

Saint Mary Parish Community

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 9, 2011



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Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ We human beings are a strange lot. It is amazing that we can have to polar opposite emotions at the same time and truly feel each of them. This past week, **Sister Madonna Pjura** died. Sr. Madonna served our Parish and the Church for more years than I am alive. The amount of lives that Sister Madonna touched in her ministry as a School Sister of Notre Dame changed the world. Sister was a woman of quiet dignity. Her kindness, gentleness and compassion were the hallmarks of her life as a sister. Sister Madonna was a one of a kind.

Sister Madonna taught First Grade here at St. Mary School from 1970-1994. After her retirement from full time teaching, Sr. Madonna continued as a reading resource teacher at our school and also began visiting the residents at Bethel Health Care. Due to health issues, Sr. Madonna moved to Villa Notre Dame Wilton in March of 2007. This past May she celebrated her 60th year of Religious Profession. Her wake was this past Sunday, and her funeral mass was celebrated on Monday (October 3).

So, I am sure that like me, you are sad that Sister Madonna has passed from this world to the next and yet at the same time I am so happy that her suffering in this world is now ended and she has been given her eternal reward. I am reminded of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians when he said: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Happy and sad simultaneously. I think that is how we know that someone is loved. Let us pray for Sister Madonna that she may see God face to face for all eternity and ask her to pray for us. Thank you Sister Madonna for your life, your commitment and your love. We love you too.

Please keep Sister Madonna, her immediate family and her Schools Sisters of Notre Dame family in your prayers.

◆ **Matt Costello** died this week. For years Matt was an usher at the 11:30 Mass. Matt could always be seen welcoming parishioners, finding seats during the holidays, taking up the collection and setting up for baptisms after the Mass. Matt was a good solid husband and father and devout Catholic. You might even remember that Matt would be the fellow who went up to Holy Communion with his missal open singing the Communion hymn. We offer our prayers and condolences to Matt's family and we thank Matt for his service to our Parish.

◆ As you know, the **new translation of the Roman Missal** will be instituted on the first Sunday of Advent. We have conducted a number of workshops and I am again offering the changes in the bulletin for the next two weeks. The new translation will not only be in the missals, but we shall also have pew cards for that it will be easy for everyone to pray the Mass.

◆ Here are some more **children's letters to God**:

Dear God: Do you like it when I pray to you? I do too.

Dear God: I have a spelling test on Tuesday. I never get all the words right. Maybe you could help me this time. Or is that cheating?

Dear God: Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

FAITH IN THE 21ST CENTURY: Today's world is complex and often filled with more questions than answers. Does our faith have anything to say to modern men and women? The next in this series of talks and discussions, led by **Deacon Joe Gill**, will be on **Wednesday** evening **October 19th** at **7:30pm** in the **Parish Hall** on the topic, **"Prayer in the Digital Age."** This series is free and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about how our Faith can answer the questions that we all grapple with!

Bible Study **"Come Discover the Book of Psalms"**



Our Bible Study is taking an in-depth look at the 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**. Classes will be on **Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: OCTOBER

BOOK **"Catholic Matters: Confusion, Controversy and the Splendor of Truth"**,

by **Richard John Neuhaus**. Join us on **THUR., Oct. 27th, 7:30pm**, in the **Children's Room**.



The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS** (RCIA) will be holding their **OPEN HOUSE** on **Sunday, Oct. 16th at 12:30 in the School Library.** Anyone from another tradition who wants to explore the Catholic Faith or a Catholic who has not yet received the Sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation or Confirmation is invited. Please call Dennis Nauheimer at 794-9488 or Pat Wilson-Perkins at 797-1967 for more info or just **COME AND SEE!**

The next **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meeting will take place **SAT., OCT. 22nd**, from **10:30-noon**, in the **Parish House**.



If you'll be attending for the first time, please call the **Rectory** (203 744-5777) to confirm.

St. Mary's will be hosting a **FLU CLINIC** in our **Parish Hall** on **this weekend: Sat., Oct. 8 from 6-7pm** and on **Sun., Oct. 9 from 8am-1pm** hosted by the **Bethel Visiting Nurse Association**. Flu shots are \$35 and FluMist is \$40. Please wear loose clothing or short sleeves and bring your insurance card.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

ST. MARY'S MEN'S MINISTRY is back on! Excellent fellowship and great discussions along with coffee, bagels and donuts! **Come join us on Saturday mornings, from 6:30-8:00am in the Church Hall.**



Columbus Day

The Rectory will be closed on Mon., Oct. 10th for Columbus Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Thursday K-6 classes begin on 10/13.

SCHOOL NEWS

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, October 10th** in observance of Columbus Day, or on **Tuesday, October 11th** as the teachers will be attending an In-Service Day.

Last chance to register for the St. Mary's **Annual Golf Outing** on **October 10th** at the Redding County Club. See our ½ page flyer in this bulletin for info!

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 currently on Thursdays at the Bethel High School Track; please contact Mark Foster for more info at: race.director@stmarysraces.com.

Please join us for our **ANNUAL HARVEST WINE TASTING** to be held on **Saturday, November 5th at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Wine by Central Package and food by LaZingara. Reservation forms can be found in next week's bulletin -- \$25 per person for advanced reservations.

THANK YOU to **Cathy Kallberg & Robin Taylor** for coordinating our annual magazine drive, and to all those who supported it! It was a great success!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEXT REGULAR MEETING is on **Monday, October 10th at 8:15** in the Parish Hall.

