
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *When Msgr. Karl built our Church he invested in a wonderful sound system. Over the years it has been updated, repaired and computer programs have been added as needed. For those in the know about speakers we use Bose speakers in the Church. Pascom, the company that installed the sound system and tweaks the system when needed, is very reliable. But, as you know, "one size" doesn't always fit all. We do have parishioners who have difficulty hearing at Mass. (I know some of you might be thinking: "everybody should be able to hear the big-mouth pastor".)*

If you have difficulty hearing at Mass, please tell me or give me a call. There is a system that we can add to our sound system that has individual hearing apparatus that you can use at Mass. I know some people feel awkward about their hearing loss. If we can help you to worship, pray and participate in the Mass - being able to hear what is going on, the parish would like to help.

Please let me know so that if our parishioners need this we shall go ahead with the project.

➤ *I've mentioned this before, but all of the English speaking parts of the world will be getting a new Sacramentary sometime in 2010. The Vatican announced a couple of years ago that the translation of the Mass, as we currently have it, is not an accurate translation from the Latin. It seems that all the other languages were translated well, but the English was not. England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, parts of Africa and the United States will all be affected. Those of you who are my age or older will remember that when the Mass was changed from Latin to English there was a translation that was briefly used, and then in the early 1970's the Mass was re-translated into the Mass we have today.*

This translation has taken years to get the approval of the Vatican and the bishops of the English-speaking world. Actually, it is going to be more difficult for the celebrant priest than it will be for the congregation. Phrases that are coming back that you might remember are: "And with your Spirit", "through my fault, my most grievous fault", "Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof", and the like. Not to worry, the Mass will be the same just some of the wording will be changed to the original Latin. We shall conduct classes for those who would like some extra learning and will also be using the bulletin for instructions. Of course, the Missalette will be updated, so you will be able to follow along. We shall give you plenty of notice, so the changes will be comfortable for us all.

➤ *Last June, on the Sunday that St. Mary School had its Communion breakfast in commemoration of winning the 2008 Presidential Blue Ribbon, we dedicated a statue of Jesus and the children to mark this occasion. It was at that time I mentioned that Anthony Manca, a member of our parish and a stonemason, was going to permanently affix the statue on a rock base in front of the school.*

This past weekend Mr. Manca and his staff worked on a beautiful memorial that I simply could not believe was built in a day. These folks are truly artists, and they make their work a labor of love. Come and take a look at the shrine in front of our School. Thank you Mr. Manca and your staff for your generous and beautiful memorial to the achievements of our school community.

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

➤ *Often we see people week after week at Mass and come to look forward to greeting them each week. Sometimes people move, their place in Church stands empty, and we don't see them anymore. This week the Castellano Family moved because of Ronald Castellano's job. The family was involved in many ways in both our School and Parish. We wish them well, and we shall miss them. Sadly, we miss people because of death. Many know Joan Craybas would come to Church with her mom, Sophie Hanyak. Sophie died last week but was buried in New York, so many did not know it happened. Our sympathies to Joan and her family, and we pray for the repose of Sophie's soul.*

➤ *I would like to take a moment to give you an update on my mother. You have been so kind to ask about Ma and my father, and we have felt your prayers. Actually, Ma is doing OK. We have lessened her medications and are trying to keep a balance between her being alert and comfortable while keeping the aggressive behavior at bay... and, so far it is working. Ma has been winking at us, giving kisses, and talking a little now and then. She hardly cries at all anymore and seems to be eating most of her food at all her meals. Who would ever have thought that these small, seemingly insignificant gestures would mean the world to us. It just goes to show you that little things mean a lot, and you should appreciate the ones you love.*

➤ *A reminder to all police personnel, firefighters and EMS workers about September's Blue Mass with Bishop Lori. The ANNUAL DIOCESAN "BLUE MASS" will be celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori on Sunday, September 13th, at 12 Noon at Assumption Parish, 98 Riverside Drive, Westport. All are invited to attend this special Mass, honoring the daily service and sacrifice of Fire, Police, and EMS personnel in 21 towns and cities in Fairfield County, with special remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to others eight years ago on September 11, 2001. A reception will follow, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Donna Schmidt: (203) 416-1457.*

➤ *An update on the Good Leaders, Good Shepherd's program that I have been attending this past year and a half. I am about $\frac{3}{4}$ done with the program. Remember, this program has been endorsed by Bishop Lori for this Diocese. The Bishop wants all priests to attend this program. Some classes are 4 days long, and some are just an 8-hour day. I have learned a great deal, and, hopefully, this will help me in my ministry. Fr. Ed has just entered the program with a new group of priests. Please pray for both of us that we shall be successful in our studies.*

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



Answers to last week's Catholic Trivia:

1. *L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO* is the official Vatican newspaper.
2. A pyx is a small metal container to transport the Blessed Sacrament to the sick. It is about the size of a 50-cent piece, usually golden in color and having some kind of religious decoration on it.
3. Christ is symbolized as the Greek letters Alpha and Omega because Scripture says that Christ is the Beginning and the End, and Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet while Omega is the last.
4. *KYRIE ELEISON* (Lord Have Mercy) is Greek... most people think it is Latin.

This week's Catholic Trivia:

1. In the Latin Rite of the Church (of which most of the Church follows) Bishop's walk with a crosier which symbolizes a shepherd's staff. In some Eastern Catholic Rite and Orthodox Churches Bishops use a different kind of walking stick, what do they symbolize?
2. What is a Catholic Tribunal?
3. At what age can a Cardinal no longer vote for a new Pope?
4. In what year was the Diocese of Bridgeport created?

