
Fr. Corey's Comments

This past week the Holy Father canonized 5 new saints, and the entire Church rejoices. Three of those brought to the Altar of God I must admit, I really don't know. Among the other new saints are Zygmunt Szczesny Felinski, a 19th century Polish bishop who defended the Catholic faith during the years of the Russian annexation, which had led to the shutdown of Polish churches. He was eventually deported to Russia. Among those in the basilica was the former secretary of the late Pope John Paul II, Stanislaw Dziwisz, who is now cardinal of Krakow.

Two Spaniards were honored — Francisco Coll y Guitart, who founded an order of Dominicans in the 19th century, and Rafael Arniaz Baron, who renounced an affluent lifestyle at age 22 to live a humble life in a strict monastery and dedicate himself to prayer. Benedict hailed Brother Rafael, who died at 27 of a diabetic coma, as a model for young people "who are not satisfied easily".

The foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, (the Sisters we collect canned hams for and who have a home for the elderly in Enfield), Jeanne Jugan, is a French woman described by Vatican Radio as an "authentic Mother Teresa ahead of her time". As a nun, she went by the name Marie de la Croix and helped found the Little Sisters of the Poor, which today runs homes for the indigent elderly around the world. She died in 1879.

Finally, there is Belgium-born Jozef De Veuster, more commonly known as Father Damien, who himself died from leprosy on Molokai island in 1889. Most of us have heard Father Damien from Hawaii.

In his homily, Benedict praised Damien's missionary work, saying that "not without fear and repugnance, he chose to go to the island of Molokai to serve the lepers who were there, abandoned by all". "Thus he exposed himself to the disease they suffered from. He felt at home with them," the pope said, speaking in Flemish. He added that the missionary contracted leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, suffering from it during the last four years of his life.

Sufferers of the disease, which can result in disfigurement, had been ostracized for centuries by their societies, towns and even families. Benedict said Damien "invites us to open our eyes to the lepers that disfigure the humanity of our brothers and today still calls, more than for our generosity, for the charity of our serving presence."

Two leprosy patients participated in one of the processions in the ceremony. We rejoice as a Church and pray that these new intercessors before God's throne will mention our needs and us. Take the time to ask the new saints for your special needs.

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

Being the month of October, the month dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary, please remember to say your rosary each day. It is a wonderful way to grow closer to the Lord through the guidance of His Mother. Also, the rosary is said each weekday before the 9 o'clock morning Mass.

I mentioned a couple of weeks back that last year's new rules from the Vatican stated that the priest may not leave the altar during Mass (except during funerals), and that no one may go to the Tabernacle except an ordained minister (Bishop, priest or deacon). So, there is a dilemma in our Church. We have been exploring some ideas concerning moving the Tabernacle into the sanctuary of the Church. I promise it will look most beautiful and not change the "look" of our Church. But, of course, when one thing is done usually a few others must be done also. Next weekend I will speak at all the Masses concerning this issue.

I know that some are happy and some are unhappy about the change in the "sign of peace" at Mass. A little bit about the sign of peace...the sign of peace is also known as the 'peace' or the 'kiss of peace'. It is a sign of Christian love and charity before we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. In the United States the sign of peace is normally seen as a handshake (a ritual that was started by the Quakers). In some countries, the sign of peace is a deep bow, or a nod of the head or a wish of peace and a smile. If you ever watch the Pope the kiss of peace is an embrace. So, perhaps we can try some of the other customs of the Church throughout the world.

*Congratulations to Bob Stosser. To say that Bob is an active member of the parish would be an extreme understatement. These days, Bob is very active on our School's Advisory Board and was instrumental in the whole "Blue Ribbon" process. Bob has been honored by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. A ceremony called *The Affiliation of Robert J. Stosser to the Brother of the Christian School* will take place on October 24th at St. Mary Magdalene Church in New York. Affiliation is the highest and rarest honor bestowed by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. By Affiliation, men and women, lay and religious and members of the clergy, are made members of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. At great personal sacrifice, affiliated members have participated to an extraordinary degree in the life and works of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. As a gift which is deeply spiritual, they are invited to share more fully in that life and mission. St. Mary Parish is very proud! God Bless, Bob.*





ST. MARY ANNUAL COLLECTION

will be taken up during the month of **November**. Please be as generous as possible to this collection and drop your envelope into the offertory anytime next month.

