

Saint Mary Parish Community

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2011



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Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ Have you prayed the Rosary lately? Do you speak to your Heavenly Mother on a daily basis? When was the last time you spent time with Mary as she lovingly leads you to her Son? The Rosary is an integral part of our spiritual life and should be prayed on a daily basis. Once thought of as the prayer for little old ladies (and may I say, thank God for them, because they have been the folks who have kept the Rosary alive), the Rosary is a wonderful meditative prayer that helps us to learn the mysteries of Christ's life in union with His Mother, our Mother Mary. Allow me to share with you what the holiest people in our Church feel about the Rosary:

The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual, and in that order. "

- **Archbishop Fulton Sheen**

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

- **Our Lady of Fatima 1917**

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."

- **St. Francis de Sales**

"Those who say the Rosary daily and wear the Brown Scapular and who do a little more, will go straight to Heaven."

- **St. Alphonsus Ligouri**

"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved."

- **Pope St. Pius X**

"The Rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection."

- **Pope John XXIII**

"The Family that prays together, stays together."

- **Father Patrick Peyton**

"When you pray Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now....., the Blessed Mother comes instantly to your side to pray with you. And she does not come alone. She brings angels with her. And not just one or two for she is the Queen of Angels, so choirs of angels come with her. And she and Jesus are joined at the heart and cannot be separated so she brings Jesus with her. And Jesus cannot be separated from the Trinity so He brings the Father and the Holy Spirit with Him. And where the Holy Trinity is all of creation is and you are surrounded by such beauty and light as you cannot imagine in this life. Your Mother comes as Our Lady of Grace with her hands out-stretched. Rays of light emit from her hands piercing your body, healing you and filling you with graces. This is your inheritance which was poured out from the heart of Jesus on the Cross, when the centurion pierced His Heart with the spear, into the only pure vessel ready to receive such graces at that time, Your Mother. Now as you pray the Rosary, or even just recite one Hail Mary, you receive your portion of these graces.....Anyone who goes to Mary and prays the Rosary cannot be touched by Satan. Is it any wonder that anyone who prays the Rosary from the heart is so blessed and protected and powerful in their prayers for others?"

- **Father Gabriel Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican**

*"The Rosary is **THE WEAPON.**"*

- **Padre Pio (the stigmatic priest)**

"If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I assure you that in spite of the gravity of your sins, you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in Hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and save your soul, if and mark well what I say -- if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon of your sins."

- **St. Louis de Montfort**

"When you say your Rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary."

- **Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche**

Fr. Corey's Comments *(con't.)*

"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- **Sister Lucia dos Santos, Fatima seer**

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." - **Pope Blessed Pius IX**

"The rosary is my favorite prayer—a marvelous prayer, marvelous in its simplicity and depth....In the last few weeks I have had numerous proofs of kindness on the part of people all over the world. I want to express my gratitude in decades of the rosary...in the prayer, so simple and so rich, that the rosary is. I cordially exhort everyone to recite it"
- **Blessed Pope John Paul II**

"In praying the rosary with devotion, we are reliving the life of Christ." - **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."
- **St. Josemaria Escriva**

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary *(said on Monday and Saturday)*

The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary *(Luke 1:26-38)*
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth *(Luke 1:39-56)*
The Birth of Our Lord *(Luke 2:1-21)*
The Presentation of Our Lord *(Luke 2:22-38)*
The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple *(Luke 2:41-52)*

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary *(said on Tuesday and Friday)*

The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden *(Matthew 26:36-56)*
Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar *(Matthew 27:26)*
Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns *(Matthew 27:27-31)*
Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary *(Matthew 27:32)*
The Crucifixion of Our Lord *(Matthew 27:33-56)*

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary *(said on Wednesday and Sunday)*

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord *(John 20:1-29)*
The Ascension of Our Lord *(Luke 24:36-53)*
The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost *(Acts 2:1-41)*
The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary *(said on Thursday)*

The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan *(Matthew 3:13-16)*
The Wedding at Cana, when Christ manifested Himself *(John 2:1-11)*
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God *(Mark 1:14-15)*
The Transfiguration of Our Lord *(Matthew 17:1-8)*
The Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist *(Matthew 26)*

If you would like a Rosary and do not have one, please ask me, I would be most happy to give you one.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Parish Office Summer Hours:
9am – 2:30pm, Monday – Friday

FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA, the first Filipino Saint, will be celebrated here on **SAT., SEPT. 17th** during the **5:30pm Mass**. Traditional Filipino food and hospitality follows after Mass in the School Gym. For more info, call Fr. Cyrus at 744-5777 ext. 114 or e-mail frcyrus@comcast.net.

