
Fr. Corey's Comments

➤ *Under the category of "you never know"... I received a graduation notice in the mail this week. It was from Waynesboro, VA, Stuarts Draft High School. Neither the town nor the high school rang a bell. I opened the envelope and inside the card was a note with a picture. It said, "Dear Corey, thank you so much for all you did at the HiWay. You were such a good friend, and you had such an influence on me. I just wanted you to know that I named my first son after you. Corey is now 18 and graduating High School. Just thought you would like to know." ...Kevin.*

Wow! Way back when I was in college and the year after when I had a couple of jobs at the same time. One of them was at the HiWay Theater in Stratford. My cousin Larry was the manager, so it was a great way to see movies, eat popcorn, do practically nothing and get a paycheck. My first couple of years there I was the guy who took your ticket when you came in; we called ourselves ushers. I also worked behind the snack bar. The others that worked there were all my age until a skinny little high school sophomore came in. He was a good kid and laughed at all my jokes, so I immediately liked him. When the gang went out for pizza or hotdogs, Kevin came, usually in my car. We would talk in between movie showings and were just sort of friendly. I don't remember any big deal about the friendship ... just that we got along well, and I showed him the ropes at the theater.

So, you never know when you are doing a kindness or affecting someone's life. So, the lesson learned for me... you never know when you are being Christ for someone. You can touch a life even when you don't know it. Happy graduation, Corey Matthews! God's many blessings.

➤ *We received wonderful news this week. Our own Deacon Mike Oles has been named Connecticut Knights of Columbus STATE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS. This is a very impressive award. Out of all the Knights in Connecticut, Mike was chosen for his work as a Deacon, his work in the community, his wonderful work for OFF THE STREETS and for being a wonderful model of Christian Living. I am most grateful for all that Mike does for our Parish and the greater Bethel Community. Thank you, Mike, for all your service and know that we appreciate all that you do.*

➤ *The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland wants Scottish singing sensation Susan Boyle to perform for Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to Britain later this year. Boyle, who was catapulted to global stardom after appearing on a British TV talent show, would be a "great asset" to events planned for Benedict's trip in September, said a spokesman for the Church in Scotland. He said there were hopes a meeting could be held to discuss the involvement of the Scottish singer at a public Mass in Glasgow during the papal visit. "She certainly would be a great asset to the program on the day, and we hope to be able to discuss the possibility of her participation soon," said the spokesman. There was no confirmed agreement with the star as yet, and no formal invitation or approach had been made he added.*

Boyle - a plain, single, unemployed 49-year-old - was discovered in April last year when she stunned judges on the television show Britain's Got Talent with her performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical Les Miserables. Although she finished as runner-up in the competition, footage of her singing became a YouTube hit, with more than 100 million viewings. Her first album, I Dreamed a Dream, was the best-selling debut in British chart history and also topped the U.S. charts. Boyle, from Blackburn in eastern Scotland, has become the focus of enormous media attention since her talent show success, with British tabloid newspapers dubbing her "SuBo".

Fr. Corey's Comments (Cont'd.)

I am most happy to share with you that we had 2 more First Holy Communion Classes this past weekend. Once again, I congratulate each girl and boy and pray that their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist may grow as they weekly receive our Lord at Mass.

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**ST. MARY'S MEN'S MINISTRY** will host a breakfast with a very special guest speaker on SAT., MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30am, in the **Parish Hall**. Please stop in for a great breakfast and even better discussion that will end by 8:00am – before your wife, family, or other loved ones need you. Please call Dave Whitmore (203 470-0909) to **RSVP** or with any questions.

**ST. MARY BOOK CLUB: MAY BOOK** *Father Joe, "The Man Who Saved My Soul"*, by **Tony Hendra**. Please join us in the **Children's Room** on TUES., MAY 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, for a group discussion



**REGISTRATION** – Religious Ed is available for children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. They **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. If your child entering **Kindergarten** or **1<sup>st</sup> grade** is not registered for the Fall, please call Rel. Ed. (743-4557).

**Confirmation Practice** for St. Mary School students and those attending **Monday night Rel. Ed. classes** will be on MON., MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45pm; Confirmation is on THUR., MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.



