

# *Saint Mary Parish Community*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*July 17, 2011*



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## *Fr. Corey's Comments*

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◆ Congratulations to all those who attend this year's Mission Trip. All attendees worked hard, prayed hard and made the entire event a life altering experience for so many. Under the leadership of Kate Fitzgerald, this united group worked diligently and was sure to make their journey one of caring, prayer and genuine Christian charity. To be at the service of the Lord is a most edifying experience and seeds are planted with will come to fruition throughout a lifetime. During their time in Chicago, our Parish representatives practiced the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy for not only the benefit of themselves and those with whom they worked, but also for our benefit as an example to follow. Just as a reminder I offer both the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy:

The corporal works of mercy are:

To feed the hungry;  
To give drink to the thirsty;  
To clothe the naked;  
To harbor the harborless;  
To visit the sick;  
To ransom the captive;  
To bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy are:

To instruct the ignorant;  
To counsel the doubtful;  
To admonish sinners;  
To bear wrongs patiently;  
To forgive offences willingly;  
To comfort the afflicted;  
To pray for the living and the dead.

Thank you to Kate Fitzgerald as well as her teenage and adult crew. May God bless your efforts and successes.

◆ The Annual Bishop's Appeal has ended for this year. Our goal was \$135,000.00 for St. Mary Parish. Our Parish raised \$158,260.00, 117% of our goal. The monies break down in the following way: Parish collection: \$119,760.00. Bishop's Leadership donors: \$38,500.00. (Bishop's Leadership donors do not count in the rebate program. Only monies raised in the Parish are able to participate in the rebate program.) There were 676 donors who participated this year. I am most grateful for all those who participated in this year's Appeal. I also thank those who participated in this Appeal by their prayers. During these difficult economic times it is most gratifying to see our Christian Charity in action. I do believe what we give with generous hearts will be given back to us a hundred fold in blessings. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for helping us meet our Parish obligations.

◆ Unfortunately, because of a lack of participation, our Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi is cancelled. I appreciate the enthusiasm with which this trip was met, but for many reasons, enough folks did not or could not make a commitment to go. Perhaps we shall go at another time. Thank you for your interest.

◆ On September 11, 2011, the Diocese of Bridgeport will celebrate the Diocesan Blue Mass, which will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass next door at Kolbe Cathedral High School.

The Blue Mass is an occasion to affirm and encourage those who devoted themselves to that noble duty of protecting the life and property of our fellow citizens. In the words of the Lord, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13). This year's commemoration will have added significance and solemnity because it will take place ten years to the day after the tragic events of September 11, 2011.

◆ If you are on vacation, please remember to attend Mass each Sunday. It is not only our obligation as Catholics but also our privilege as followers of Christ to join him as we worship the Father through the Holy Spirit. Check the website [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for local churches and Mass times.

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## *Fr. Corey's Comments (cont'd)*

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◆ I share with you a most interesting article I found concerning **Father Augustine Tolton** (April 1854 – July 1897). As the first black Catholic priest of the United States, Fr. Tolton was born into slavery and conquered almost insurmountable odds to become a Catholic priest. He was refused at every American Catholic seminary because of this race, and ultimately received his theological training in Rome, where he was ordained. Though he died an early death at age 43, Fr. Tolton left behind a shining legacy of holy service to God and his people. He was the pastor of St. Monica's Church in Chicago, and established a center which was the focal point for the life of black Catholics in Chicago for 30 years.

