
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *“Father Corey, have you been paying the light bill? It is very dark in the Church.” Yes, I have been paying the light bill. The problem is not with the electricity, but with the lights. I don't know if it is from wear and tear, but the light fixtures are burning themselves up. That's right. We need 500-watt bulbs in these lights, that's what they always had, and now for some reason the “guts” are burning themselves up. We waited until we had a number of them, and now they will be fixed. I know someone out there is thinking: “He should end this by saying “let there be light”. But, I won't.*

➤ *The month of November is quickly approaching and there are a few things I would like to mention. November is the month dedicated to the Faithful Departed. Our Book of Names will be placed in the Sanctuary with the Paschal Candle. Please inscribe those loved ones in your life that have died into the Book so they can be remembered at Mass.*

➤ *Evening Prayer for the Dead (for all those who have died this past year) will take place on Sunday, November 15th, at 4:00pm, with a reception to follow. We invite the entire Parish to come and pray for those in our Parish who have died.*

➤ *Wednesday, November 11th, is Veteran's Day. It is a day we honor all those who have served our country in the Military Service. To honor those who have served we shall collect items for the Veteran's Home. Please leave these items (new and unwrapped) in the vestibule. We shall be working with the Bethel Women's Club. These gifts will be a small token of “thanks” to those who risked their lives for our safety. Baseball caps, winter hats, socks, Batteries, umbrellas, DVD's, T-shirts, belts, sweat pants, slippers, reading glasses, photo albums, board games, gloves, suspenders or any sports items. Many thanks for your generosity.*

➤ *The Parish Prayer Line is new and improved. In the past a phone chain would be used to pass on prayer requests. We would now like to use email as well as the telephone for the Parish Prayer Line. You may now email your prayer intentions to Mary Walsh: walsh1211@sbcglobal.net or Colleen Santaniello: csant14@sbcglobal.net. Don't worry; those of you who don't have computers will still receive a phone call. If you would like to get the prayer requests, please send your email address to the addresses above, and if you have a prayer request, follow that same procedure. An email blast will go out so that everyone will be up-to-date with current intentions and, hopefully, many more parishioners will join.*

➤ *St. Mary School is sponsoring its annual Wine Tasting Event on Saturday Evening, November 14th, in the Parish Hall. It is a fun evening. Psalm 104 states the wine gladdens men's (and women's) hearts. Enjoy the evening.*

➤ *Congratulations to Judith and Richard Schlemmer and Judith and Daniel Vivone who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Both couples (the Schlemmers marking their 30th anniversary and the Vivone's marking their 25th anniversary) will be attending the Fall Wedding Jubilee Mass on this Sunday at 3:00pm at Saint Theresa Church in Trumbull. The entire Parish wishes you many happy and healthy more years of marriage.*

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

During this Year of the Priest, it is important, this year more than any other, that each priest make a good retreat. Praying and meditation on his vocation is a beautiful way to grow in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ and to develop one's spirituality. All three priests have a retreat planned. I am lucky enough to be going back to Italy. For ten days I will be in the home of Saint Francis and Saint Clare with two other priest friends. Then, I will take my vacation in Rome. I must tell you that I have scrimped and saved to do this, and I want to assure you of my prayers at each of the Holy places I shall visit. A little story that recently happened... Last Tuesday I was visiting my mother in the nursing home. To be honest, she really isn't talking very much these days and her grimacing and rocking seems to be on the increase. After lunch I was sitting with her by the window, and I told her I was going to go to Italy. She was very quiet that day and her eyelids were getting heavy as the aides were preparing her for a nap. When I told her about the trip she opened her eyes widely and said "WOW". I then asked her if she would like to go and she gave no response. After a few moments I said, "Hey Ma, is it ok if I go?" She moved her mouth a few times, and then said as clear as day, "Sure". I would not have gone without her permission.

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### **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.

Envelopes to remember our deceased may be returned any time during November. Masses are offered throughout the year for *Souls in Purgatory*.



Turn your clocks back 1 hour next Sunday morning, **NOV. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00am.**

**Junior YG:** SAT., NOV. 7<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30pm, **Fall Clean-up** – Service activity. Mass & dinner.

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

**Jr. and Sr. Youth Group** members will have T-shirts that were designed by our own youth for sale starting in November.

### **ATTN: TEENS & PARENTS**



On SUN., NOV. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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).

**COFFEE & ...** will be served after the 07:00 Mass on SUN., NOV. 1<sup>st</sup>.



**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** will be included in



the **December schedule**. Those who do not wish to serve or have not contacted the Rectory will no longer be scheduled.

**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. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling the **Rectory (744-5777)** any weekday from 9:00-4:00, or email Fr. Ed: stmaryoffice@comcast.net. **Next date: SUN., NOV. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm**, in the **Parish House**.