**Confirmation Practice** for those attending **Sunday night Rel. Ed. classes** will be on TUES., MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45pm; Confirmation is on FRI., MAY 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm.

**DOROTHY DAY SHELTER:** We need a few more men willing to become **Shelter Volunteers** and stay at there one night a month. Please call Deacon Mike Oles (203 733-5880) for more info.

## Registration Now Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual



Saturday, May 22, 2010

Race starts and finishes at  
St. Mary Church

24 Dodgingtown Road  
Bethel, CT

7:30am - Registration opens

8:00am - Kids Fun Run (\$5.00)

8:30am - 5K Race begins

Register on-line at

[www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org)

**\$20.00 fee if registered by May 19<sup>th</sup>;**

**\$25.00 after May 19<sup>th</sup>**

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THE RECTORY WILL

BE CLOSED ON

FRIDAY, MAY 21st,

FOR SOME MAINTENANCE WORK





CAMP

July 12-16, 19-23

Monday - Friday, 8:30am-12:30pm

St. Mary School Grounds, Bethel
Cost is \$100 per child per week

This is the 12th year of our summer camp for children in grades k-6 (for the 2009-10 school year). Amusements, Water Slides, Rock Wall, Games, T-shirts, Prizes, Bible and Saint Stories, Arts & Crafts, Songs, Prayer and much more!

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, at the Rectory, and also on our website at www.stmarybethel.org. Make checks payable to: St. Mary Church, and return forms and payment to the Rectory.

For more information, please call Kate Fitzgerald at 744-5777 or visit our website!

St Mary Vacation Bible School
July 26-July 30, 2010, 9:00-11:45am
Ages 3-8 years old
\$15.00 per child

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Emergency Name _____

Phone # _____

List any medical conditions, food restrictions, or allergies below:

I understand that neither St. Mary Church, nor any of its employees or volunteers is responsible for any injury sustained by my child. I accept full responsibility for any medical expenses as a result of any such injury sustained.

Parent/Guardians _____
(Signature)

If your child is already bored with summer and needs a week of fun, there are still some spots available. You may drop this form in the mail box at the Religious Education Office or at the Rectory, Monday-Friday, from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., MAY 17	6:30	+	Andrew Scalero (<i>Birthday</i>) - Wife
	9:00	+	Elizabeth Deak – Leon & Stephanie Anziano
TUES, MAY 18	6:30	+	Dan Kiah – Abe & Maureen Ullah
	9:00	+	Martin Ryan – Angelo & Carol Ann Frascione
WED., MAY 19	6:30	+	George Wolonko – Sherman Family
	9:00	+	Richard McLachlan – Wife, Maureen
THU., MAY 20	6:30	+	William Farrell – Gina & Dan Ippolito
	9:00	+	Bruno DeLuca – Wife
FRI., MAY 21	6:30	+	Rev. Patrick F. Connors
	9:00	+	Albert Heckler, Jr. – Anita Deane
SAT., MAY 22	8:00	+	Pauline Magrino – Marion & Jim Kilmartin
	5:30	+	Julia Macelletti – Family
SUN., MAY 23	7:00	+	Cathryn Costello
	8:30	+	Msgr. Edward B. Karl – St. Mary Home School Assn.
	10:00	+	Hugh Lee – Family
	11:30	+	Doris Robbins – Enrico & Julie Moretti
	5:30	+	Anthony Marcucilli – Hoch Family



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Quinn Alexander Osimanti

I – Michael Promis & Jennifer Pasciucco



GOAL: \$15,000

COLLECTION: \$14,247

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*If you, or a family member, are planning a stay at Danbury Hospital,  
 please inform the Rectory so a member of the clergy may visit.*

**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**

**Sheila Kurjiaka:** *Bulletin Editor*  
**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*  
**Debbie Caraluzzi:** *Contemp. Group Director*

**ST. MARY SCHOOL (744-2922)**

**Sister Anne McCarthy:** *Principal*  
**Linda Curry:** *Secretary*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Friday: 6:30 & 9:00am**  
**Saturday: 8:00am & 5:30pm**  
**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: Twice a Month.**  
**(Call the Rectory to Schedule.)**

**ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE:**

*Couples must meet with a parish clergyman at  
 least six (6) months before the marriage is to be  
 celebrate.*