Ignatius Press' new edition of Fr. Tolton's biography, ***From Slave To Priest: A Biography of the Reverend Augustine Tolton*** (by Sister Caroline Hemesath, SSF) reacquaints the modern world with this great priest, and details the incredible struggle for equality and acceptance faced by black Catholics in the mid- 19th century. The new edition includes a powerful Foreword by acclaimed black Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, who hosts the EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) series on male spirituality, "Behold the Man." The scholarly research and inspirational life-account by Sr. Caroline Hemesath, SSF (who was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis in Dubuque, Iowa) presents the great and true story of this first Black priest in the U.S., and his courage in the face of incredible prejudice. The author interviewed many people who knew Fr. Tolton personally, including St. Katherine Drexel. From ***Slave To Priest*** is a source of strength and encouragement for present-day Christians, including black Catholics who sometimes still encounter intolerance. Fr. Tolton faced a unique source of prejudice: an opposition from within part of the Church - the one institution he should have been able to rely on for compassion and support.

As well-loved pastor of St. Monica's Church in Chicago, Fr. Tolton was only a priest for 11 years, and died at the early age of 43. But he left an unparalleled legacy of holy service to God and the Catholic Church. He endured slavery, abject poverty, and what was to him a mysterious exclusion from American Catholic seminaries. Several priests and nuns, however, helped him to receive his priestly education, and ordination, in Rome. "God ... gave him the strength to exercise his priestly ministry under the weighty yoke of racism," says Burke-Sivers. "He was a beacon of hope to black Catholics in the nineteenth century who were trying to find a home in the American Church." "He endured years of frustration, humiliation, and rejection in a country boasting openness to religious freedom and tolerance," continues Burke-Sivers. "The life of Fr. Tolton is a study in faithful obedience," he says, "since the Vatican assigned Fr. Tolton to serve as a missionary priest in the United States, where he was once a slave, an outcast, a hated black. He obeyed in faith ...not the faith of blind obedience ... but in complete humility and generosity."

But the greatest legacy of Fr. Tolton was really not that he was the first black American priest. It was that "he loved and served the Lord with great fervor and intensity," says Burke-Sivers. "He was a living testimony to God's creative, life-giving work. Cardinal Ivan Dias, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples says, "...Fr. Tolton is certainly an inspiring example of courage and determination in today's Church, for all of us called to respond to God's vocation to holiness, and especially those called to the priesthood and religious life. I am sure this book will contribute to making known his witness to unwavering fidelity to Christ: a legacy not only for the American Church, but also for all modern Christians, who face persecution for their faith..."

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta, former head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, says, "The life of this holy hero has inspired me since my childhood. ...This is a life that for all its accomplishments on behalf of a specific minority, imitates closely that life of our Lord Himself ... I urge young Catholics to read the book and learn from Fr. Tolton just how much a life can mean, and how much God can accomplish through us if we are willing." There is a cause of canonization for Father Tolton. You can discover more information by conducting a search for Fr. Tolton online.

**Latin phrases for the week:**

*"Fallaces sunt rerum species" --*

*"The appearances of things are deceptive" (Seneca)*

*"Cornucopia" -- "Horn of plenty"*

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**ALTAR SERVERS:** *All servers* must fill out a new server registration form (available on our website) so we can update our records. If you are no longer serving, please return your albs to the Parish office!

We are having a Parish trip to see **“Jersey Boys”** on **Sat., Oct. 29** for the **2pm show** at the **Bushnell** in Hartford. Cost for ticket and bus transportation is \$90. We will be stopping for dinner afterward (not included in the fee) and Fr. Ed will celebrate Mass for us when we return. Call the Parish office for more information and to reserve your seat.

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS:**  
**WEEK OF DELIVERIES**



## SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary School registration is ongoing for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please contact the School for additional information at [www.stmarybethelct.org](http://www.stmarybethelct.org) or at 203-744-2922.

*Save the dates...*

St. Mary's **Annual Golf Outing** will be on **October 10th** at the Redding County Club. For additional information, please contact Kathleen or Steve DeMarco 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**. A complimentary Training Series will start on August 25th; please contact Mark Foster for additional information at [race.director@stmarysraces.com](mailto:race.director@stmarysraces.com).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **Religious Ed** office is closed for the summer and will re-open the week after Labor Day.

