

Saint Mary Parish Community

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2011



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Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ **August 15th** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. As you know, it is under the title of the Our Lady of the Assumption that our Church is dedicated. This year, the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Monday, and according to the regulations of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. Since, it is our Patronal Feast Day we shall celebrate a Solemn Mass at 9:00 AM with a light reception following in the Parish Hall. (There will also be the regular 6:30 AM Mass on that day.) I invite you to attend Mass on August 15th and pray for God's continual blessings upon our wonderful Parish.

◆ **Ann Thomenn** has been our Youth Minister for the past two years. Annie has been a hard and diligent worker for the young people of our Parish. Her efforts for the young folks were constant and enthusiastic. Annie has decided to take another job and so we thank her for her service and wish her well and God's blessings in this new chapter of her life.

◆ As you know, the **Revised Roman Missal** will be published on **October 1, 2011**. The use of the Revised Roman Missal must be put into us on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. In preparation for the New Missal we shall conduct multiple workshops for those who would like to know and understand the changes in the Mass before they occur. Workshops will be given for our children both in our Parish School as well as students in our Religious Education Program. Workshops will also be offered for our Schoolteachers, our Religious Education Teachers and all other adults in our Parish. (If you have friends and family outside the Parish they would be most welcomed to attend.) In the next couple of weeks a schedule will be presented for the dates and times of the workshops. (The dates and times will be varied and will include both mornings and evenings.)

Booklets will be attached to the Parish bulletin during the Fall that will also explain the changes. We shall provide 'PEW CARDS' as well as new missals for the congregations for quick reference to the new responses. The changes were mentioned in last year's bulletin columns but no fear; they shall all be revisited in the workshops. The changes are minimal for the congregation. The changes in the prayers for the priests are quite extensive. The words of the prayers for the priests: collects, prayers over the gifts, offertory prayers, Eucharistic prayers have been re-translated to more accurately reflect the original Latin and the meanings of the Latin phrases.

We shall present the workshops in such a manner as that they will occur during the late Summer and Fall so that the maximum number of people may be able to attend. Have no fear! After reviewing the proper Mass parts and many of the prayers, the translations are beautiful, contain great meaning and as soon as we get used to them will deepen our prayer at the celebration of the Eucharist. The translations that we shall be using have been used throughout the world and now all of the English speaking countries shall be using them as well.

◆ Please take a look at the last two pages of the bulletin. The advertisers, many of who are parishioners pay for our bulletin by taking out ads. If possible, please patronize these businesses.

◆ The U.S. Bishops have launched a Facebook app and a website to serve as a "virtual pilgrimage" to **World Youth Day 2011** for those who are staying home. Users can create an avatar and use it to participate in the "pilgrimage" coinciding with the August 16-21 worldwide youth gathering. A Google map also provides visuals of pilgrims' worldwide origins and shows them on a detailed map of Madrid.

A Facebook fan page for the "Virtual World Youth Day" lets users create their avatar, view live video from Madrid, follow key twitter feeds and blogs and upload photos and videos. Those in Madrid can contribute to the page from the event. U.S. bishops' staff in Madrid will post content from there as well. A team of young adults and young adult leaders attending the event will post to the page and blog on behalf of the U.S. Bishops' Conference's Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. About 900 people have already created avatars and

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joined the pilgrimage. The non-Facebook website is at <http://www.virtualworldyouthday.org> while the Facebook fan page is at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Virtual-World-Youth-Day/15515202788186>.

◆ The term **Conclave** comes from the Latin *cum clave* meaning "with a key." It comes from the 1268 Papal election, the longest conclave in history--2 years and 8 months. The Cardinals took so long to elect a new Pope that the townspeople locked them into their lodgings in the palace in the village of Viterbo – where Popes typically resided at the time. The villagers were annoyed at how long the conclave was taking, so they attempted to starve the Cardinals – and at one point tore the roof off the building (someone joked that it would let the Holy Spirit in). Finally, the Cardinals elected Gregory X – who incidentally wasn't a Cardinal or even a priest-- he was a soldier fighting in the Crusades, and didn't return until 8 months after his election. His first order of business? To issue a decree to take measures to shorten the Conclaves.

◆ Some interesting facts:

- ~ Pope Benedict XVI loves cats.
- ~ The Vatican is the first and only carbon-neutral state, thanks to Pope Benedict XVI.
- ~ His Holiness Venerable Pope Pius XII had a rowing machine installed at the Vatican.
- ~ Pope Lando (913-914) was the last Pope to use his given name as his regnal name.
- ~ Pope Urban VII (1590) reigned as pontiff for 13 calendar days and died before his consecration. He was the shortest reigning Pope.
- ~ The first 34 Popes were named Saints.
- ~ Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) was the last Pope to have been a priest in a religious order (OSB) before becoming Pope.

