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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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➤ *St. Mary Parish is planning to begin a "Growing in the Faith" Program for the coming 2009-2010 calendar year. Its purpose is to support you in your desire to grow in your Faith in the areas of spirituality, knowledge of the Faith, how to live in relationships and dealing with personal struggles. In order to make the program more meaningful and relevant, we need to know what your greatest interests and needs are. A survey is available for you to complete indicating your areas of interest and need. There are two meetings scheduled for Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-9:00pm, in the Parish Hall, to elaborate on the meaning of each area of interest. Tell us what you want to grow in your relationship with the Lord, and we shall try to meet your needs.*

➤ *I know that many of you miss receiving the Precious Blood at Mass. As we all know, the H1N1 (Swine Flu) may make another appearance this Fall. So, unfortunately, we shall continue the practice of not distributing the Cup until the wintertime. If anyone has Celiac Disease, we can get special hosts for those who live with this condition. (Please call the rectory to let us know.) Today, I am including the Diocesan Regulations to deal with this Flu.*

*The faithful should be encouraged to not hold hands during the reciting of the "Our Father".*

*The faithful should be encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands or kissing.*

*This can be done with meaningful eye contact, smiles, and a bow of the head in reverence to one another.*

*The faithful should be encouraged to receive Communion in their hands, and not on their tongue. If it seems necessary, Communion under the species of wine can be suspended. However, if you have individuals in your parish who have Celiac disease and can only receive Communion from the cup, then they should be allowed to make the choice as to whether or not they are comfortable receiving from the cup at this time. If they are, a simple means of allowing them to receive from the cup should be planned.*

*Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion must be encouraged to wash their hands before Mass begins, or even to use an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion. (This latter practice should be in place whenever a minister of Communion has a cold or coughs or sneezes once Mass begins.)*

*Remind parishioners that they should not come to church when they are not feeling well.*

*I ask that until this situation passes, let us refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace. And, if you don't want to shake hands with the clergy after Mass, we will not be offended. It will be up to you.*

➤ *I hope you checked out the new Lighthouse Ministry CD's that are in the racks in the vestibule. Each CD is only \$3.00. They are very informative, easy to listen to, and you have the ability to pass them on. There is a CD of the Month Club to which you can belong. The CD's are sent right to your home each month for a low cost. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.*

➤ *The new Men's Ministry has begun with a wonderful core group of about 20 men. The men meet on Saturday mornings at 6:30am in the Parish Hall. Some may wonder, "Why meet at 6:30am on a Saturday?" Well different times have been tried, and they run into family, work or social obligations. I invite you to come to a gathering on Saturday morning. Yes, I am talking to you! You are probably sitting there reading this or hearing this from your wife thinking... "That's not for me.". But, think of it as an experiment, no expectations and the possibility of great rewards.*

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

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➤ *The RICA Open House is today, Sunday, at 12:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Encourage someone who is not Catholic or who has not completed his or her Sacraments of Initiation (Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation) to stop by and listen. The time might be right for this leap of faith.*

➤ *There has been a great deal of work and preparation for this renewed Bereavement Support Group in the Parish. There are many in and outside of the Parish that are hurting and feeling lost because of the death of a loved one. You may think that people don't want to hear it anymore, or that maybe you feeling you should be further along in the healing process, or simply are still having a hard time. This group will have good listeners, some professional advice and a gentle and loving atmosphere, so that you don't feel alone and that people do understand. If you would like to attend the get-together on Saturday, OCT. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30am, at the Parish House, please RSVP by September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Ed, and he will be able to answer any concerns you might have.*

➤ *This is just a heads-up for your calendar. There will be an Anointing of the Sick Mass on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am, in the Church. More details will follow. Those who are seriously ill, have a chronic illness or are feeling unwell because of age are invited to receive this sacrament.*

➤ *The new Mass translation has met with some questions: "Do we really need to do this? Does the Lord really care? Etc. I don't mind the questions, but either way it looks like it is going to happen so... Here is the next section of the series.*

| <u>Part<br/>Of Mass</u>      | <u>PRESENT TEXT</u>  | <u>NEW TEXT</u>  |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Suscipiat<br/>Dominus</i> | May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.  | May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his <b>holy</b> Church.   |
| Preface<br>Dialogue          | <i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you.<br><i>People:</i> <b>And also with you.</b><br><i>Priest:</i> Lift up your hearts.<br><i>People:</i> We lift them up to the Lord.<br><i>Priest:</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.<br><i>People:</i> <b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b> | <i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you.<br><i>People:</i> <b>And with your spirit.</b><br><i>Priest:</i> Lift up your hearts.<br><i>People:</i> We lift them up to the Lord.<br><i>Priest:</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.<br><i>People:</i> <b>It is right and just.</b> |
| <i>Sanctus</i>               | <b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.</b> Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  | <b>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.</b> Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.   |

# SCHOOL NEWS



## ATTENTION:



### Current/Prospective Altar Servers!

This year, Seminarian Matthew is heading the altar server training under the title, "The Altar Corps". Because the program is being updated ALL servers need to attend training sessions to see what's new. If you are a boy or girl in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or up and are interested in being an altar server, please contact Seminarian Matthew at [makrankall@gmail.com](mailto:makrankall@gmail.com) by OCT. 5<sup>th</sup>. For St. Mary's students training will be held on OCT. 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:15pm. For others (and for students who can't attend the St. Mary's program), sessions will be held on the same dates at 5:00pm. Both sessions meet in the Church. Please note that sessions are cumulative and will be an hour long. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Seminarian Matthew. Thank you, and we look forward to working with you this year to make our Masses beautiful.

