

# *Saint Mary Parish Community*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2012



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## Fr. Corey's Epistle

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◆ As we enter "Ordinary Time" of the Church year I offer a huge 'thank you' to all who sent gifts, goodies and well wishes to the clergy of our Parish. Indeed, your generosity is without compare and your ineffable kindness deeply touches our hearts. May all of you have a Happy and healthy New Year.

◆ I am sure by now that you have heard the good news about our neighbor next door. Archbishop Timothy Dolan has been elevated by Pope Benedict XVI to the College of Cardinals. The Cardinal-Elect is one of two Americans (Archbishop Edwin O'Brien – former Archbishop of Baltimore) called to the Sacred College. Though I do not know His Eminence-Elect personally, he seems like an affable man with a wonderful sense of humor. New York City is a Big City and they will have a Cardinal that will match that City with his personality.

Someone asked me if Archbishop Dolan will be our Cardinal. The answer is 'no'. Each Diocese is its own entity and the Bishop is its undisputed head. If, for reasons of Canon Law, we need an appeals resolution or other important reason, our Metropolitan is Archbishop Henry Mansel of the Archdiocese of Hartford. If we need to go further in appeal the next stop is the Archdiocese of Boston with Sean Cardinal O'Malley.

So what is the Archdiocese of New York to us....Just a good friend to the southwest. We wish Cardinals-Elect Dolan and O'Brien all of God's blessings.

◆ I know it is bit early to think about Lent, but I wanted to give you plenty of notice that we shall be adding a daily 5:30pm Mass for the season. We hope that many who work as well as families will be able to add this spiritual grace to your Lenten exercises.

I shall have other Lenten activities to share with you in the next couple of weeks, but I also wanted you to know that again this year, the Diocese of Bridgeport will be conducting its annual Tuesday night Confession campaign. On every Tuesday during Lent, in every Parish in the diocese, confessions will be heard from 7 to 9PM.

◆ This is a letter from Bishop Lori:

*It is with a sense of loss, but with heartfelt thanks, that I announce to you that Mrs. Nancy B. Matthews will complete her service as Chancellor of the Diocese of Bridgeport this month. Nancy and her husband Jeff will be moving to Naples, Florida where he is relocating his business. Over the past eight-plus years, Nancy has worked tirelessly on many of the most difficult situations which arose in the Diocese. I am personally very grateful to her for hard work and wise counsel, and I know that she has assisted many of our priests and deacons with a variety of matters in our parishes and ministries, and at times on personal matters. I ask that you join me in assuring her of our gratitude and a remembrance in our prayers.*

*I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Anne O. McCrory, who recently joined the Diocesan staff, will be succeeding Nancy as Chancellor. Anne comes to us from being Managing Attorney for the UIL Holding Corporation, the parent company of local gas and electric utilities. She and her husband Hugh are the parents of four children and they reside in Fairfield. I am confident that as you come to know and work with Anne, you will find her to be a most able, kind co-worker.*

*My best wishes to all of you for a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

*Most Reverend William E. Lori*

We thank Nancy for all her work for the entire Diocese and welcome Anne and wish her well.

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◆ The Vatican announced on January 1, 2012 the establishment of a U.S. ordinariate for Anglicans seeking full communion with Rome under the stipulations outlined in "Anglicanorum coetibus." In announcing the establishment of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith also announced the leader of the new ordinariate: Father Jeffrey N. Steenson, a former Episcopal bishop. In 2005, he was made bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande in New Mexico. On Dec. 1, 2007, he resigned as bishop and was received into the Catholic Church. Subsequently Fr. Steenson studied at the Pontifical Irish College in Rome. He was ordained to the diaconate in 2008, and to the priesthood on Feb. 21, 2009. Since then he has taught at the University of St. Thomas and at St. Mary's Seminary, both in Houston, Texas. Fr. Steenson is married and has three grown children. The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter will be based at Our Lady of Walsingham Parish in Houston.

An ordinariate is similar to a diocese, though national in scope. It will include parishes, groups and individuals of the Anglican heritage across the United States. Parishes will be fully Catholic, while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage, particularly in the liturgy. "The Pope's gracious response represents an important and exciting new step along the difficult path toward Christian unity," declared a message on the Web site of the ordinariate.

According to report by the Associated Press, Fr. Steenson decided to leave the Episcopal church after they elected the first openly homosexual bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. At the time Fr. Steenson said he was "deeply troubled" about the direction of the U.S. denomination and he described the Catholic Church as the "true home of Anglicanism." Reportedly more than 100 Anglican priests and more than 1,400 individuals have applied to become Catholic in the U.S. ordinariate.

The U.S. ordinariate is the second to be established following the Pope's decision in 2009 to create a structure for Anglicans who wished to unite to the Catholic Church. In November 2009, Benedict XVI issued an apostolic constitution, Anglicanorum coetibus, which authorized the ordinariates. The first ordinariate was established in England and Wales in January 2011.