The month of November is dedicated to the **Departed Souls**. The **Book of Names** will be in the Sanctuary, to the right of the altar. Please write the names of your departed loved ones, and we shall keep them all in our prayers this month. Envelopes to remember our deceased may be returned any time during November. Masses are offered through the year for *Souls in Purgatory*.



NAVIGATING the ELDER CARE SYSTEM Resources Seminar will be on WED., NOV. 4th, at 7:00pm, in the **Parish Hall**. Five distinguished panelists will be addressing your questions and issues. To register or for free transportation, if needed, please call **203 470-0909**.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: WEEK OF DELIVERIES

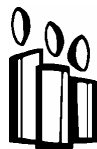


ATTN: ALL Altar Servers!

"The Altar Corps" will meet with **Seminarian Matthew** on WED., OCT. 21st, in the **Church**. For St. Mary students training will be at 2:15pm. For others (and St. Mary students who can't attend at 2:15), we will meet at 5:00pm. Parents are welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Seminarian Matthew: makrankall@gmail.com**.

If you are currently an altar server and no longer wish to serve, please inform **Seminarian Matthew** by MON., OCT. 19th, so you are not included in the November/December schedule.

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).



Junior YG: SUN., OCT. 18, 3:30-6:30pm – **REMINDER:** Meet at **Blue Jay Orchard** for **Pumpkin picking** – \$10 each plus the cost of your pumpkin and permission slips. Then, to **Parish Hall** for **Carving Contest** & games. This will include **5:30 Mass**. We need parent drivers.

Senior YG: SUN., OCT. 25th, at **5:30pm** – **Spanish Mass** – Meet and pickup at **St. Peters**. **Dinner** to follow and **World Youth Day** meeting.

ATTN: TEENS & PARENTS



On SUN., NOV. 1st, at 6:30pm, there will be an informational meeting in the **Parish Hall** for next year's **Mission Trip/Retreat**, scheduled for JUNE 27 – JULY 2, 2010. All interested high school students and their parents should attend. Applications will be given out with a return **deadline of NOV. 16**. You may view the Mission Trip/Retreat guidelines on our website. For more info. call **Kate Fitz (744-5777)**.

On OCT. 23rd, 24th, & 25th, from 9:00am-5:00pm, the **Filipino Catholic Ministry** will collect used clothes, new socks and underwear, toiletries, canned goods, etc. to be sent to the flood victims in the Philippines. This is the time to clean your closets and donate unwanted clothes to a worthy cause. Please drop your donations in the **Parish Hall**. For more information please contact **Fr. Cyrus (203 744-5777)**, or email: **frcyrus@comcast.net**.



Save the Date: SAT., NOV. 14th, for our **St. Mary Annual Wine Tasting Evening**.



CHRISTMAS GALA & CRAFT FAIR: **SAT., DEC. 5th**. Vendors interested in space at the fair should contact **Kathy Iorfino: kiorfino@comcast.net (744-2714)**





SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL TOUR
Wednesday, October 28th, New York City

We will meet in the **Parish Hall**, and the bus will leave St. Mary's at **8:30am** for an **11:00am** tour. After the tour **Fr. Cyrus** will celebrate Mass for us in the Cathedral. We will then to go lunch and return to St. Mary's about **4:00pm**. Cost: **\$30.00** (not including lunch). To sign up, please call the **Rectorcy** (744-5777). **Deadline: MON., OCT. 26th.**



ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: OCTOBER BOOK



"A Jesuit Off-Broadway"; authored by **James Martin, S.J.** See you for discussion **TUES., OCT. 27th**, at **7:30pm**, in the **Children's Room**.

