

# *Saint Mary Parish Community*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2011



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## Fr. Corey's Comments

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◆ We had a wonderful celebrate for Sister Alberta last weekend. Many of Sr. Alberta's family and School Sisters of Notre Dame were able to attend the weekend long party. I am sure you will agree that 75 years of religious service is a most amazing accomplishment. Everyone who knows Sister Alberta loves Sister Alberta. I would like to share with you my homily at the Jubilee Mass for Sister Alberta. Of course, we all thank God for Sister Alberta and will keep you in our prayers.

### Sister Alberta's 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

*A chicken and a pig were walking down a country road conversing with each other as they came upon a church. In front of the church there was a sign that announced, "Ham and egg breakfast, this Sunday, proceeds to benefit the poor." The chicken said the pig, "What a wonderful event, we should help!" The pig said to the chicken "Fine for you to say, for you it is a contribution, for me it is a commitment."*

*75 years of professed religious life. What a commitment!... A commitment of a lifetime, a commitment that is a lifetime. This is no coincidence that this is called a "diamond" jubilee. Let me share with you a little about diamonds.*

*The word diamond comes from the Greek and it means unbreakable. Diamonds begin as a lump of carbon or coal and after years of heat and pressure a rough diamond is literally spewed out of the earth and waits to be found. Diamonds are the hardest natural substance known to humans. Diamonds are very effective insulators, but also very good conductors of heat. Diamonds are very rare and valuable, and they are most beautiful when reflecting and spreading light.*

*Ok, so put diamonds on hold for a second. Come with me for a moment to Bavaria to 1833 when Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger founded the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The First sisters arrived in North American in 1847, and no, I know you are all thinking that Sister Alberta was one of them, but, no she was not. They soon founded ministries in the U.S., especially teaching poor students and today they have served in over 50 countries throughout the world sharing in Christ's mission to proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

*Over 75 years ago, Claire Sheridan, a wee teenager, caring for her dad, brothers and sister after the untimely death of her mother left the Ocean State and travelled to Baltimore. There, she rapped on the door of the motherhouse. The porter opened the peephole. Seeing nothing she closed the door within the door. A more aggressive rap followed and this time when the Sister opened the peephole, she heard, "I am down here, Claire Sheridan from Providence, Rhode Island."*

*Through years of formation, education, trials, tests and accomplishments, the good Lord formed from the carbon that was Claire Sheridan into the gem we know as Sister Alberta. In the image and patronage of Albertus Magnus, Albert the Great, one of the doctors of the Church, Sr. Alberta has truly risen to greatness to that same greatness for those who know and love her.*

## Fr. Corey's Comments *(con't.)*

Throughout her life, Sr. Alberta has been shaped by the pressure and warmth of God's love. She has been cut and crafted by her family, her Sisters of Notre Dame, her students and the Parish communities in which she has served.

Both in the classroom and in her ministry Sr. Alberta, adopted as a daughter of Jesus, has chosen by God's grace to be a conduit of God's love, to insulate in others God's generous gifts and to reflecting in the many facets of her life, Christ made visible by her very being, by sharing her love, faith and hope. The unbreakable bond that she has accepted with our loving God has given her life joy and I shall indeed say that joy is complete.

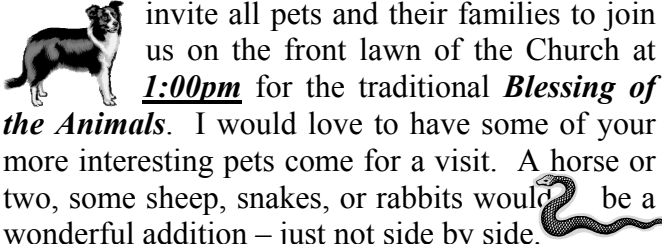
It is most appropriate that today we celebrate this Diamond Jubilee with Sr. Alberta. The two, diamonds and Sr. Alberta have so very much in common. There is an old saying that diamonds are only chunks of coal that have stuck to their jobs.

A diamond is undeniably precious in it and of it self, but a diamond is never so beautiful and glorious as when, through its many cuts and clarity, reflects the sun. Sr. Alberta, unquestionably a precious gift in herself is beautiful, glorious and celebrated because in her life she reflects the Son, the true Son, the light of the world. It is Jesus we see, it is Jesus' love that is radiated and gives us warmth, it is Jesus that is proclaimed and lived and totally given when we see Sr. Alberta.


Sister you truly are a most precious and valuable gem in our midst, for by your fiat to God, with the intercession of our Blessed Lady, your heart sings for joy and we are most grateful and thankful for the gift that is you. Thank you for helping us to always be one in Jesus.

God Bless you today and always!

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**SUN., OCT. 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis.** We invite all pets and their families to join us on the front lawn of the Church at **1:00pm** for the traditional **Blessing of the Animals**. I would love to have some of your more interesting pets come for a visit. A horse or two, some sheep, snakes, or rabbits would be a wonderful addition – just not side by side. 

**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 most Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**NOCTURNAL ADORATION** will be on **FRI., OCT. 7<sup>th</sup>**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

**FAITH IN THE 21ST CENTURY:** The next in this series of talks and discussions, led by **Deacon Joe Gill**, will be on Wednesday evenings this Fall at **7:30pm** in the Parish Hall on the topic, **"John Paul II Answer to the Sexual Revolution."** 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!