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER BOOK “*Why Stay Catholic?*”, by **Michael Leach**. Join us on **THUR., Sept. 29th, 7:30pm**, in the **Children’s Room**.



There are still spots available to see “**Jersey Boys**” on **Sat., Oct. 29** for the **2pm show** at the **Bushnell** in Hartford. **Cost: \$90 per person**. We will be traveling by Coach Bus and will be stopping for dinner on the way home (not included in the cost). Call the Parish office for more information and to reserve your seat.

COME SING WITH THE CHOIR!! The **Adult Choir** welcomes singers to become a part of the Music Liturgy! If you are interested in joining, please contact Elizabeth Barnes at 994-6022 for more info. The St. Mary’s **Children’s Choir** ranges in ages 5th to 8th grade. If you are interested, call Elizabeth at the number above.

The **Revised Roman Missal** workshops to ready the congregation for the new changes to Mass will be held in the Church on **September 12th at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM** and on **October 3rd at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM**. Please feel free to invite others outside the Parish to learn about the New Revised Roman Missal.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be on **FRI., September 2, 2011**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

REMINDER TO PARISH GROUPS – Please fill out the **Facility Reservation Form** (found on our website) to reserve dates needed for the upcoming year.

SEM. MATTHEW KRANKALL’S ADDRESS:
*St. Mary’s Seminary, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727*

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd will be at St. Mary’s the weekend of **September 3rd and 4th** after all masses with fine handcrafted items that they make through the year such as **Advent wreaths, candles (baptismal, anniversaries, etc.), soaps, rosaries and chaplets, angels, frames, holiday décor, quilts, etc.**

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd are consecrated exclusively and primarily to God. Prayer was, is, and always will be the relevant and valuable way of expressing their deep concern for other people and for the profound sufferings of our world. However, they are not employed outside the monastery but are self-supporting through the distribution of altar breads and their handcrafted items. Their work is done in *conscious solidarity* with all those who have to toil hard to earn their living. **Earnings are shared with all others in need, particularly women and children who have been set aside by society.**

Along with the items listed above, the Sisters will also bring assorted **home-baked goods: squares, cookies, delicacies, muffins, etc.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have a child entering Kindergarten for 1st Grade who is **not** yet registered for the Fall, check our website stmarybethel.org for a registration form and the schedule. You may send it in or leave it in our mailbox.

Rel. Ed. Office officially opens on Tuesday, September 6th. Most Rel. Ed. classes begin the week of **September 25th (Thursday classes will begin on October 13th).**

YOUTH GROUPS

FAN THE FIRE! We’re getting a group of teens to head up to St. Rose for their Annual **Fan the Fire Rally**. Join hundreds of other teens from across Connecticut as we rock out, worship, hang out with each other, have fun and grow closer to the Lord. The event is **September 10 from 9am-9pm and the cost is \$45**. It is open to all teens in 8th-12th grades. Interested? Contact Deacon Joe at jagill@email.msmary.edu for more information and the permission slip. We are also in need of chaperones – please let him know ASAP if you can help!

SCHOOL NEWS

First Day of school is on Wednesday, August 31st (which is a full day). The school community will be attending their opening Liturgy at 9:00 am in the Church. All are welcome.

Kindergarten Orientation is on Thursday, September 1st at 9:00am.

First full day of Kindergarten is on Friday, September 2nd.

St. Mary's School **Annual Magazine Drive** starts in September 2nd and ends September 16th. If you have any magazine renewal notices arriving in your mailbox, please discard; if you would like to renew a magazine subscription or order a new magazine, please visit www.QSP.com to place any orders. For the school to receive credit for your order, please use account number 1089147 or use the school finder tool. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Taylor at 203-826-9761 or bill.robintaylor@comcast.net. We are grateful for your continued support!

St. Mary's **Third Annual Roadrace, "Catch Me If You Can" 10K, 5K, and Kids Fun Run** will be held on Saturday, October 22. Please visit our race website at www.stmarysraces.com. Runners can complete their registration online. A complimentary Training Series will start on August 25th; please contact Mark Foster for more info at: race.director@stmarysraces.com.

St. Mary's **Annual Golf Outing** will be held on October 10th at the Redding County Club. For additional information, please contact Kathleen or Steve DeMarco at kathleendemarco@charter.net.