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, contact **Bob Nelson at 748-6797**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"CREATE YOUR OWN" PASTA DINNER



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th

5:30-7:30pm

St. Mary School Gym

**We will cook your request
right in front of you!!!**

**Pasta & Meatballs, Salad, Bread &
Butter, Soda, Coffee, and Dessert**

**Adults: \$10.00; Children 10 & under:
\$7.00; Children under 5 – Free.
(Family Max - \$35.00)**

For more information contact:

Bob Nelson -- 748-6797

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CURSILLO WOMEN'S WEEKEND begins **Fri. evening October 14th and ends Sunday, October 16th**. There is still room available. To learn more about Cursillo or register to attend this weekend, contact Yvonne Cecerra at 797-1361 or Yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

COME CHEER DEACON JOE ON as he and other Bethel residents play basketball against the **Harlem Wizards** on **Friday, Oct. 21 at 7pm** in the Bethel High School Gym (presented by the Bethel High School PTO). For more info and ticket information Contact Patty McCormick at pattydaniels@comcast.net

Anniversary Bishop William Edward Lori, S.T.D., will celebrate a special Mass commemorating significant marriage anniversaries ending in "0" or "5" beginning with 15 years or anyone celebrating 50-PLUS years during the **months of July-December**. Mass will be held at **Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 3:00 P.M.** Bishop Lori will be the Principal Celebrant with the renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates. If interested, please call the **Rectory (744-5777)** by **OCT. 15th** to register.

The DANBURY EMMAUS is having a retreat for anyone currently in high school from **November 4-6, 2011** 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 at 512-5285 for info.

Come visit **IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL!** The Fall Open House is on **Sunday, October 23rd** from **11am to 2pm**. All 5th through 8th grade students and their families are welcome. **8th grade students** - register to take Fall entrance exam #1 on **Sat., Oct. 29th** or exam #2 on **Sat., Nov. 5th**. Call 203-744-1510 ext. 132 to register for either entrance exam or to schedule a "Mustang for a Day" visit! See www.immaculatehs.org for more information.

WALK FOR LIFE Support Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Centers in their annual fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 15th at 8:30 a.m. to support their mission of offering compassionate care to individuals and families experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Call (203) 540-5225 or visit www.supporthopeline.org for more information about the Walk-for-Life event.

ST. MARY PARISH
MIDNIGHT RUN TEAM

“Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless.”

On Friday, OCT. 14th, St. Mary Parish will participate in a Midnight Run, and we need your help! We will meet in the Parish Hall at 7pm and there are several ways you can:

- ❖ Help make sandwiches and pack lunch bags
- ❖ Help assemble toiletry bags
- ❖ Go on the actual Midnight Run to New York (*We will take a max of 10 – so sign up quickly*)
- ❖ Donate Toiletries (*soap, small shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloths*)
- ❖ Donate new items (*men’s socks and underwear*)
- ❖ Donate gently used items (*men’s coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, pants, jeans, shirts, hats, gloves, backpacks, blankets, sleeping bags*)

For more information and to volunteer,

please call Mary Ferri: 730-2726

There are still foursomes available and sponsorship opportunities are available!

Redding Country Club
109 Lonetown Road, Redding, Ct.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

11:30am – Lunch & Registration

1:00pm – Shotgun Start

\$200.00 per player includes:**

Greens fee and Cart;

Cookout Buffet Lunch;

Refreshments on course;

**Hors d’ouvers &
Buffet Dinner**



2 hr. open bar following round

Raffles, Prizes and More!!!

Return the form below with your check(s) payable to Saint Mary School to: St. Mary School, 24 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel, CT 06801

(Any questions? Call Kathleen or Steve DeMarco at 203-917-4077.)

***As this year’s tournament is being held on a school holiday, we are offering a student rate of \$150.00. Minors must be accompanied by an adult player.*



ST. MARY GOLF OUTING

October 10, 2011 – 1:00pm

1. _____
(Captain/Contact – Phone # _____)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT., OCTOBER 8	5:30	+	Claudia York – Brownie Troop 50504
SUN., OCTOBER 9	7:00	+	Charles McCollam – The Bethel Democrats
	8:30	+	Charles E. Bruno – Fudgy & Ned Belardinelli
	10:00	+	Archie LaForte – The Fitzgerald Family
	11:30	+	Judy McAuley – The Men’s Ministry
	5:30	+	Marc Moavero – St. Mary’s Religious Education
MON., OCTOBER 10	6:30		NO MASS
	9:00	+	William Stevens, Jr. – Friends of the Family
TUES, OCTOBER 11	6:30	+	Mary C. Britt – Family
	9:00		Mary Ruffles (<i>Health & Blessings</i>) – Family
WED., OCTOBER 12	6:30	+	Donald Schultz – Ana Ross
	9:00	+	Kathleen Prahach – Lou Walsh
THU., OCTOBER 13	6:30	+	Terry & Dick Bayer – Family
	9:00	+	Judy McAuley (<i>1st Anniv.</i>) – The McAuley Family
FRI., OCTOBER 14	6:30	+	Kimberly Lane – Dave Deakin
	9:00	+	Douglas Ruffles Sr. – Wife Mary
SAT., OCTOBER 15	8:00	+	Catherine & Joseph Kelly – Family
	5:30	+	Carolyn Basso – Family
SUN., OCTOBER 16	7:00	+	Louise Gauthier – Daughters
	8:30	+	Jeff Kruff – The Kallberg Family
	10:00	+	Paul Grosshart – Family
	11:30	+	Carmelo Broccoli – Family
	5:30	+	Winifred & Peter Henry – Carol & Bernie Henry



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

John Braden DaMaso Bernardo



III – Justin DeRubertis & Kristi Rizzo
I – Sean Thomas Ryan & Kristi Ann Radomski

COLLECTION: \$16,506.00

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.*