**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER**

**BOOK "Why Stay Catholic?"**, by **Michael Leach**. Join us on **THUR., Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**, in the **Children's Room**. 

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will be holding their **OPEN HOUSE** on **Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 are invited. Please call Dennis Nauheimer at 794-9488 or Pat Wilson-Perkins at 797-1967 for more info or just **COME AND SEE!**

**ATTN: LECTORS** – Check your **e-mails** as the new schedules have been sent via the internet! If we did not have your e-mail address, please call the rectory with your info!

## PARISH HAPPENINGS



### DOROTHY DAY VOLUNTEERS

WED., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>: Our turn to Cook.

St. Mary's will be hosting a **FLU CLINIC** in our **Parish Hall** on **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. Visit [www.bethelvna.org](http://www.bethelvna.org) for more details regarding insurance information, payment methods and forms needed.

**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.**

**COME SING WITH THE CHOIR** and be a part of the Music Liturgy! If you are interested in joining, please contact Elizabeth Barnes at 994-6022 for more info.

The **Revised Roman Missal** workshops to ready the congregation for the new changes to Mass will be held in the Church 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel. Ed. Office hours are:

Tuesday – Thursday, from 9:30am – 2:00pm.

Thursday K-6 classes begin on 10/13.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be holding their annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** after all the masses this weekend. Donations will benefit **"Ability Beyond Disability"**.

On **Friday, October 14 from 5:30-7:30pm in the School Gym**, the Knights will be hosting a **"Create Your Own Pasta"** Dinner, where they will be cooking your request right in front of you! More details will be in next week's bulletin.

If you are a male of at least 18 years of age and think you may be interested in **joining the Knights**, contact **Bob Nelson at 748-6797.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

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

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 917-4077 or e-mail at [kathleendemarco@charter.net](mailto: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**. Please visit our race website at [www.stmarysraces.com](http://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](mailto:race.director@stmarysraces.com).

Please join us for our **ANNUAL HARVEST WINE TASTING** to be held on **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Wine by Central Package and food by LaZingara. Reservation information will be coming soon!

## 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](mailto:pattydaniels@comcast.net)

Couples who are celebrating a special wedding anniversary— 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc. – during the months of July-Dec. are invited to participate in a special celebration of their anniversaries with families, friends at **St. Theresa Church**, Trumbull, on **SUN., OCT. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **3:00pm**. This will consist of a concelebrated Mass with Bishop Lori, the renewal of the marriage vows, and the presentation of certificates. If interested, please call the **Rectory (744-5777)** by **OCT. 15<sup>th</sup>** to register.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**CURSILLO 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 Cursillo or register to attend this weekend, contact Yvonne Cecerra at 797-1361 or [Yvonne\\_cecera@hotmail.com](mailto:Yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com).

**The DANBURY EMMAUS** retreat for anyone currently in high school is *Nov. 4-6, 2011 at the Seton-Newman Center in Danbury*. 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 at 512-5285 for info.

A new **Toastmasters Club** will be meeting at St. Mary's. *Toastmasters* is a nonprofit organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs and is open to all who want to build confidence and better their communication and leadership skills. We meet the *1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm* in the Hall. There will be an informational meeting – **Mon., Oct. 3 at 7 PM**. Call Sharon Closius 203-798-9822 or Pat Wilson-Perkins 203-797-1967 for more info.

There will be a **Mass of Healing and Hope** at *St. Philip Church*, Fr. Conlan Drive, Norwalk on *Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm*, celebrated by Fr. Bill Eagan.

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 *Sat., Oct. 29th* or exam #2 *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](http://www.immaculatehs.org) for more information.

**Walk For Life - Saturday - October 15th, 2011** 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. Visit <http://www.supporthopeline.org> or call (203) 540-5225 for the locations or 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. 14<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SAT., OCTOBER 1	5:30	+	Ronald & Suzanne Dorman – Family
SUN., OCTOBER 2	7:00	+	Rev. John J. Fleming
	8:30	+	Fred LaBua – Knights of Columbus
	10:00	+	Bernadine Loya – Family
	11:30	+	Mary Carlucci – The Caraluzzi Family
	5:30	+	Teresa Gallagher – The Stocks Family
MON., OCTOBER 3	6:30	+	Maureen & Bob Ward – Friend
	9:00	+	Fred LaBua – Family
TUES, OCTOBER 4	6:30	+	Frank Kinsky – Family
	9:00	+	Dr. Elaine Parlman – The Kaye Family
WED., OCTOBER 5	6:30	+	Mary Deakin – Dave Deakin
	9:00		Dorothy Day Workers – Joan Finn
THU., OCTOBER 6	6:30	+	Cathryn Costello
	9:00	+	Kathleen Prahach – Eileen Freebairn
FRI., OCTOBER 7	6:30		Blessed Mother's Intentions
	9:00	+	John Hanyak
SAT., OCTOBER 8	8:00	+	Viola Leonard – Suzanne & Jerry Hill
	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



### WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Colin David Arbucci*

*Max Alexander DaCosta*

*Alexa Victoria Thomas*

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**II I – Alan Joseph Popowski & Christina Nicole Klanica**

**I I – Justin DeRubertis & Kristi Rizzo**

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**COLLECTION: \$14,809.00**

#### 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.***