
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *Some time back, in a homily I told you the story of an older fellow who was in the hospital. The man's wife saw a priest in the hallway and asked if he would come in and give her husband a blessing. The priest went in and started to chat with the man and asked him which parish he belonged to. The man replied, "Father, I am not a Catholic." Surprised at the response the priest said. "Do you mind if I ask you why not?" The man simply responded, "Nobody ever asked me."*

There are so many people in our lives that are yearning for a relationship with the Lord, hungering for the Bread of Life, and yet, they may not have been invited to "Come and See" as Scripture says. Husbands, wives, in-laws, co-workers, friends and acquaintances may be looking to be a part of the Catholic Community, the Body of Christ, and just don't know how to get started. Some may need a gentle push, a word of encouragement, and some guidance to be come part of the Church.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will enliven in each of us the "Gift of Invitation" to those around us to "Come and See" what the Church has to offer. In other words ask if they might be interested in becoming part of the Church. If that seems a little hard for you (which is totally understandable) leave this bulletin next to a dinner plate, on someone's desk, in front of his IPOD and let that person read this article himself.

The process is simple. In our Parish we have the RCIA...The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a very ancient Rite in the Church that can be traced back to the very beginning of our faith. Here at St. Mary Parish a very dedicated, knowledgeable, and most importantly faith-filled group of people, together with the parish clergy, meets with inquirers on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass, and gently guides those interested on a journey through a walk of faith. This journey is an awakening of the soul and is a foundation upon which to build a lifetime relationship with the Lord. (Even if Sunday mornings are impossible, other arrangements can be made in extraordinary circumstances.)

If you know someone who is interested, please call Dennis Nauheimer (203 794-9488).

RCIA is sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE on SUN., SEPT. 20th, from 12:00-3:00, in the Parish Hall.

We are offering nothing less than ETERNAL LIFE... Anybody interested?

➤ *For your parking pleasure, we just relined the parking lot. When we had it done, a car was parked in a space (some people use our parking lot as a commuter parking lot), so we missed a line. Instead of having the company come back, I figured I can go out there with a couple of bottles of white-out and fix the problem.*

➤ *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 with 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. The 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.*

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

➤ *It seems everywhere you look these days you see or hear about angels. I thought this week I would include a copy of the Chaplet of Angels that you can pray.*

CHAPLET OF THE HOLY ANGELS *(Recited in the morning)*

O my Jesus, I offer this chaplet to Your Divine Heart, that You may render it perfect, thus giving joy to Your Holy Angels, and so they may keep me under their holy protection, above all at the hour of my death to which I invite them with all my heart. Strengthened by their presence, I will await death with joy and be preserved from the assaults of hell. I beseech you also, dear Angels, to visit immediately the souls in Purgatory, especially my parents, my friends, my benefactors; help them so that they will soon be delivered. Do not forget me either after my death. This I beg you with all my heart, through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Amen.

- 1. St. Michael, I recommend the hour of my death to you! Hold the Evil One prisoner, so that he may not battle against me and do no harm to my soul.*
 - 2. St. Gabriel, obtain for me from God lively faith, strong hope, ardent charity and great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. 3. St. Raphael, lead me constantly on the road of virtue and perfection.*
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 - 4. My Holy Guardian Angel, obtain for me divine inspiration and the special grace to be faithful.*
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- I. O ardent Seraphim, obtain for me a burning love for God-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - II. O Cherubim brilliant with light, obtain for me true knowledge of the science of the saints-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - III. O admirable Thrones, obtain for me peace and tranquility of heart-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - IV. O exulted Dominions, obtain for me victory over all evil thoughts-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - V. O invincible Powers, obtain for me strength against all evil spirits-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - VI. O most serene Virtues, obtain for me obedience and perfect justice-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - VII. Principalities, who accomplish prodigies, obtain for me plenitude of all virtues and perfection-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - VIII. O holy Archangels, obtain for me conformity to the Will of God-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
 - IX. O holy Angels, O faithful Guardian Angels, obtain for me true humility and great confidence in the divine mercy-one Our Father, three Hail Marys.*
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Answers to last week's Catholic Trivia:

1. *At a priest's funeral his head is always at the altar (facing the people). It is the same position the priest would be in if he were celebrating Mass.*
2. *The devil is often known as Old Scratch or Old Bendy.*
3. *The Lectionary is the name of the book from which we read the Old and New Testament at Mass.*
4. *The term AD LIMINA – It is canonically required of bishops to make an ad limina visit every three to ten years. It is a pilgrimage to Rome ad limina apostolorum (to the threshold of the apostles), during which the bishops render to the pope an account of their diocese.*

This week's Catholic Trivia:

(I hope you are keeping a count of your correct answers...remember, the winner gets Sunday breakfast at the rectory, and Fr. Cyrus is a great cook.)

1. *What is L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO?*
2. *What is a pyx?*
3. *Why is Christ symbolized as the Alpha and Omega?*
4. *From what language is KYRIE ELEISON?*

A boy asks his father to use the car and the father replies "No, not until you cut your hair!"

The boy replies, "But Dad, Jesus had long hair!"

"Yeah, but Jesus walked everywhere," said the father.

(A little help for parents who want hair cuts before school starts.)

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 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.



ST. MARY SCHOOL
12th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT

On SAT., AUG. 22nd, at the 5:30pm Mass we will be celebrating our college students. Please worship with us and give your blessings to the college students for their upcoming school year. Light refreshments will follow in the **Parish Hall**. If you'd like to help, please call Kristen (512-5285).

COFFEE & ... Help to clean up after the 10:00 Mass on the second Sunday of each month is requested. If you can help, please call Mike or Lisa Holmes (426-9942).



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. 29th, at 7:30pm, in the **Children’s Room** for discussion.
Have a great summer!

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 1st 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. will open TUES., SEPT. 8th**.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS:
WEEK OF DELIVERIES



The teens who attended this summer’s Steubenville East Youth Conference wish to thank all who supported them with the purchase of the rosary beads. With your help and encouragement, ten teens from our parish were able to attend. This exciting, spirit-filled weekend helped open their hearts to the hope, joy and glory of God’s love. And what’s best – they’re already looking forward to next year’s conference!

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.**



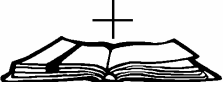
Fill out the form below and return it with your check(s) made payable to Saint Mary School to: Rizzo Co., 64 Triangle Street, Danbury, Ct 06810

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

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

MON., AUG. 17	6:30 + David Harple – Paul & Pat Orsino	
	9:00 + Carol White Brawley – Friends	
TUES, AUG. 18	6:30 + Edward J. Helgert, Sr. – Joan & Dick Shannon	
	9:00 + Tony Soegaard – Eleanor Roche & Family	Mass Intentions
WED., AUG. 19	6:30 + Mary C. Britt – Family	
	9:00 + Edward Culhane – Brenda & Kevin Cleary	
THU., AUG. 20	6:30 + Eileen Sullivan – Deighan Family	
	9:00 + Nina Novinonte – (8 th Anniv.) – Caraluzzi Family	
FRI., AUG. 21	6:30 Health & Blessings	
	9:00 + Deceased Family Members – Dorothy Clarke	
SAT., AUG. 22	8:00 + Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy	
	5:30 + Christopher Urban – Family	
SUN., AUG. 23	7:00 + Msgr. Richard Scully (21 st Anniv.) – Rosa Timm	
	8:30 + Carmina Gryskiewicz – Ken & Cindy Roberts & Family	
	10:00 + Vincent James Pioppi – Flanagan Family	
	11:30 + Barbara McCoy – Legnard Family	
	5:30 + Louis Pacific (Birthday & 3 rd Anniv.) – Wife & Family	



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Marco Robert Russomanno

II – Michael Maguire & Maureen Gribbin



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$13,330

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*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.*