◆ **July 26** is the feasts of **St. Ann and St. Joachim**. By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God (much the way that Samuel was dedicated by his mother Hannah -- Anne -- in 1 Kings).

For those who wonder what we can learn from people we know nothing about and how we can honor them, we must focus on why they are honored by the church. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe. Such parents can be examples and models for all parents. Anne (or Ann) is the patron saint of Christian mothers and of women in labor.

Prayer to St. Anne and St. Joachim

*Parents of Mary, pray for all parents
that they may provide the loving home and
faithful teaching that you provided your daughter.
Amen.*

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Parish Office Summer Hours

9am – 2:30pm
Monday – Friday

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!

We are having a Parish trip to see **“Jersey Boys”** on **Sat., Oct. 29** for the **2pm show** at the **Bushnell** in Hartford. Cost for ticket and bus transportation is \$90. We will be stopping for dinner afterward (not included in the fee) and Fr. Ed will celebrate Mass for us when we return. Call the Parish office for more information and to reserve your seat.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful adults and teens who worked at our 13th Annual ***Fun-in-the-Sun Camp***. We had a great 2 weeks and are already planning for next year! Thanks also to all the families who supported the camp by sending their children and for those in the parish who sponsored a child! See you next summer!

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. are needed. Bring such items to the **United Methodist Church parking lot** (across from the Bethel Municipal Center) on the **first Saturday of each month** from **10am – 12noon.**

A **Bible Camp for Children with Special Needs** will be held Monday - Friday, **August 22-26, 2011** from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** The Cost for Camp is \$25.00 for the entire week. The Camp will be held at **St. Theresa Parish Center**, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT and limited space is available. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by July 28, 2011 to Michelle Grieco, Ministry for People with Disabilities at mgrieco@diobpt.org. If you wish to volunteer or know someone who would like to volunteer, please contact Michele Grieco.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REL. ED. REGISTRATION FORMS are now available for children in K-8th 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. ***The Religious Ed office will re-open the week after Labor Day.***

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

St. Mary's School **Annual Magazine Drive** starts in **September**. 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.

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 including laptop computers, computer printers, a subscription to *Promise Gospel*, stacking chairs and wooden shelves. These enhancements will further the academic and spiritual growth of our students. We invite your continued support in the upcoming school year. ***God bless you!***

Save the dates...

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

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

St Mary Vacation Bible School

July 25-July 29, 2011, 9:00-11:45am

Ages 3-8 years old

\$20.00 per child

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Emergency Name _____

Phone # _____

List any medical conditions, food restrictions, or allergies below:

I understand that neither St. Mary Church, nor any of its employees or volunteers is responsible for any injury sustained by my child. I accept full responsibility for any medical expenses as a result of any such injury sustained.

Parent/Guardians _____

(Signature)

If your child is already bored with summer and needs a week of fun, there are still some spots available. You may drop this form in the mail box at the Religious Education Office Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., JULY 25	6:30	+	Nicholas Santarelli, Sr. – Vera LaBua
	9:00	+	John Tamas & Kellianne Gartland – Family
TUES, JULY 26	6:30	+	Frank Kinsky – Family
	9:00	+	Stanley Mazur – The MacGregor Family
WED., JULY 27	6:30	+	Mary Agnes Kinsky – Family
	9:00	+	Anna Hafner – Anna Smith
THU., JULY 28	6:30	+	Hadley Jewell – The Mancusi Family
	9:00	+	Roger Charles Dexter – William & Barbara Sullivan
FRI., JULY 29	6:30		Blessed Mother’s Intentions
	9:00	+	Leona Altman – Family
SAT., JULY 30	8:00	+	Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy – Friend
	5:30	+	George O’Keefe – Wife
SUN., JULY 31	7:00	+	Frank Rotella – Terri Rotella
	8:30	+	Thelma Nolin – Neil & Susan Callaghan
	10:00	+	Bernadine Loya – Family
	11:30	+	Mary Persich (1 st Anniv.) – The Moker & Persich Families
	5:30	+	Margaret “Peg” McLaughlin – Dolly & John



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Gabriella Luisa Revelant



**II – Matthew Ell & Sarah Lakatos
I – Chip Keating & Bridget Schaefer**

COLLECTION: \$15,500.50

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
Linda Curry: Secretary

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.