St. Mary Parish
	9:00	+	Cathryn Z. Costello
FRI., AUG. 14	6:30	+	For the Souls in Purgatory
	9:00	+	Gerald Troy – Marie Miller
SAT., AUG. 15	8:00	+	Andrew Molnar – Anziano Family
<i>Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5:30	+	Roger Scofield – Family
SUN., AUG 16	7:00	+	Paul Morton (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – Morton Family
	8:30	+	Tony Soegaard – Trisha & Kevin Dee
	10:00	+	Alfred Vaghi – Family
	11:30	+	Nunciata Vecchia – Phoebe Ann Vecchia
	5:30	+	Robert LaMontagne – Family

Mass Intentions



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Jaxon Lee Matteo
Caleb Parker Spear*

*Samantha Veronica McNamara
Jack Owen Zadlo*

III – *Brandon Adams & Katherine Wax*
II – *Michael McGuire & Maureen Gribbin*



*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*

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

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.