# SCHOOL NEWS

**NO SCHOOL: TUES., NOV. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Professional Development Day.



**SMS BOOK FAIR: School Library** – the week of **NOV. 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**St. Mary's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting** will be held on **SAT., NOV. 14<sup>th</sup>**, in the **Parish Hall**. Gather friends and family for the evening and mingle with old friends and make new ones while enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres.



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



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: OCTOBER BOOK** "A Jesuit Off-Broadway"; authored by **James Martin, S.J.** See you for discussion **TUES., OCT. 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://www.offthestreetsnow.com). Questions? Call **Deacon Mike Oles (733-5880)**.



## **SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL TOUR** **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 **Rectory (744-5777)**. **Deadline: MON., OCT. 26<sup>th</sup>**.



**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 this weekend.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** **NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**MON., OCT. 26, 8:15pm, Parish Hall.**  
**Gather for rosary in Church at 8:00pm.**



Thanksgiving Food Drive

**THANKSGIVING** is only a few weeks away, and once again you have the opportunity to share with those less fortunate. You may drop off your food donations (turkeys, canned or dry foods, etc.) starting **SAT., OCT. 31<sup>st</sup>**, in the **Church vestibule** every day from **8:00am - 5:00pm**. Please put frozen turkeys in the kitchen freezer. **Last day for donations: MON., NOV. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary donations may be sent to: **Brotherhood in Action, P.O. Box 581, Bethel, Ct. 06801**

## **TRICK OR TREATERS:**

**You are welcome to visit the Parish House and Convent on Halloween, OCT. 31<sup>st</sup>, between the hours of 4:00pm and 7:00pm.**





## **St. Mary's "Navigating The Eldercare Support System" Seminar**

*Come and learn from our expert panelists about the different resources and issues facing people in our community as seniors and/or as their caregivers/children.*

*FREE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO NEED A RIDE*

### **Agenda for November 4, 2009 – 6:45 to 8:45 PM** **St. Mary's Parish Hall, Bethel**

- Welcome Introduction – Coffee and light refreshments provided
- Eldercare System Overview – **Connecticut Community Care, Inc. (CCCI)**
  - ✓ Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security roles and differences
  - ✓ Medical Issues & Corresponding Support
    - Acute
    - Long Term
    - Physical Rehab
    - Alzheimer's/Dementia
    - Hospice
  - ✓ Types of Housing and support
  - ✓ Protecting Assets/Estate Planning
  - ✓ Overall Support Groups & Resources available
- Panelist Introductions and Brief Commentaries **Each Panelist**
  - ✓ Connecticut Community Care, Inc.
  - ✓ Bethel VNA
  - ✓ Bethel Health Care
  - ✓ Bishop Curtis Homes
  - ✓ Regional Hospice of Western CT
  - ✓ Elder Care Attorney – Barbara Reynolds

- **Questions and Answer Session** **Attendees/Panelists**


Please email **dwhitmore@snet.net** or call **David Whitmore** at **203-470-0909**  
to register and/or ask for transportation to and from the session

*Second more practical session covering elder care and health situations from a Catholic perspective.*

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| <b>MON., OCT. 26</b> | 6:30 + Frank DePaul – John & Kathy McGowan                                   |                                                                                     |
|                      | 9:00 + Joseph LaCava – DHS ‘55                                               |                                                                                     |
| <b>TUES, OCT. 27</b> | 6:30 + Msgr. Edward B. Karl – 6:30 Mass Crew                                 | Mass Intentions                                                                     |
|                      | 9:00 + Rose Tomaino – Family                                                 |  |
| <b>WED., OCT. 28</b> | 6:30 + Rev. Michael J. Byrne                                                 |                                                                                     |
|                      | 9:00 + Allen O’Rourke – Grace O’Rourke                                       |                                                                                     |
| <b>THU., OCT. 29</b> | 6:30 Special Intention                                                       |                                                                                     |
|                      | 9:00 Link & Dot Hurgin ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – 9:00 Mass Friends |                                                                                     |
| <b>FRI., OCT. 30</b> | 6:30 For the People of St. Mary Parish                                       |                                                                                     |
|                      | 9:00 + Joseph McCourt – Stocks Family                                        |                                                                                     |
| <b>SAT., OCT.31</b>  | 8:00 + Bernice Gzyms – Family                                                |                                                                                     |
|                      | 5:30 + Alice Matteo – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Coniglio                             |                                                                                     |
| <b>SUN., NOV. 1</b>  | 7:00 + Frank & Mary DeRoin – Family                                          |                                                                                     |
|                      | 8:30 + Carmina Gryskiewicz – Ken & Cindy Roberts & Family                    |                                                                                     |
|                      | 10:00 + Hugh M. Lee – Family                                                 |                                                                                     |
|                      | 11:30 + John Munnick, Jr. & Sr. – Family                                     |                                                                                     |
|                      | 5:30 + Nellie Altman – Family                                                |                                                                                     |



**WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Cole Robert Lehner*

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*I – Brent Cavallaro & Tricia Deane*



**GOAL:    \$15,000**

**COLLECTION:    \$13,441**

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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.