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### 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 this TUES., SEPT. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30pm, in the Children's Room. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: THIS WEEK!!!

### SMS ANNUAL MAGAZINE/MUSIC DRIVE



Our sincere thanks to all who participated in our annual drive. It was very successful

19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WALK-A-THON to benefit St. Mary School will be on FRI., OCT. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12:00n, on School grounds. Please sponsor a student. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Any monetary benefit will be used to enhance our Physical Education program and to automate our Library, including the electronic check out of books and an automatic web-based card catalog.

Last week, we took 13 people off the streets (or kept them from going on the streets) and put them into rooming houses or tiny apartments!!! Once they get a room, they almost never go back to the streets. All 50 people we have placed so far have stayed off the streets! Our funds are depleted; we are in the red, but this program really works! It costs about \$500 to get a homeless person into a room if they have any income. 100% of everything you donate goes directly to helping a homeless person get off and stay off the streets. Please help us continue by making a tax-deductible contribution to the **DDHH, P. O. Box 922, Danbury, CT 06813-0922** (in the note section of the check write "to help a homeless person off the streets". Any questions? Call Deacon Mike (203 733-5880).



MEALS-ON-WHEELS:  
WEEK OF DELIVERIES

### ST. MARY CLOTHING BANK

You may drop clothes off every Thurs-day, from 9:30-11:30am, at the Senior Center on School Street.



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our Prayer Line. Our team leaders are Mary Walsh (798-1237) and Colleen Santaniello (792-0009).



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.

**John Hart, SSC in the Army, serving in Iraq**  
*Husband of Christine*  
*Father of Samantha & Jonathan*

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

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

**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*

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**OPEN HOUSE**

**Immaculate High School**

**SUN., OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-Noon**

**All are welcome!**

Choose your date and register by calling our Office (744-1510), and visit the IHS web site: [www.immaculatehs.org](http://www.immaculatehs.org).

SAT., OCT. 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 12:00noon.  
SAT., NOV. 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 12:00noon.

**ST. MARY PARISH JOINS**

**MIDNIGHT RUN TEAM**

*“Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless.”*

On Friday, OCT. 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Mary Parish will participate in a **Midnight Run**, and **we need your help!** There are several ways you can:

- ❖ **Help make sandwiches and pack lunch bags;**
- ❖ **Help assemble toiletry bags**
- ❖ **Go on the actual Midnight Run to New York (We will take a max of 12 – 8 Adults, 4 High School age – so sign up quickly);**
- ❖ **Make a Monetary donation (Each run will cost approximately \$200-\$300);**
- ❖ **Donate Toiletries (soap, small shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloths);**
- ❖ **Donate new items (men’s socks and underwear).**
- ❖ **Donate gently used items (men’s coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, pants, jeans, shirts, hats, gloves, backpacks, blankets, sleeping bags).**

For more information and to volunteer, please call Mary Ferri: 730-2726

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

|                       |       |   |                                                         |  |
|-----------------------|-------|---|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>MON., SEPT. 21</b> | 6:30  | + | Josephine Natale – Daughter, Lillie                     |  |
|                       | 9:00  | + | Christian Major – Joseph & Susan Gerics                 |  |
| <b>TUES, SEPT. 22</b> | 6:30  | + | Donald Walsh – St. Mary Bethel School community         |  |
|                       | 9:00  | + | Norine Kyle – Lawrence Havey                            |  |
| <b>WED., SEPT. 23</b> | 6:30  |   | Special Intention                                       |  |
|                       | 9:00  | + | Tony Soegaard – Sharon Dietzel                          |  |
| <b>THU., SEPT. 24</b> | 6:30  | + | Pasqualine Santarelli (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) – Family |  |
|                       | 9:00  | + | Shannon Newell – Margaret & Marie                       |  |
| <b>FRI., SEPT. 25</b> | 6:30  |   | Special Intention                                       |  |
|                       | 9:00  | + | Rose Gorman – Family                                    |  |
| <b>SAT., SEPT. 26</b> | 8:00  | + | Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy                           |  |
|                       | 5:30  | + | Joseph Caprio III – Celeste Caprio                      |  |
| <b>SUN., SEPT. 27</b> | 7:00  | + | Catherine Z. Costello                                   |  |
|                       | 8:30  | + | Doris & James Twohey – Anne McCord                      |  |
|                       | 10:00 | + | Richard McLachlin – Maureen McLachlin                   |  |
|                       | 11:30 | + | Sr. Mary Ruth Irving – Phoebe Ann Vecchia               |  |
|                       | 5:30  | + | Carol Catalano – Masonic Care Home Health & Hospice     |  |

Mass Intentions



- III – Jason Yelsits & Tara Piacitelli
- II – David Patrone & Aurora Neves
- I – Kenneth Roberts & Rebecca McGehee



**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$13,958**

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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.*