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## Fr. Corey's Comments

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◆ I begin my column this week with a letter from **Sr. Edith** from the **Sisters of the Good Shepherd**.

*Dear Fathers Corey, Cyrus, Ed, Deacons Mike and Joe, and the Secretaries Kate and Mary,*

*Never, never have we experienced such welcome and generosity from any one or any parish (except our own St. Maria Goretti, of course) such as you gave us ... how can we ever say thank you! You were there, in and out the Parish Hall, very encouraging, so supportive ... oh, what can we even say! Some checks will soon be going out to our different ministries from what we earned at St. Mary's.*

*Would it be possible to thank the Parish community, especially those who came in to see us and shopped? Please let them know how impressed, very IMPRESSED, the nuns are with Saint Mary and how grateful we are. Fr. Corey, thank you, thank you, for inviting us. We had no idea then what gift God was preparing for us in you all. Now we know and we will never forget.*

*Our poor prayers are all yours. God's heart will do the rest.*

*Very sincerely,*

*Sr. Mary Edith Olaguer, Local Coordinator*

**Thank you** all for your kindness and generosity to our guests.

◆ Our annual **Blessing of Animals** is honor of **St. Francis of Assisi** will be conducted on **Sunday, October 2 at 1:00pm** in front of the Church. I am hoping to see some exotic animals this year. All creatures great and small are welcomed.

◆ We are beginning our new devotion to the **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary** after the **9:00am Mass on the first Fridays of each month, beginning October, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. This ancient devotion is a beautiful way to invoke the source of all love, the Heart of Jesus and our patron His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

◆ Some thoughts I'd like to share:

*"A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak. He knows that God is love and that God's presence is felt at the very time when the only thing we do is to love."*

**- Pope Benedict XVI**

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*

**- C.S. Lewis**

*"The history of mankind, the history of salvation, passes by way of the family...The family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love."*

**- Pope John Paul II**

**A Mother's Bill**

My little boy came into the kitchen this evening while I was fixing supper. He handed me a piece of paper he'd been writing on. After wiping my hands on my apron, I read it, and this is what it said:

For mowing the grass: **\$5.**

For making my own bed this week: **\$1.**

For going to the store: **\$.50.**

For playing with baby brother while you went shopping: **\$.25.**

For taking out the trash: **\$1.**

For getting a good report card: **\$5.**

And for raking the yard: **\$2.**

Well, I looked at him standing there expectantly, and a thousand memories flashed through my mind. So, I picked up the paper, and turning it over, this is what I wrote:

For the nine months I carried you, growing inside me: **No charge.**

For the nights I sat up with you, doctored you, prayed for you: **No charge.**

For the time and the tears, and the cost through the years: **No charge.**

For the nights filled with dread, and the worries ahead: **No charge.**

For advice and the knowledge, and the cost of your college: **No charge.**

For the toys, food and clothes, and for wiping your nose: **No charge.**

Son, when you add it all up, the full cost of my love is: **No charge.**

Well, when he finished reading, he had great big tears in his eyes. He looked up at me and he said, "Mama, I sure do love you."

Then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: **PAID IN FULL**

**We are resuming normal Parish Office Hours:**

**9am – 4:00pm  
Monday – Friday**

**Bible Study “Come Discover the Book of Psalms”**



There are 150 Psalms written by various authors. Psalms are songs that were sung by the people of Israel from the start and play an important role in our Church today. If you wish to have a prayerful life, studying the Psalms is a must. The Book of Psalms is quoted in the New Testament more than any other book in the Old Testament. There is a psalm for every aspect of our Earthly journey and simply put ***Psalms teach us how to pray.*** Jesus himself prayed the Psalms often. So, 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>.**

**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? Come and see as part of our new faith formation series, **Faith in the 21st Century.** This series of talks and discussions, led by **Deacon Joe Gill,** will be on Wednesday evenings this Fall at **7:30pm** in the Rectory Living Room. Our next meeting is **October 5** with 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!


**VIRTUS TRAINING** for anyone **18 yrs. old and over** involved in **any parish activity** will be held here at St. Mary's on **Wed., Sept. 27 at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. Register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Any questions, call Mary Ferri at 743-4557.