Monsignor Keith Newton, ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham (England and Wales), welcomed the move. In a statement on that ordinariate's Web site he said: "Fr. Steenson is a warm and compassionate priest with a wealth of experience, and I am delighted by his appointment." "As we enter in 2012, we pray that many more will take up Christ's call -- ut unum sint -- and fulfill the prayer of generations for an Anglicanism united but not absorbed," he added. "Today's events are the fulfillment of the hopes of many Anglicans in the United States who have longed and prayed for reconciliation with the Catholic Church while retaining cherished elements of the Anglican patrimony," said Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington. Cardinal Wuerl was the Vatican's representative for the implementation of Anglicanorum coetibus in the United States.

◆ Here are some "chuckles" as seen in church signs, announcements and bulletins:

~ *"Thursday night: Potluck dinner. Prayer and medication to follow."*

~ *"Our pastor will be attending a weekend seminar on mental illness. Please pray for his sane return."*

~ *"The peacekeeping meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict."*

~ *"If all of the pews are full when you arrive, please wait in the aisle for help from one of the pushers."*

~ *"Life stinks. We have a pew for you!"*

~ *"Tomorrow's forecast: God Reigns and the Son Shines!"*

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.**

**Bible Study** "Come Discover the Book of Psalms" Our Bible Study is taking an in-depth look at the Book of Psalms. If you would like to join us or if you have any questions please contact **Rick Lawlor at 203-470-8084 or email at [rlawlor22@comcast.net](mailto:rlawlor22@comcast.net)**. Classes will be on most Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



**ST. MARY'S MEN'S MINISTRY** Our next regular meeting is on **Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:00am in the Parish Hall** Come join us for excellent fellowship and great discussions along with coffee, bagels and donuts!



**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB:** Our next book is "The Rhythm of Life", by Matthew Kelly. Join us on **THUR., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**, in the Children's Room.

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



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our next meeting will be on **SAT. FEB. 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-noon** in the Parish House. If you will be attending for the first time, please call the **Rectory (203 744-5777)** to confirm.



**SAVE THE DATE:** On **Sat. evening, March 10 Flanagan's Wake**, the hilarious interactive Irish wake that has been running in Chicago for 16 smash years, is coming here to St. Mary! Join the villagers of the beautiful fictional village of Grapplin, County Sligo, Ireland, as they tell tales, sing songs and mourn the passing of one of their own, Flanagan. You'll be transported to the Emerald Isle to grieve as only the Irish can. You can share tales of your own experiences and misadventures with dear old Flanagan, or simply enjoy the stories and songs of the locals as they recall life with "Himself." More info to follow soon!!

## YOUTH GROUP

The **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP** kick-off meeting will be today, **Sun., Jan. 15 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall**. Join Fr. Jeff and Deacon Joe to see what's going on for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders in 2012! Contact Fr. Jeff at [fathercouture@gmail.com](mailto:fathercouture@gmail.com) for more info.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** with Fr. Jeff and Deacon Joe will have their next meeting on **Sun., Jan. 22 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall!** or more info contact Fr. Jeff at [fathercouture@gmail.com](mailto:fathercouture@gmail.com)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Office hours**  
**Tuesday – Thursday, 9:30am – 2:00pm.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

**SNOWFLAKE GALA** – All Parishioners are invited to attend our **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance & Auction on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Amber Room from 6:30 – 11:30pm.** Reservations are now being accepted. Reservation forms are available online at [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org). Please contact Kathleen DeMarco at 203-917-4077 or [kathleendemarco@comcast.net](mailto:kathleendemarco@comcast.net). Tickets are \$75 per person until January 15<sup>th</sup>, \$85 per person thereafter. Join us for a great evening out with friends and the St. Mary's community!

There will also be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**, for Martin Luther King Day.

**GUARDIAN ANGEL NETWORK** is an opportunity for those who would like to donate to our nationally recognized Blue Ribbon St. Mary School. The **Guardian Angel Network** allows the generous spirit of St. Mary parishioners to enhance the top quality education St. Mary students receive. Please visit the Guardian Angel Network board in the Parish Hall for items ready to select. **Contact** the school website [www.Stmarybethelct.org](http://www.Stmarybethelct.org) for more info or e-mail [Kathleen@Marienugent.com](mailto:Kathleen@Marienugent.com).

## St. Mary School Open House/Registration Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 11am – 1pm

- Pre K through Grade 8
- Fostering Catholic Faith and Values
- Academic Excellence
- Nurturing Family Atmosphere

*Meet our committed and caring family of teachers, parents and student ambassadors as you tour and find out more about St. Mary School. Check out our website [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org) for more details.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next regular meeting will be on Mon., Jan. 23 at 8:15pm in the Parish Hall. We will say the Rosary before at 7:45pm in the Church.