St. Mary School registration is ongoing for Preschool through 8th Grade. Please contact the School for additional information at www.stmarybethelct.org or at 203-744-2922.

THANK YOU! The members of the **St. Mary School Advisory Board** would like to express our gratitude to all who generously supported the **Guardian Angel Network**. One hundred percent of your contributions allowed for the purchase of many educational enhancements needed for the school! We invite your continued support in the upcoming school year. **God bless you!**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Off The Streets: Needs basic household items for homeless persons moving into a small room. Basic things such as kitchen utensils, pots/pans/dressers/ beds/tables/chairs etc. Bring such items to the **United Methodist Church parking lot** (across from the Bethel Municipal Center) on Saturday, September 3rd from 10:00 – noon.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS -- Join with other men and women who are seeking an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality through Christian community. The **Men's Cursillo weekend** begins Fri. evening Sept. 15th and ends Sunday, Sept. 18th. The **Women's weekend** begins Fri. evening October 13th and ends Sunday, October 16th. There is still room available. To learn more about Cursillo or how you can experience a 3-day Cursillo weekend contact Yvonne Cecera at 797-1361 or Yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com for more info.

NEW HEIGHTS – a part of **Catholic Charities**, will be holding a major fundraiser on Sunday, October 16 from 8-10am at **Applebees** on Federal Road. The **cost for breakfast is \$8** per ticket and out of this, New Heights keeps \$5! To purchase (or donate) tickets and for more information, please contact Sharon Dietzel at 203-942-8068 or Alice Morsey at 203-460-7960. To contact new New Heights directly call 203-797-2690. New Heights is a social and educational program serving people with mental illness in the Danbury area. They offer support groups, a safe environment, a low cost daily lunch and other services to help individuals live independent, fulfilled lives in the community. **Because Applebees needs prior notice, ticket sales will end September 16th! Please order soon!**

Come visit **Immaculate High School!** The Fall Open House is on Sunday, October 23rd from **11 AM to 2 PM**. All 5th through 8th grade students and their families are welcome. **8th grade students** - register to take Fall entrance exam #1 Saturday, October 29th or exam #2 Saturday, November 5th. Call 203-744-1510 extension 132 to register for either entrance exam or to schedule a "Mustang for a Day" visit! See www.immaculatehs.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT., AUGUST 27	5:30	+	William Stevens – Friends of Family
SUN., AUGUST 28	7:00	+	Eileen Pijnenburg – Sharon & Dave Pijnenburg
	8:30	+	Frank Ligammari – Susan & Neil Callaghan
	10:00	+	Eileen Shanks – Mary Ellen & Peter Leone
	11:30	+	Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy – Friend
	5:30	+	Louis H. Pacific Sr. (6 th Anniv.) – Wife
MON., AUGUST 29	6:30	+	Katherine Curran – Dave Deakin
	9:00	+	Charles Caffrey Sr. – The Cote Family
TUES, AUGUST 30	6:30		Heavenly Stock Intentions
	9:00	+	Elda Braden – Husband
WED., AUGUST 31	6:30	+	John Spain – Dave Deakin
	9:00	+	Gregg F. Caterson – The Falls Family
THU., SEPTEMBER 1	6:30	+	Nicholas Santarelli Sr. – Thursday Morning Cursillo
	9:00	+	Manuel Goncalves – Family
FRI., SEPTEMBER 2	6:30	+	Kay Curran – Marjorie Shannor
	9:00	+	Ed Mills – Sue & Art Paulsen
SAT., SEPTEMBER 3	8:00	+	Frank Kinsky – Family
	5:30	+	William Stevens – Andi Trotta
SUN., SEPTEMBER 4	7:00	+	Charles McCollam – The O’Leary Family
	8:30	+	Merle Riesenberger – Family
	10:00	+	Lila Grasberger – Frank & Kathleen Raftery
	11:30	+	Bud Walsh (10 th Anniv.) – Family
	5:30	+	Dorothy Clarke – Family

COLLECTION: \$14,657.00

PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)

Kate Fitzgerald: *Parish 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

Michael Ferrari: *Music Director*
Elizabeth Barnes: *Choir Director*

ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922)

Sister Anne McCarthy: *Principal*

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 & 9:00am
Saturday: 8:00am & 5:30pm (*Vigil Mass*)
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am & 5:30pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00pm.

BAPTISMS: *Every Sunday at 12:45pm.*
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES: *Once a Month.*
(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARRIAGE: *All Couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.*