

# *Saint Mary Parish Community*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2012



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## Fr. Corey's Epistle

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◆ We are happy to share with you that **Katelyn DeMarco** a 8<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Mary School has been selected to be this year's recipient of the **St. Thomas Aquinas Award**. This year Bishop Lori and the Office of Education will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast of Champions celebrating the academic and athletic success at all of our 38 schools and it is at this event that Katelyn will receive this award. This is a great honor for both our students and our schools. Katelyn, all of St. Mary Parish is proud of you. Keep up the good work and may God bless you!

◆ On Saturday, January 28, **Anthony Caraluzzi**, a parishioner here at St. Mary and a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate will receive the Ministry of Reader. This ceremony will take place during the celebration of Mass at Saint Augustine Cathedral at 4:00P.M. You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony. This is an important step for Tony and his family on his journey to Orders. We are most proud and thank God for this most special blessing upon the Caraluzzi Family and our Parish.

◆ **Pope Pius XII** was pope during the Second World War. The Holy Father had many trials with Hitler, trying to protect the Church and the innocent victims of the war, including the Jewish people being exterminated by the Nazis. Some say Pope Pius did not do enough. But, history has taught us the Pope had a most difficult balancing act in his position and doing heroic acts to save the lives of innocent men, women and children. Pope Pius XII's cause for canonization has been met with some controversy on this particular matter. This past week I found an article that speaks of the righteousness of this Pope and his great acts (though many in secret). I share this article with you this week.

### **NEW EYEWITNESS EVIDENCE ON POPE PIUS XII AND JEWISH REFUGEES DURING WORLD WAR II** **Groundbreaking Story Published in *Inside the Vatican Magazine***

*Is much of the modern world's prevailing scholarly thinking about Pope Pius XII and his relations with Jews and the Jewish community just plain wrong?*

*It may very well be, according to remarkable new evidence discovered by researcher William Doyno, Jr., and published in the latest edition of *Inside the Vatican Magazine*.*

*The evidence shows that Pope Pius XII helped hundreds of shipwrecked Jews to avoid deportation to German concentration camps.*

*The evidence is compelling, so compelling that some Jewish voices are now calling on the authorities of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial museum in Israel to consider declaring Pope Pius XII one of the "Righteous among the Nations" for personally intervening to save Jewish lives during World War II.*

*William Doyno, Jr., researcher and Pius XII expert, during five years of painstaking research, has uncovered and here published explicit new testimony from two Jewish witnesses — evidence either up to now unknown, not fully known, or, for reasons difficult to understand, deliberately ignored by scholars and others engaged in a 50-year campaign of defamation against Pius XII. Doyno's research challenges those who hold negative views of Pius XII, and in particular, Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, which still displays an exhibit accusing the wartime pontiff of indifference toward Jews during the Holocaust.*

*Will this powerful evidence, revealing the Pope's firm support for Jewish victims, finally persuade Yad Vashem to take down its inaccurate exhibit? Might it move Yad Vashem, in fact, toward declaring Pius XII a "Righteous Gentile"?*

*The new research may also influence the Catholic Church's thinking as a decision about whether to advance Pius XII's cause for beatification is weighed. The eyewitnesses to Pius XII's actions are two Jewish refugees: Howard Heinz Wisla (1920-2004), from Germany; and Herman Herskovic (1921-1983), from Czechoslovakia, each of whom left behind dramatic testimonies until now overlooked or forgotten. Doyno earlier touched on some of Wisla's testimony, which had anonymously been published in the *Palestine Post* (today's *Jerusalem Post*) in 1944. This new January essay, "Pope Pius XII: Friend and Rescuer of Jews," draws upon Wisla's virtually unknown memoir, first published in German and Hebrew (1945), and then, in expanded form, in English (1966). The memoir describes his astonishing audience with Pius XII at the Vatican in late 1941, when Pius embraced the young Wisla, and told him: "Always be proud to be a Jew!" The revealing article also tells the full story of the Jewish refugees shipwrecked in the Aegean Sea, who had managed to get to a deserted island, only to discover they faced slow starvation, and approaching Germans. The Nazis did*

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eventually take control of the island and commit atrocities. Before that, however, Wisla had escaped, reaching Rome and the Pope. Alerted by Pius XII, the Italian Red Cross took the refugees to relative safety in southern Italy. In addition to Wisla's first-hand account, there is that of his fellow refugee, Herman Herskovic. Herskovic confirms Wisla's meeting with the Pope, as well as the harrowing ordeal of the Jews saved by Pius, and declares: "I owe my life to the Pope," adding that "several hundred Jews" also owed their lives to Pope Pius. This groundbreaking journalism establishes in detail a successful rescue effort carried out at the personal direction of Pius XII, enabling 500 endangered Jews to survive the deadly anti-Semitism of World War II.