Fr. Cyrus donated a statue of Our Blessed Mother to the Knights of Columbus Council 48 and we have started the Apostolate of Mary, the Pilgrim Virgin here in Bethel. Every Saturday, the Knights will deliver the statue to a home, where it is enthroned in a place of honor and the rosary is prayed by those in attendance. Daily, the host family (and those the family invites) then prays the Rosary until the following Saturday, where it will be taken to another home. If you would like the statue to visit your home for a week, contact the Knights at [bethelKofC@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelKofC@yahoo.com).

"KNIGHT" OF BOWLING is on again by popular demand. This fun night will be on Thurs., Jan. 26 from 9:15-11:15pm at Lore's Lanes in New Milford. Cost is \$20 per person, and proceeds go to Brotherhood in Action and Off the Streets. Call Mike Forese with your group names to ensure a lane at (203)470-2259.

The **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic men's fraternal society dedicated to providing service to Church, community, family and youth. If you are at least 18 years of age and think you may be interested in joining our ranks, email Bob Nelson at [bethelKofC@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelKofC@yahoo.com) or call 748-6797.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE


**OFF THE STREETS: Off The Streets:** We need many hands as this ministry develops to help homeless persons Off The Streets. Every kind of skill needed. Please join us the Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**Project Rachel** - Free and confidential help for those seeking healing after abortion. Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church seeking to assist those suffering from a past abortion come to healing in Christ. *"Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...the Father of Mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."* -Blessed John Paul II Contact **Project Rachel** at (203) 416-1619 or [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org).

The **BETHEL TOASTMASTERS CLUB'S** next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. For more information please call Sharon Closius at 203-798-9822 or Pat Wilson-Perkins at 203-797-1967.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**CURSILLO** 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 Ultreya will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday January 19 at 7:30 pm. For more about Cursillo and their three day weekends, call Mary Guertin at 790-6645 or [mguertin.home@gmail.com](mailto:mguertin.home@gmail.com).



### St. Mary's Snowflake Gala 2012 18th Annual St. Mary's School Dinner Dance & Auction

Saturday, February 11, 2012  
Amber Room  
6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Cocktail Hour, Dinner & Dessert, Open  
Beer & Wine Bar, Dancing  
Live and Silent Auction

Tickets are \$75 per person until 1/15, \$85  
per person after 1/15

Please contact Kathleen DeMarco at 203-  
917-4077 or [kathleendemarco@comcast.net](mailto:kathleendemarco@comcast.net)

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Please tear off and return to: St. Mary School,  
Snowflake Gala, 24 Dodgingtown Road,  
Bethel, CT

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice:

\_\_\_ Chicken Francese \_\_\_ Prime Rib

Please sit me with the following people  
(tables of 10)

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Please sit me with other friends of St. Mary's

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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<b>SAT., JANUARY 14</b>	5:30	+	Anna Williams – Paul & Pat Orsino
<b>SUN., JANUARY 15</b>	7:00	+	Kathleen Prahach – Dave & Sharon Pijnenburg
	8:30	+	Kathleen LaLuna – St. Mary School Community
	10:00	+	Richard Alan Bomely – Bruce Bomely
	11:30	+	Ed Mills – The Caraluzzi Family
	5:30	+	Nicholas Santarelli Sr. – Coral & Bill Presti
<b>MON., JANUARY 16</b>	6:30	+	NO MASS
	9:00	+	Dorothy Chase – Family
<b>TUES., JANUARY 17</b>	6:30	+	Sister Madonna – Dave Deakin
	9:00	+	Jean Altman – Joan & Robyn
<b>WED., JANUARY 18</b>	6:30	+	Sister Madonna Pjura – Sr. Alberta & Sister Anne
	9:00	+	Ageline Candito – Jim & Cindy Scholl
<b>THU., JANUARY 19</b>	6:30	+	Angelo Stack – The Kallberg Family
	9:00	+	Barbara Britton
<b>FRI., JANUARY 20</b>	6:30	+	Sr. Madonna – The Kelleher Family
	9:00	+	Mary Blumett – The Kenning Family
<b>SAT., JANUARY 21</b>	8:00	+	John Mattone – The DeRoin Family
	5:30	+	Nicholas Marinaccio – Carol & Bernie Henry
<b>SUN., JANUARY 22</b>	7:00	+	Kathleen Prahach – Art & Bridget Cuomo
	8:30	+	Theresa Reidy – Pat & Richard Kuhn
	10:00	+	Charles Caffrey – The Stevens Family
	11:30	+	Dorothy & James McCabe – Family
	5:30	+	Kellianne Gartland – Family

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**COLLECTION: 21,477.00**

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### PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)

**Kate Fitzgerald:** *Parish Secretary/Bulletin Ed.*

**Pat Jackson:** *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.*