

Saint Mary Parish Community

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2011



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Fr. Corey's Comments

◆ On **Saturday, September 24 at 3:00pm** our Parish will celebrate **Sister Mary Alberta Sheridan's 75th Anniversary in Religious Life** with a special Mass in her honor. What a blessing!!!! Sr. Alberta has been a pillar of our Parish Life for over 35 years and we are a better Parish because of her. It would be impossible to number the countless acts of charity, love and prayers bestowed upon us by this remarkable woman. Sr. Alberta has been and inspiration, a rock of faith, an example of Christian living and a woman of courage, generosity and enthusiasm for everyone she meetings.

This daughter of Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger (the foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame) has dedicated her life to the Church and I call on our entire Parish to celebrate not only this Diamond Jubilee milestone, but the celebrate this woman who is a precious gift from God to St. Mary in Bethel.

Sr. Alberta's sense of humor is contagious, her impeccable memory is amazing and her prayers work wonders. Monsignor Karl loved Sister Alberta, Fr. Dunn called her his grandmother and her prayers are the reason why I am the current pastor and I am most proud to call Sr. Alberta my friend.

Please join us in the most special celebration. Because of her humility and her dedication to religious life, Sr. Alberta would never agree with this statement, but, I dare say she is a legend and has brought God's gracious love to the Church for 75 years. ***There will be a reception in the Parish Hall after the Mass.***

◆ I would like to introduce to our Parish the **Devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**. First Fridays have always been connected to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and since we are the Church of Saint Mary, I would like to connect these two Hearts of Love into our Parish. I was offered the idea by one of our Parishioners Gerry Mills. Gerry's husband's Ed, who recently passed, hoped to have this devotion in our Parish.

Holy Scripture refers to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and I share two of them:

"Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." – Matthew 11:25

This passage refers to Our Lord's invitation to imitate the dispositions and virtues of His own human Heart, reflecting upon His ineffable humility in becoming man and being born in a stable; His remarkable patience in living a hidden, obscure life for 30 years; His unsurpassed charity in preaching, teaching, working miracles, healing the bodies and souls of believers and unbelievers; His perfect obedience to the Father in enduring without complaint the bitter agony and infamy of death on the Cross.

"Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in Her Heart." – Luke 2:19

This passage refers to the visit of the shepherds to the Child Jesus in His crib at Bethlehem. It refers directly to what they reported regarding the heavenly host of angels that came to announce the birth of the Messiah, and how all marveled at what the shepherds had reported.

Chief among the saints of the Catholic Church who fostered devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary are St. Bonaventure and St. John Eudes. St. Bonaventure, a Cardinal and Doctor of the Roman Catholic Church, was a learned theologian and bishop of the Franciscan Order in the 13th Century. He wrote extensive theological works and is considered by the Papal Magisterium to be one of the two primary Doctors of the Catholic Church since the patristic era. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican priest and contemporary of St. Bonaventure, is the other.

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

St. Bonaventure's writings on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are scatter throughout all his works, but a passage on the Sacred Heart that is particularly poignant is found in his devotional work *The Mystical Vine*, a description of the Passion of Jesus Christ. This passage is found in the Liturgy of the Hours for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart in June.

St. John Eudes (1601-1680), however, is the founder of the modern public devotion to the Two Hearts. It was his mission to organize the scriptural, theological, patristic, and liturgical sources relating to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and to popularize them with the approbation of the Church. His chief writings on this topic were: *The Admirable Childhood of the Most Holy Mother of God*, *The Admirable Heart of the Mother of God*, *the Life and Kingdom of Jesus*, *The Sacred Heart of Jesus*, *The Admirable Heart of Mary*. Included among his works was a mass and office for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and one for the Admirable Heart of Mary. He was the first to dedicate churches in the world to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

St. Albert the Great, St. Gertrude, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. Henry of Suso, St. Peter Canisius, and St. Francis de Sales also did much to propagate and promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; and Eckbert of Schonau (who wrote the first extant prayer to the Heart of Mary), St. Mechtild of Hackeborn, St. Gertrude the Great, St. Bernard, St. Herman Joseph, St. Bridget of Sweden, St. Bernadine of Siena and St. Francis de Sales also did much to promote devotion to the Heart of Mary.

In the Nineteenth Century the Abbe Desgenettes consecrated his parish church, the Notre Dame des Victoires, in Paris, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and founded the Archconfraternity in Her honor. Later Father William Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, as well as St. Anthony Mary Claret, the founder of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, did much to promote devotion to Mary's Heart.

We shall pray the Chaplet of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary on the First Friday of each month immediately after the 9:00am Mass beginning October 7th. We shall have chaplets (they look similar to the Rosary) available for purchase in the vestibule of the Church. What do the prayers look like? The formula is included below.

Chaplet Of the Two Hearts Of Jesus And Mary

There are 20 beads in 5 sets [One can use the regular Rosary, just going around twice on the decades, saying three Hail Marys on each bead], each consisting of 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Marys.