OFF THE STREETS is a federally recognized non-profit program whose mission is to get homeless persons out of emergency shelters and into triage housing within a month. This costs about \$500 per person. We help with deposit money, etc. as long as a person has a way of paying the monthly rent. 100% of donations go directly to helping a homeless person get off the streets and stay off. There is no paid staff, and no federal, state or municipal funding; only contributions from individuals, companies, private organizations, churches are accepted. Some of you have already made generous contributions through Dorothy Day Hospitality House while we were getting this program established. You should receive a letter of thanks in the next couple of weeks. (If you don't, please call Deacon Mike.) **Contributions** should go to: **Off The Streets, P.O. Box 591, Bethel, CT 06801**. Our website: www.offthestreetsnow.com. Questions? Call **Deacon Mike Oles** (733-5880).



SENIOR CENTER QUILT RAFFLE:

The theme of this year's **Quilt** which earned a **First Place Ribbon** in Creative Design at the **"Big E"** is **P. T. Barnum**. Tickets will be available after all Masses next weekend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

MON., OCT. 26, 8:15pm, Parish Hall.

Gather for rosary in Church at 8:00pm.

Pavia Council Soccer Challenge 2009 winners:
(30 Contestants)

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| 8 & | Olivia Kent | Gerard Kane |
| (under) | | |
| 9 | Nicolette Stocks | Paulo Belato |
| 10 | Adriana Chamberlain | Elias Denike |
| 11 | Jaclyn Fernandez | |
| 12 | | Peter Iorfino |
| 13 | | John Frank |
| 14 | | Buddy Stocks |



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend a get-together at the **Parish House** on the morning of **SAT., NOV. 7th**, at **10:30**. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the conversation or simply just listen. Feel free to invite others who might be interested. We plan to conclude by noon. If you did not attend our first get-together but plan to attend this one, please **RSVP** by **NOV. 3rd** by calling the **Rectorcy** (744-5777) any weekday from **9:00-4:00**, or email **Fr. Ed** at: stmaryoffice@comcast.net.



OPEN HOUSE

Immaculate High School

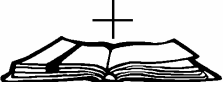


SUN., OCT. 18th, 11:00am-Noon

Choose your admission test date and register by calling our **Office** (744-1510), and visit the **IHS website**: www.immaculatehs.org.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| MON., OCT. 19 | 6:30 + Josephine Natale – Daughter, Lillie | |
| | 9:00 + Katherine & Walter Beck – Joan & Mike Macelletti | |
| TUES, OCT. 20 | 6:30 + Month’s Mind for Msgr. Edward B. Karl | |
| | 9:00 + Walter Dankowski – Carol Roth | Mass Intentions |
| WED, OCT. 21 | 6:30 + Barbara Lepard – Helen Tomasko |  |
| THU., OCT. 22 | 6:30 Special Intention | |
| | 9:00 + Brendan Duffy – Margaret Buckley | |
| FRI., OCT. 23 | 6:30 + Charles Schaub – Mike & Mary Marinaccio | |
| | 9:00 + Henry Gorman – Family | |
| SAT., OCT. 24 | 8:00 + Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy | |
| | 5:30 + Linda & Pauline Pangia – Family | |
| SUN., OCT. 25 | 7:00 + Vincent & Marion Spina – McCabe Family | |
| | 8:30 + George Viebrock, Sr. – Family | |
| | 10:00 + Lillian Hibbert – Roger & Veronica Hibbert | |
| | 11:30 + Jeremiah Falvey – Walt & Cathi Richard | |
| | 5:30 + Kellianne Gartland – Family | |

WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Julia Rose Conte Addison Caroline DosSantos
Peter Dermot Ellard
Brooke Katrien Koke Connor Theodoor Koke

There is a **Collection** this weekend, **OCT. 17/18**, for **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, which will be used to help support our missionaries in their work throughout the world.



GOAL: \$15,000 COLLECTION: \$13,567

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**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.*