"This is just another example of how Pope Pius XII directly interceded to save Jewish lives when most of the world's religious leaders did nothing," said Gary Krupp, a Jewish researcher on Pius XII and the Second World War who lives in New York. "And Pius did so while being surrounded by hostile forces and mindful of the plan to invade the Vatican to kidnap him in 1943. It is time for the world to appreciate what this man did. We call upon the authorities at Yad Vashem to seriously look at this material, in addition to the other evidence we have submitted to them, in order for Pope Pius XII to be called righteous among nations." (Gary Krupp is the Founder and President of Pave The Way Foundation.)

◆ During the month of January, we remember the Supreme Court's decision of **Rowe v. Wade** the allowed abortion to be legal here in the United States. The act of abortion is not only the taking of a human life but it is a degradation of the human race. Abortions are conducted for many reasons, but one of the major reasons is Fear. Fear is not an excuse for abortion but it helps us to reach out with compassion to those involved in this act. Fear can be debilitating, it can make us act impulsively, and can skew our decision making process. We should pray for those faced with abortion, those intentionally involved in abortion and remember to ask the lives that are lost to pray for those who for whatever reason take them from this world. With all this in mind I offer you this story:

### Pam's Story

"In a recent email, I read about a woman named Pam, who knows the pain of considering abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life, they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue.

While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and we'll make him a preacher.

Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also plays football. Pam's son is Tim Tebow. The University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role as quarterback of the Denver Broncos has provided an incredible platform for Christian witness. As a result, he is being called The Mile-High Messiah.

Tim's notoriety and the family's inspiring story have given Pam numerous opportunities to speak on behalf of women's centers across the country. Pam Tebow believes that every little baby you save matters. I pray her tribe will increase!

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!"


Dr. Gerald B. (Jerry) Kieschnick, President Emeritus, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,  
Presidential Ambassador for Mission Advancement, Concordia University Texas


I will speak more about Tim Tebow in next week's bulletin.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**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. 28<sup>th</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**.

 **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. More info to follow soon!!

**ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S RETREAT IS COMING UP.** Wives, Mothers, Sweethearts! Do you want your husband, son, or fiancé to be a better man in a matter of days? A weekend retreat could be the answer. Get him to sign up early. The retreat begins on **Fri., March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Call Nick Santarelli (203-470-7102) for more info.

## YOUTH GROUP

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

The first **MANDATORY MEETING** for this year's **Mission Trip/Retreat** is on **Sun., January 29 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall**. All teens going on the trip **must be there** and parents are also encouraged to attend. Call Kate Fitz with any questions at (203)744-5777 or (203)733-6424.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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

## SCHOOL NEWS

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** begins on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you can join us for some great events. Look for all the details in next week's bulletin.

To conclude Catholic Schools Week events, there will be a **FAMILY APPRECIATION PASTA DINNER** in the **School Gym on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00pm**. Menu of ziti, meatballs, sauce, salad and bread provided by Bethel's own La Zingara Restaurant as well as dessert and beverages will be served. Prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, and \$5.00 for children 5-12. (Parents with children maximum of \$30.00). Please join us! All are welcome.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION** for **Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** will be held at our **Open House on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm**. We will also be holding registration on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m., 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** If there is a cancellation due to inclement weather on either the 29<sup>th</sup> or the 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be an additional registration held on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. For more information visit our website at [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org) or call the School at 203-744-2922.

