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## Fr. Corey's Comments

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◆ You may be wondering, "Where has Monsignor Scull been?" Well, to be honest, I fired him....no, I am just kidding. You all know what a wonderful priest Monsignor Scull is and what a terrific gift of preaching he has. For those reasons and many more, Monsignor Scull has accepted the offer from Bishop Lori and Father Chip O'Neil to be a quasi-full time/part time help over at St. Joseph in Brookfield. I cannot thank Monsignor enough for all he has done for our Parish and I shall try to steal him from St. Joseph when I can. Please know that I have told Monsignor Scull that he is always welcome here and he better not give his new pastor any trouble.

◆ You might have noticed some activity on the rectory side of the Church. Ronnie Gleisner, co-owner of "Dreamscapers Inc." along with his brother have very generously donated a 'landscaping treatment' in memory of their dad, who recently passed away. I am not sure if you have seen their work before, but they are '*artists*' when it comes to landscaping. I am thrilled by their donation and I'm sure it will be a lovely area for meditation and picture taking for weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations or 'just because'. **Thank you**, Ronnie and "Dreamscapers", for your kind donations and sharing your talents with your Parish!

◆ It was one of the most beautiful fall days that I can remember. The windows of Immaculate High School were opened wide with a cool breeze flowing through. A bright blue sky matched the bright feeling of the beginning of another school year.

I was going into the principal's office with the director of development to discuss that year's walk-a-thon when the secretary told everyone in the office that a plane had hit one of the World Trade Towers. I thought to myself, "that was bound to happen, small planes often get into accidents". I went into the twenty-minute meeting and when we came out, all hell had broken loose.....literally.

I went up to my office where I had a television and my office was packed with students and teachers. The only sound in the room was the television. The second plane had hit and we watched the Towers burn. Students asked if they could use my phone to call parents. One boy found out that his father had had breakfast in one of the Towers and had left the building about a half hour before the first impact. Another boy discovered that his brother who worked in the North Tower had over slept and thankfully was late for work. Bishop Lori had dismissed the schools early and I stood at the open cafeteria door looking up at the blue sky thinking "how could this happen on such a beautiful day".

That is how I remember that tragic day ten years ago. It still brings chills to me as I think about the fact that nothing fit that day, nothing made sense. After September 11, 2001, the days got hotter. I actually got the flu and I never get the flu. Fall disappeared and nothing seemed right. Even going to the Mall seemed odd and yes a bit scary.

During the afternoon of September 11<sup>th</sup>, I got a call that one of our alumni Candace Williams, one of *MY* students, was on the plane that hit the first Tower. Candace was the All-American girl. She was kind and funny and generous of spirit. I was asked to celebrate her funeral Mass and preached to a standing room only congregation at St. Edward's Church. I must admit that I could not stop wondering what those last minutes were like for Candace and the people on that plane. We were told that she was sitting next to an elderly woman and if I know Candace she was probably holding her hand and comforting her during this awful time.

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

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All of us have memories of 9/11 and probably most of us can remember that day as if it were yesterday. September 11 is a day of National Mourning for our country. It is a day to remember those who have died and their families. 9/11 is a day for us to pray for peace in the world. 9/11 is a day for us to pray for those whose hearts are filled with hate and vengeance to change their hearts to acceptance and unity. 9/11 is a day for ALL of us to remember that religion should be a source of understanding and a pathway to God and brother/sisterhood.

We pray that terrorism in the world ends. Remember, we are called to be instruments of God's peace.

### **Pope Benedict XVI's Ground Zero Blessing**

*O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us,  
people of many different faiths and traditions,  
who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.*

*We ask You in Your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here:  
the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers,  
emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel,  
along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy  
simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.*

*We ask You, in Your compassion, to bring healing to those who,  
because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness.  
Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.  
Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.*

*We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss  
on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.  
Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.*

*God of peace, bring Your peace to our violent world:  
peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.  
Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.*

*God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,  
we seek Your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.*

*Grant that those whose lives were spared may live  
so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.  
Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope,  
and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world  
where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.*




## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Parish Office Summer Hours:**  
9am – 2:30pm, Monday – Friday

**FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA**, the first Filipino Saint, will be celebrated here on **SAT., SEPT. 17<sup>th</sup>** during the **5:30pm Mass**. Traditional Filipino food and hospitality follows after Mass in the School Gym. For more info, call Fr. Cyrus at 744-5777 ext. 114 or e-mail [frcyrus@comcast.net](mailto:frcyrus@comcast.net).

St. Mary's will introduce its **CONCERTS OF CARING SERIES** on **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. The performance will be led by *Music Director and Pianist, Michael Ferrari*, who will accompany *Alyce Coggnetta-Bertz, Concert Master and First Violinist of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra*. Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Danbury and the St. Mary Music Program. There is a suggested donation of \$15 at the door. Light refreshments will be available after the concert.

**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. It starts on **September 21** with the topic, "**Is the Church still relevant? The Church's role in the modern world.**" 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!

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting  the loss of a loved one. The next meeting will be on **SAT., SEPT. 24<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.