These are the meditations for the five sets:

- 1. In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*
- 2. In honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*
- 3. The Passion of Our Lord.*
- 4. The Sorrows of Mary.*
- 5. In atonement to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.*

[At the end on the medal say the prayer to the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary]:

O United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Thou art all grace, all mercy, all love. Let my heart be joined to Thine, so that my every need is present in Thine United Hearts. Most especially, shed Thy grace upon this particular need [mention it]. Help me to recognize and accept Thy loving will in my life. Amen.

I hope you will join me in praying for our families and friends, our Parish and Church, the Souls in Purgatory and peace in the world.


PARISH HAPPENINGS

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: WEEK OF DELIVERIES



St. Mary's will introduce its CONCERTS OF CARING SERIES on September 18th at 3pm. The performance will be led by *Music Director and Pianist, Michael Ferrari*, who will accompany *Alyce Cognetta-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. 24th, 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'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 24th in the Church Hall.*

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

A Special Mass celebrating Sr. Alberta's 75th Anniversary in Religios life will be held on Sat., Sept. 24 at 3pm in the Church. Reception will follow in the hall. All are invited to attend.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: We will be having an alb re-fitting on the weekend of Oct. 1st & 2ⁿ. 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 October 3rd 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.

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. Any questions, call Mary Ferri at 743-4557.

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 1st Grade who is **not** yet registered for the Fall, check our website 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 Thursday, September 29th** for a Professional Development Day.

St. Mary's School **Annual Magazine Drive** ends ***September 22nd***. 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 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. 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.

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

See flyer on next page about our Golf Tournament!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS -- Join with other men and women who are seeking an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality through Christian community. The **Women's weekend** begins ***Fri. evening October 13th and ends Sunday, October 16th***. 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 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 25th! Please order soon!**

Come visit **Immaculate High School!** The Fall Open House is on ***Sunday, October 23rd*** from ***11 AM to 2 PM***. All 5th through 8th grade students and their families are welcome. **8th grade students** - register to take Fall entrance exam #1 ***Saturday, October 29th*** or exam #2 ***Saturday, November 5th***. Call 203-744-1510 extension 132 to register for either entrance exam or to schedule a "Mustang for a Day" visit! See www.immaculatehs.org for more information.

GREATER DANBURY IRISH FESTIVAL



Ives' Concert Park, Danbury

FRI., SEPT. 23th – 5:00pm–10:30pm

SAT., SEPT. 24th – 11:00am–10:30pm

SUN., SEPT. 25th – 11:00am– 6:30pm

The Irish Festival will feature Irish entertainment, food and beverages, shopping, cultural exhibits, ceili and set dancing, and children's activities. **Adults: \$12; Children U-12 with adult – Free;** **For more info.: AOH - 203 731-1907.**

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 Dodgingtown 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

1. _____
(Captain/Contact – Phone # _____)
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

ST. MARY PARISH
MIDNIGHT RUN TEAM

“Midnight Run is a volunteer organiza-tion dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless.”

On Friday, OCT. 14th, 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SAT., SEPTEMBER 17	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
MON., SEPTEMBER 19	6:30	+	Nobuo Mori -- The Stevens Family
	9:00	+	Jennie Reynolds – Family
TUES, SEPTEMBER 20	6:30	+	Msgr. Edward B. Karl – Family
	9:00	+	Patrick Buckley – Marie Miller
WED., SEPTEMBER 21	6:30		Special Intention
	9:00	+	Ed Mills – Ed & Carol Roth
THU., SEPTEMBER 22	6:30	+	Anne Wagher – Family
	9:00		Rosalie & Paul DeMarco – Yola & Don Buonomo
FRI., SEPTEMBER 23	6:30		Heavenly Stock Intentions
	9:00		Rosalie & Paul DeMarco (<i>50th Wedding Anniversary</i>)
SAT., SEPTEMBER 24	8:00	+	Alice McShane & Brendan Duffy – Friends
	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 & Anniv.</i>) – Kathy & Joe Gartland



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Claire Jennie Burghoff Cooper Thomas McNamara
Alexander Joseph Pieri Nicholas Louis Tardibuono



I – Alan Joseph Popowski & Christina Nicole Klanica

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.

Faith in the 21st Century

Faith Formation Series

Modern men and women are asking questions:

Is there a God?What is the meaning of my life?How can I know truth?What were we created for?Can I know right from wrong?Is the Church still relevant?

OUR FAITH HAS THE ANSWERS!

Come and hear Deacon Joe Gill present on these and other topics in this new faith formation series.

**Wednesday
Nights
7:30-9:00pm
in the Rectory
Living Room**

Sept. 21: Is the Church relevant?
Oct. 5: John Paul II's Answer to the Sexual Revolution
October 19: Prayer in the Digital Age
Nov. 2: Topic TBD
November 9: Topic TBD