OPEN HOUSE




RCIA will have an **OPEN HOUSE** in the Parish Hall on **SUN. SEPT. 20th**, from **12:00-3:00**. We welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the RCIA process to join us at that time. For more info. please call **Dennis Nauheimer** (794-9488).



school NEWS The bells of St. Mary School will be ringing out a warm *Welcome* to our school community on **WED., AUG. 26th**.

We invite all to join us for our opening school liturgy at **9:00am** Mass. The first three days of classes are full days for **Grades 1 thru 8. Kindergarten Orientation** is **THUR., AUG. 27th**, at **9:00am**. We look forward to a year in which we will deepen our faith and love of God, as well as expanding our growth in academic excellence.

SMS ANNUAL MAGAZINE/MUSIC DRIVE

begins on **FRI., AUG. 28th**, and ends on **MON., SEPT. 14th**. If you have not been  approached by a student and would care to place an order, please contact the **School** (744-2922). Thank you all for your continued support.

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 can participate in the IBM Matching Grants program in support of any school. Under the 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 school Computer Lab. 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.


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.

August





REGISTRATION – Religious Ed.

is available for children in grades K-8. If you have a child entering **Kindergarten or 1st grade** who is **not** yet registered for the Fall, please check our website: www.stmarybethel.org to download a registration form. You may send it in or leave it in our mailbox by the office door. **Religious Ed. office will open TUES., SEPT. 8th.**


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 by **Anne Rice**. See you for discussion on **TUES., SEPT. 29th**, at **7:30pm**, in the **Children’s Room**. 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). 

Single and looking to meet other great singles with similar values and beliefs? Let’s get together and have a great experience! Who wants to help get the fun started? Meet on **WED., SEPT. 2nd**, at **7:30pm**, in the **Parish Hall**.

 **Friends of the Bethel Public Library** is sponsoring a concert on **SAT., SEPT. 26th**, featuring Las Vegas/Atlantic City singer, **Steve Lippia**, who specializes in music of the Sinatra era. All proceeds will go toward the completion of the Library. The event will take place at **7:30pm** at the **Ives Concert Hall**, White Street, Danbury. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available: online at www.wcsu.edu/tickets; at **WCSU** (203 837-8499); or a check made out to **Friends of the Library** may be left at the Library circulation desk. For more information please call **Mary O’Leary** (743-0861).

A Reflection by *Amanda DeCarlo*




The Mission Trip is a continual life-changing experience for me and most others who choose to go on it. I use the term “continual” because each year is a unique way to shape our faith, love for others, and drive to help the less fortunate. This past year was my third mission trip. Each one has taught me something important about how God has a specific plan for me and how I can be a better person. Baltimore, for example, taught me that everything happens for a reason. Going outside of your comfort zone can change you into the person you would most like to be. Lancaster showed the youth group to believe in miracles; we were taught to extend our faith in Catholicism to the community service world and to turn to Jesus in times of hardship.

Washington, DC, is the most recent of our endeavors. I would like to say that we all go on the trip as regular teenagers and come back as saints. However, we do not change our whole person within a week. What it has done is given us small, daily ways to change our lives to incorporate our faith and charity. It is not a 180 degree turn, but perhaps only a few degrees that encourages us to change even more. The mission trip sparked a desire to continue to help others and find myself in God. It is not a yearly event of service to be forgotten within weeks after return-ing home, but a chance to show us that we should behave as we do on the trip in our daily lives.

Personally, I plan to serve my community and go to the local church when I am in college. Though I would like to say I realized this on my own, the mission trip is the true reason I have decided upon this. The trip, with the homeless shelters, soup kitchens, picnics for the elderly, and daycares, gives the gift of smiles amongst people who have little to smile about. Those smiles, those feelings of accomplishment, are extremely addicting. Therefore, the trips have sent me on a kind of search: to find a way to make the people who surround us a bit happier, one volunteer effort at a time.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., AUG. 24	6:30 + Regina O'Hara – Daughter, Peggy Boag	
	9:00 + Richard Grasso (<i>Birthday</i>) – Evelyn Pica	
TUES, AUG. 25	6:30 + Faith Witman – Eric Polistena	
	9:00 + George Hibbert – Roger & Veronica Hibbert	
WED., AUG. 26	6:30 <i>Health & Blessings</i>	
	9:00 + Tony Soegaard – Rovelli Family	
THU., AUG. 27	6:30 + Sister Margaret O'Leary – Friend	Mass Intentions
	9:00 + Albino Campado – Tessie Falguera	
FRI., AUG. 28	6:30 + Mabel A. Raya – Dave Deakin	
	9:00 + Celeste Jacobson – Carol & Ed Roth	
SAT., AUG. 29	8:00 + Cathryn Z. Costello	
	5:30 + Julia & Nicholas Macelletti – Mike & Joan Macelletti	
SUN., AUG. 30	7:00 + Eileen Pijnenburg – Dave & Sharon Pijnenburg	
	8:30 + Anne P. Munnick – Family	
	10:00 + Hugh Lee – Family	
	11:30 + Ann Tortosa – Jed & Cornie Costello	
	5:30 + Henry Zowine – Wife & Daughters	

III – *Michael Maguire & Maureen Gribbin*

I – *Robert Sanford & Tracy Horrocks*



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$12,332

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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*

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**Mary Ferri:** *Director*

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**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.*