**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

**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 beginning September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall.**

**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 St. Mary's **Children's Choir** ranges in ages 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested, call Elizabeth at the number above. The Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We will be having an **alb re-fitting** on the **weekend of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Come early to any Mass that weekend and bring your old alb, and you will be reissued a new one. Even if you are happy with your alb size, you still need to be re-fitted! If you cannot make the alb-refitting, please contact Deacon Joe to schedule a different time.

**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. Please contact **Rick Lawlor at 203-470-8084 or email at rlawlor22@comcast.net for more information**. Classes will be on most Tuesday evenings, **7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. **First class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7 pm.**

The **Revised Roman Missal** workshops to ready the congregation for the new changes to Mass will be held in the Church on **September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM** and 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:** Classes begin the week of 9/18.

*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

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT** is on *Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00pm* in the School Gym. A **New Parent Meeting** will be held from *6:30-7:00pm* in the School library for families that are new to St. Mary's this year.

St. Mary's School **Annual Magazine Drive** ends *September 22<sup>nd</sup>*. We appreciate your renewing any current magazines or purchasing new magazines or DC's through our Magazine Drive. To renew a magazine subscription or order a new magazine, please visit [www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com) to place any orders. For the school to receive credit for your order, please use account number 1089147 or use the school finder tool. We are grateful for your continued support!

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 is being held each Thursday at the Bethel High School Track; please contact Mark Foster for more info at: [race.director@stmarysraces.com](mailto:race.director@stmarysraces.com).

St. Mary's **Annual Golf Outing** will be held on *October 10<sup>th</sup>* at the Redding County Club. There are still foursomes available and sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information, please contact Kathleen or Steve DeMarco at [kathleendemarco@charter.net](mailto:kathleendemarco@charter.net).

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** next **BUSINESS MEETING: MON., SEPT. 12<sup>th</sup>** at *8:15pm*, 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, please visit <http://pavia48.tripod.com>.

**Off The Streets:** We are **desperately** short of twin mattresses and box-springs. Please call 733-5880 to donate. We need many hands in this ministry to help homeless persons. *Every kind of skill is needed.* Please join us the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month** at *7:30pm* 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**.

**UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS** -- Join with other men and women who are seeking an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality through Christian community. The **Men's Cursillo weekend** begins *Fri. evening Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and ends Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>*. The **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 how you can experience a 3-day Cursillo weekend contact Yvonne Cecera at 797-1361 or [Yvonne\\_cecera@hotmail.com](mailto:Yvonne_cecera@hotmail.com) for more info.

**NEW HEIGHTS** – a part of **Catholic Charities**, will be holding a major fundraiser on **Sunday, October 16 from 8-10am** at **Applebees** on Federal Road. The **cost for breakfast is \$8** per ticket and out of this, New Heights keeps \$5! To purchase (or donate) tickets and for more information, please contact Sharon Dietzel at 203-942-8068 or Alice Morsey at 203-460-7960. To contact new New Heights directly call 203-797-2690. New Heights is a social and educational program serving people with mental illness in the Danbury area. They offer support groups, a safe environment, a low cost daily lunch and other services to help individuals live independent, fulfilled lives in the community. **Because Applebees needs prior notice, ticket sales will end September 25<sup>th</sup>! Please order soon!**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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SAT., SEPTEMBER 10	5:30	+	Carmella J. Imundi – The Schaefer Family
SUN., SEPTEMBER 11	7:00	+	Donald Slavic(14 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) – Family
	8:30	+	Angelo Calabrese – Neil & Susan Callaghan
	10:00	+	Andrea McGranahan – Andrew D’Ambrosia
	11:30	+	Bud Walsh – Family
	5:30	+	Kathleen Schovel – Daughter Kathy
MON., SEPTEMBER 12	6:30	+	Cathryn Z. Costello – Family
	9:00	+	Walter Belardinelli – The Stocks Family
TUES, SEPTEMBER 13	6:30	+	Msgrs. Scully & Steffens – Rosa Timm
	9:00	+	Charles Koch – Virginia & Jim Kenning
WED., SEPTEMBER 14	6:30	+	John Spain – The Maxwell Family
	9:00	+	Douglas Ruffles, Sr. – Wife
THU., SEPTEMBER 15	6:30		Blessed Mother’s Intentions
	9:00	+	Robert Bevington – Kitty & Charles Grant
FRI., SEPTEMBER 16	6:30	+	Thomas Ryan – Dave Deakin
	9:00		Tessie Falguera – Family
SAT., SEPTEMBER 17	8:00	+	Rosemary Juisto – The Lawlor Family
	5:30	+	William Stevens, Jr. – The Caraluzzi Family
SUN., SEPTEMBER 18	7:00	+	Chad McCollam – Eileen Freebairn & Family
	8:30	+	Anthony & Inge Barra – The Barra Family
	10:00	+	Louise Belvedere – Corinne & Paul Wohlforth
	11:30	+	Edward Koch – Adelaide, Nancy & Frances Koch
	5:30	+	Albert Ingoglia – The Mendence Family



## WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Vincent Michael O’Brien*

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**COLLECTION: \$18,500.00**

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### 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.***