

# *Saint Mary Parish Community*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*August 14, 2011*



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## Fr. Corey's Comments

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◆ I would guess that most of us take our **Catholic Faith** for granted. This week, I ask you to take a moment or two and consider our Catholic Faith...**a truly generous, giving and complete gift from God.** We have been given, most of us by birth, a tremendous relationship with God that is life-giving, full of hope with the promise of joy and holiness in this life and eternal life to come. In Baptism, we become part of a covenant relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, a Trinity of Persons. In this covenant God unconditionally gives us love and life and simply asks our love in return. It is through God's perfect love, we grow to become our true selves; we become the person God calls us to be. There are people in our families, our work, in-laws, co-workers who long to have a relationship with God and God's Church. There are people who really have not heard the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and are waiting to be asked, waiting to be invited, waiting to find joy, peace and reconciliation in the Church.

**Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta** said that we are like electric wires that line the streets. God is the electricity and we are the wires, the conduit in which God's love flows. We bring the grace of God to others and we often do not even realize the importance of 'invitation'. **Ask!** Inquire...Would you like to become a Catholic? Would you be interested in becoming part of the Body of Christ in the Catholic Church? Would you like to find peace and joy and love in the covenant relationship with God?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** (RCIA) is a journey of faith that we offer to those who would like to be baptized, receive Eucharist and Confirmation as well as those who have been baptized and would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church or those baptized Catholic but have not received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation).

Please share the '**Good News**', offer the invitation and if someone is interested or would like to inquire, please call our **RCIA coordinator Dennis Nauheimer** at 203-794-9488 for more information. Share the gift of your faith; sometimes people just need to be asked.

◆ **Speaking of asking questions**, Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Teachers, have you asked a young woman or girl in your families if perhaps she ever considered religious life as a sister or nun? Parents, coaches, friends, have you asked the teenage boy in your classroom, or team or family if he was interested in becoming a priest? ***If you haven't...Why not??????*** It is the job of each Christian to encourage our young people (and sometimes not so young people) if they ever considered serving the Lord as a Sister, Nun, Brother or Priest. In Holy Scripture, the Lord tells us that we must pray for workers for the harvest and it is our responsibility to not only pray for vocations but to foster and nurture the seeds of possible vocations that are in our midst.

Yes, we are called to encourage, pray for and invite men and woman to serve the Lord in the Church as religious or clergy, to confer the Sacraments, to teach, to lead us in prayer, to fill all ministerial aspect of our Church. Sometime, people just need an invitation. Sometimes young folks simply need encouragement in order to make this courageous decision. It is indeed a wonderful and fulfilling life and it is in the home and the team and the classroom where the flame of the Holy Spirit can take root and grow and blossom. So, you who are reading this, have you considered a vocation in the Church? Take a moment and listen – perhaps the Lord is calling YOU!!!

◆ Though **August 15<sup>th</sup>**, the **Solemnity of the Assumption** is **not** a day of Obligation this year (because it lands on a Monday), we shall celebrate the feast of the patron of our Parish with a Mass at 6:30am and a Solemn Mass celebrated at 9:00am. After the 9:00am Mass on Monday we shall have a collation in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please come and pray for our Parish.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily

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resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a holy day of obligation.

The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "*The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God.*" The document recounts, in the words of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in "*Munificentissimus Deus*" that it is a dogma of the Church "*that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.*" As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

### Hail Holy Queen

*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

#### ◆ Latin quote of the week:

"*Lege atque lacrima*" -- "Read 'em and weep"

#### ◆ How about these bumper stickers.....

"How's my driving?.. Pray!"

"Lord give me patience... But Hurry!"

"National Atheist's Day April 1"

"The way I drive, I've gotta have Faith!"

"God loves you! And I'm really trying."

"I bet Jesus would have used HIS turn signals!"

"If going to Church makes you a Christian, does going to the garage make you a car?"

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

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

**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**.



**ALTAR SERVERS:** All servers must fill out a new server registration form (available on our website) so we can update our records. If you are no longer serving, please return your albs to the Parish office! Any questions, call Deacon Joe or Seminarian Matthew at the Parish Office.

There are still spots available to see "**Jersey Boys**" on **Sat., Oct. 29** for the **2pm show** at the **Bushnell** in Hartford. 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested, call Elizabeth at the number above.

We are now beginning to fill our **Parish calendar** with dates and activities for the upcoming year (**Sept. 2011 thru July 2012**). If you are a parish or school group/organization in need of meeting space, please fill out the **FACILITY RESERVATION FORM** (available in the parish office or on our website on the forms page) and return to the parish office **asap**. As the demand is growing and to ensure that everyone gets the space needed, no space can be reserved until the form is received.

The **Revised Roman Missal** workshops to ready the congregation for the new changes to Mass will be held in the Church on **September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM** and on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS:**  
**WEEK OF DELIVERIES**



## SCHOOL NEWS

**The Sisters of the Good Shepherd** will be at St. Mary's the weekend of **September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.**

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Interested? Contact Deacon Joe at [jagill@email.msmary.edu](mailto: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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*The Religious Ed office is closed for the summer and will re-open the week after Labor Day.*

**REL. ED. REGISTRATION FORMS** are now available for children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. They **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. Forms are available on our website and can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

**St. Mary School registration** is ongoing for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please contact the School for additional information at [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org) or at 203-744-2922.

St. Mary **Home School Association** is hosting a fund raiser – ***“Shop For A Cause”*** all day on **Sat., August 27**. This event is sponsored by **Macy's** and is *just in time for back-to-school shopping!* You can purchase a ***“Shop For A Cause”*** 25% off coupon for \$5 to be used the entire day at Macy's on August 27<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to St. Mary School. **Shopping Passes can be purchased after all the masses the week-ends of Aug. 13/14 and 20/21!**

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](http://www.stmarysraces.com). Runners can complete their registration online. A complimentary Training Series will start on August 25<sup>th</sup>; please contact Mark Foster for more info at: [race.director@stmarysraces.com](mailto:race.director@stmarysraces.com).