**REL. ED. REGISTRATION FORMS** are now 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. Forms are available on our website and can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

## **St. Mary's Mission Trip:** **Journey to an Island of Grace**

This past week I had the privilege to be a chaperone for the St. Mary's Youth Group's Mission Trip to the *Mission of Our Lady of the Angels* in Chicago. It was about a 16 hour bus ride from Bethel to our destination, but it really didn't seem that long. On our way, as we traveled together along the highway in our bus it occurred to me what a blessing it was to be a part of a group of young and older people who were on a journey to offer ourselves together in service to our Lord Jesus and our brothers and sisters. There was a moment too, soon after, that I noticed a pick-up truck across a field - with just a driver - moving along at the same speed and direction as we were. It occurred to me at that moment how much of my own service to God and my brothers and sisters up until this trip had been done in a solitary way - and how this new experience was going to be quite different than what I've ever experienced before. That was very true.

Most days we attended Daily Mass, prayed the Liturgy of the Hours; and ended the day together with a Walking Rosary led by Deacon Joe. On Thursday night our evening program included Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions.

At one point early on Seminarian Matthew mentioned how *To pray is to work, to work is to pray* (*Orare est laborare, laborare est orare* - a motto from the Benedictines). I believe that much was accomplished - and will continue to be accomplished - through our prayers and support for this Mission.

Our work : Being a part of the cleaning up and rebuilding of a holy place - *The Church of our Lady of the Angels* (At one point I imagined how it must have been at the rebuilding of the temple in the Old Testament); Help with Kid's Camp; Landscaping; and meeting the neighbors in Humboldt Park.

Some of the images from the week:

--Fr Bob, the nuns, the seminarians, our group, and neighbors from outside this space as well all walking together along this small city block - and understanding that *The Mission* was a truly an island of God's grace and peace in the midst of much poverty, pain and violence in the neighborhood.

--Having the sense that many of the neighbors understood that we had no agenda other than loving them - and that we were determined to be a part of the transformation and reinvigoration of that holy space.

--Witnessing friendships grow among our kids, and especially with their new friend "Kenny" from the neighborhood.

--Witnessing the kids in informal, group discussions with Deacon Joe and Seminarian Matthew on our Catholic faith, and understanding just how valuable it is for our youth to have solid, youthful role models like these two guys to look up too.

The experience was a blessing for all of us, and I thought it was a good thing to share it with you.

Tony Caraluzzi

# St Mary Vacation Bible School

July 25-July 29, 2011, 9:00-11:45am

Ages 3-8 years old

\$20.00 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 Monday-Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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<b>MON., JULY 18</b>	6:30	Heavenly Stock Intentions
	9:00	+ Leo Maddalena – Yolanda & Don Buonomo
<b>TUES, JULY 19</b>	6:30	+ Czeslaw Zabrezewski – The Kostyk Family
	9:00	+ Eileen Oberhammer – Family & Friends
<b>WED., JULY 20</b>	6:30	+ Cathryn Costello
	9:00	+ Kellianne Gartland – Family
<b>THU., JULY 21</b>	6:30	+ Bob Ross – Cornie & Jed Costello
	9:00	+ Leopold Maddalena – Bob & Mary Legnard
<b>FRI., JULY 22</b>	6:30	+ Mary McHenry – Jim and Mary Lou Kelly
	9:00	+ Rod Dexter – Ed & Carol Roth
<b>SAT., JULY 23</b>	8:00	+ Daniel McLeon ( <i>Birthday</i> ) – Wife Francine
	5:30	+ Wes Scofield – Family
<b>SUN., JULY 24</b>	7:00	+ Marion Woleck – Sharon & Dave Pijnenburg
	8:30	+ Blanche & John Kowalski – Sons
	10:00	+ Hugh Lee – The Pluff Family
	11:30	+ Stanley Mazur – The Fitzgerald Family
	5:30	Nonoy Falguera – Family



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**COLLECTION: \$14,449.00**

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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***  
**Linda Curry: *Secretary***

### 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.***