 St. Mary's  
Snowflake Gala 2012  
18th Annual  
St. Mary's School 

Dinner Dance & Auction

Saturday, February 11, 2012  
Ambler 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 [kathlzendemarco@comcast.net](mailto:kathlzendemarco@comcast.net)

## 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.

Since most people are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, we have started the Apostolate of Mary, the Pilgrim Virgin here in Bethel. The ritual is simple. Every Saturday, the Knights will deliver a statue of Our Blessed Mother to a home, where it is enthroned in a place of honor and the rosary is prayed by those in attendance. After the rosary is prayed, the men depart. 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. We encourage all to join this Apostolate. If you would like the statue to visit your home for a week, contact the Knights at [bethelKofC@yahoo.com](mailto:bethelKofC@yahoo.com) or call Bob Nelson at 748-6797.

“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.

ESSAY CONTEST: All Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8,9,10,11 and 12 are invited to participate in the 2012 Knights of Columbus Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of: “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen In a Free Society” Essays are due in by February 10, 2012 to be considered in the Pavia Council (Bethel, CT) K of C contest. Winning essays will be entered into the K of C Connecticut contest with that winner moving onto the International Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at each level. More information may be found on the Pavia Council K of C web site: <http://pavia48.tripod.com/> or contact Nick Santarelli at 203-470-7102



Girls & Boys ages 10-14 The Annual Knights of Columbus **FREE THROW BASKETBALL CONTEST** will be held on Sat., Jan. 28th in the St. Mary School Gym. Registration begins at 12:30 with 1pm start time of the tournament.

## 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 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.*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

OFF THE STREETS: We need many hands as this ministry develops to help homeless persons *Off The Streets*. Every kind of skill needed. We also continually need contributions to provide security deposits or one-way bus tickets. Please make a tax-deductible donation to Off The Streets; P.O. Box 591; Bethel, CT 06801. And since we have received the formal 501 (c) (3) notification, companies can sometimes provide a matching donation. Visit our website at [www.offthestreetsnow.com](http://www.offthestreetsnow.com) or contact Deacon Mike at [moles5@comcast.net](mailto:moles5@comcast.net).

The BETHEL TOASTMASTERS CLUB’S next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Jan. 30<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.

The DANBURY EMMAUS is having a retreat for anyone currently in high school from **Feb. 24-26** at the *Seton-Newman Center* in Danbury. It will be a weekend that you never forget. Come and deepen your relationship with God or get to know Him for the first time while making friendships that will last a lifetime. We promise you won't be disappointed! Call Kristin Nauheimer (512-5285), Allie Kallberg (730-2069) or Andrew Bellamy (797-9884).

SHARE (Sacred Heart Adult Religious Education) for the Diocese of Bridgeport is a theology program for adults which will help Catholics understand our faith and empower them to put it into action. For more info contact Gina at [SHARE@diobpt.org](mailto:SHARE@diobpt.org) or call (203)416-1446.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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<b>SAT., JANUARY 21</b>	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
<b>MON., JANUARY 23</b>	6:30	+	Sister Madonna Pjura – Linda & John Curry
	9:00	+	Kathleen Prahach – Donna Maher
<b>TUES., JANUARY 24</b>	6:30	+	Salvador Sandoval – Mike & Liz Tobin
	9:00	+	Robert Pinella – The Cafferty Family
<b>WED., JANUARY 25</b>	6:30	+	Baldomero Torrez – Mary & George McWeeney
	9:00	+	Hugh Lee – Mary Ellen Lee
<b>THU., JANUARY 26</b>	6:30	+	Benjamin Reed – Albert Kontis & Beverly Thiemann
	9:00	+	Dorothy Considine ( <i>6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) – Daughter
<b>FRI., JANUARY 27</b>	6:30	+	Marilyn Imbimbo – Elizabeth & Gary Barnes
	9:00	+	Andrew Calvert – The Kallberg Family
<b>SAT., JANUARY 28</b>	8:00	+	John Mattone – The Liquori Family
	5:30	+	Jane Ochs – Andi & Marie Trotta
<b>SUN., JANUARY 29</b>	7:00	+	Robert Cerra – Enrico & Francesca Bonacci
	8:30	+	Loretta Keough – Family
	10:00	+	Nicolina Perry – Jeffrey & Stephanie LaCava
	11:30	+	Anna & Edward McAuley -- Family
	5:30		The Yastremski Family ( <i>Health &amp; Blessings</i> ) – The Paris Family



### WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Alexa Marie Arditi*

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**Collection: \$17,230.50**

#### 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.*