**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: SEPTEMBER**

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



## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**SUN., OCT. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. 

**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.**

There are still spots available to see **"Jersey Boys"** on **Sat., Oct. 29** for the **2pm show** at the **Bushnell** in Hartford. **Cost: \$90 per person.** Call the Parish office for more information and to reserve your seat.

**COME SING WITH THE CHOIR!!** The **Adult Choir** welcomes singers to become 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.**

**Level 1 & 2 Confirmation:** Have already begun.

**Sunday K-6** classes begins on 9/25.

**Tuesday K-6** classes begins 9/27.

**Thursday classes have a date change:**

**Thursday K-6 classes begin on 10/13.**

If you have a child entering Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade who is **not** yet registered for the Fall, check our website [stmarybethel.org](http://stmarybethel.org) for a registration form and the schedule. You may stop by the office, send it in, or leave it in our mailbox.

## 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.

**THANK YOU** to all the parents and parishioners who supported the St. Mary School Annual Magazine Drive. It was a great success and we appreciate your support!

**See flyer on next page about our Golf Tournament!**

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** next **BUSINESS MEETING: MON., SEPT. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:15pm,** in the **Parish Hall.** If you are at least 18 years of age and think you may be interested in joining, we will be having a **membership drive** after all the masses the **weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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. Bring items to the United Methodist Church Parking lot (across from the Bethel Municipal Center) on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – noon.**

The **Women's Cursillo weekend** begins **Fri. evening October 13<sup>th</sup> and ends Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.** There is still room available. Contact Yvonne Cecera at 797-1361 or [Yvonne\\_cecera@hotmail.com](mailto:Yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com) for more info.

**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

***ST. MARY SCHOOL***  
***14th ANNUAL***  
***GOLF TOURNAMENT***

*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 Dodgintown Road, Bethel, CT 06801*

*(Any questions? Kathleen or Steve DeMarco at kathleendemarco@charter.net.)*

*\*\*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**

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*(Captain/Contact – Phone # \_\_\_\_\_)*
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SAT., SEPTEMBER 24	5:30	+	Joseph A. Caprio III – Celeste Caprio
SUN., SEPTEMBER 25	7:00	+	Mary Agnes Kinsky – Bob Schrijner
	8:30	+	John & Elizabeth Cullen – The Barra Family
	10:00	+	Joseph Clarke – The Leone Family
	11:30	+	Patty Guidera – Pat & Paul Orsino
	5:30	+	Abby Wagher ( <i>Birthday &amp; Anniv.</i> ) – Kathy & Joe Gartland
MON., SEPTEMBER 26	6:30	+	Cathryn Costello
	9:00	+	Richard McLachlan – Wife Maureen
TUES, SEPTEMBER 27	6:30	+	Matthew Beach – Rebecca Heisler
	9:00	+	Msgr. Edward B. Karl – 9am Mass Group
WED., SEPTEMBER 28	6:30	+	Katherine Shannon Curran – Steve Gallagher
	9:00	+	Millie Tortosa – Marie Miller
THU., SEPTEMBER 29	6:30	+	Msgr. Edward B. Karl – 6:30am Mass Group
	9:00	+	William Stevens, Jr. – Friends of Family
FRI., SEPTEMBER 30	6:30	+	Frank Kinsky – Family
	9:00	+	Patrick Buckley – Family
SAT., OCTOBER 1	8:00	+	Helen & Charles Gulczynski – Mary & Bob Sawitsky
	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



### WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Meghan Elizabeth Quinlan*



**I I – Alan Joseph Popowski & Christina Nicole Klanica**  
**I – Justin DeRubertis & Kristi Rizzo**

#### 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.*

# DO YOU KNOW...

SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN  
LEARNING MORE ABOUT JESUS?

Perhaps They ...

- ✠ Have Not Been Baptized?
- ✠ Come from Another Christian Tradition?
- ✠ Are Catholic and Have Not Received a Religious Education nor  
their First Communion and Confirmation?

*The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is here at St. Mary's.*

Why Not Suggest They Explore the Catholic Faith by Coming to the

**R. C. I. A. OPEN HOUSE**

**SUNDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2011**

**12:30PM at the SCHOOL LIBRARY**