St. Mary's **Annual Golf Outing** will be held on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Redding County Club. For additional information, please contact Kathleen or Steve DeMarco at [kathleendemarco@charter.net](mailto:kathleendemarco@charter.net).

St. Mary's School **Annual Magazine Drive** starts in **September**. 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](http://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](mailto:bill.robintaylor@comcast.net).

**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** We need many hands in this ministry to help homeless persons. *Every kind of skill is needed.* Please join us on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month** at the **Congregational Church in Danbury**. Park on the left side of the church (across from City Hall), come into the Church and go to the Pilgrim Room.

**CRUSILLO** is designed for Catholics who desire to strengthen their faith, who want to be closer to Christ, and who want to bring Christ to those around them. Our next **UTREYA** meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

**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 Crusillo** Weekend begins *Fri. evening Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and ends Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>*. The **Women's Weekend** begins *Fri. evening October 13<sup>th</sup> and ends Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>*. There is still room available. To learn more about Crusillo or how you can experience a 3-day Crusillo weekend contact Yvonne Cecera at 797-1361 or [Yvonne\\_cecera@hotmail.com](mailto:Yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com) for more info.

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. Meet our outstanding Faculty, Fine Arts Teachers and Coaches; great opportunity to talk with current IHS parents and students about their experiences! **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](http://www.immaculatehs.org) for more information.

A **Bible Camp for Children with Special Needs** will be held **Monday - Friday, August 22-26** from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** The Cost is \$25.00 and will be held at **St. Theresa Parish Center**, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull and limited space is available. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by to Michelle Grieco, Ministry for People with Disabilities at [mgrieco@diobpt.org](mailto:mgrieco@diobpt.org). for more info or if you would like to volunteer.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

**The Diocese requires the participation of all church and school volunteers in this program.** If you have not attended a training session go to [Virtus.org](http://Virtus.org) to view the training sessions available in our area.

### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

(Sponsored by the Bridgeport Diocese.) If you are suffering from the emotional pain of an abortion, come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ during our private weekend retreat from **FRI., SEPT. 23<sup>rd</sup> - SUN., SEPT. 25<sup>th</sup>**. Visit [www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com) or e-mail [Jeremiah31v17@aol.com](mailto:Jeremiah31v17@aol.com) for more information.

**CT BIKE PROJECT:** *Connecticut Bike Project* collects and distributes donated bicycles in good shape to the poor of Bridgeport through the Urban Center at St. Charles Parish and their new partnership with Fresh Start - Reentry Program to help those in need of transportation to work and errands especially the economically disadvantaged, individuals with physical or mental disabilities that prevent them from driving, ex-offenders and those without licenses to drive. Bikes can also be dropped off at 96 Hillspoint Road in Westport (please leave them at the house end of the driveway) or you may contact it's founder and Catholic Charities lead volunteer for the project Mr. Brooks Sumberg by email at [bsumberg@earthlink.net](mailto:bsumberg@earthlink.net).

**THOMAS MERTON CENTER** in Bridgeport needs iced tea and lemonade mix, pancake syrup and containers (not individual servings) of applesauce, oatmeal, pasta, elbow macaroni, toiletries- disposable razors, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste- trial sizes preferred, for their guests. They also need disposable plates and bowls. To help, please drop off at the Merton Center, 43 Madison Avenue, between 8 a.m.-3 p.m., or call Mark Grasso at 203-367-9036.

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**VACATIONERS** – If you are **On Vacation** visiting other areas and would like information regarding Churches in that area, you may either call **1-800-Mass-Times** or visit the website [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SAT., AUGUST 13	5:30	+	Roger Scofield – Family
SUN., AUGUST 14	7:00	+	Douglas Ruffles Sr. – Wife Mary
	8:30	+	Robert Heb – Neil & Susan Callaghan
	10:00	+	John Hamilton – The Laber Family
	11:30	+	Raymond Buzak – The Kallberg Family
	5:30	+	Allen Stein – The DeGennaro Family
MON., AUGUST 15	6:30	+	Msgr. Edward B. Karl – Parish
	9:00	+	Andrew Molnar – Leon & Stephanie Anziano
TUES, AUGUST 16	6:30	+	Norman Cauchon – Sr. Anne McCarthy
	9:00	+	Gerald Troy – Marie Miller
WED., AUGUST 17	6:30		Ally Cafferety ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – Mom and Dad
	9:00	+	Link Hurgin ( <i>6 Month Anniv.</i> ) – Daughter Jeanne Hurgin
THU., AUGUST 18	6:30	+	Marie Vaghi – The Coffey Family
	9:00	+	John Waters – St. Mary Choir
FRI., AUGUST 19	6:30	+	Mary Britt – Family
	9:00	+	Carmella & Greg Bitondo – Marie
SAT., AUGUST 20	8:00	+	Rod Dexter – Clemencia Lucisano
	5:30	+	Stephen Butler – The Stevens Family
SUN., AUGUST 21	7:00	+	Chad McCollam – Andi Trotta
	8:30	+	William Stevens – The Olive Family
	10:00	+	Hugh Lee – The Pluff Family
	11:30	+	Nicholas Macri – Marie & Domenic Broccoli
	5:30	+	Kellianne Gartland – Family



### WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Destiny Ivelisse Diaz      Cole Erik Schafer*



III– Michael Morabito & Sarah Gaignat  
III– Justin Baigert & Mary Kate Grant

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**COLLECTION: \$14,235.00**

#### 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.**