

# *Saint Mary Parish Community*

THIRY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 2011



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## Comments From Deacon Joe

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I love the autumn. Colorful leaves covering the ground, pumpkin pie, crisp air. It's a season of transition, where all that was alive over the summer goes into hibernation. The plants lose their green, the animals begin to store up food for the long winter ahead.

During the month of November, the Church also bids us to remember a certain transition – the great transition that every human being on earth will experience: death. This is the month to pray for the souls of all those who have gone before us.

The Church starts off November with two great feast days. First, we have the **Feast of All Saints** – the day when we recognize and remember the great men and women from ages past who have won the crown of life. They came from every walk of life – parents, students, workers, single people, the elderly, the young, athletes, musicians, politicians, slaves, priests and nuns – but they all have one thing in common: they loved the Lord their God more than anything, and they practiced great charity toward their neighbors. The saints weren't perfect, and many of them like St. Augustine or St. Moses the Black were quite notorious sinners. But all of them were forgiven and transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ. We too can be like them! We too can become saints if we do our daily duties with faithfulness and integrity, loving God and loving our neighbor.

On November 2, the Church gives us the other great feast day: **All Souls Day**. On this day we are urged to remember all those who have gone before us – our loved ones, our ancestors, all the souls of the faithful departed. We pray for the souls of those who have died because we believe that God in His great mercy purifies the souls of the dead in Purgatory. Nothing impure can come into the presence of the All-Holy One, so in His love He provides for a way in which His children can rid themselves of the last vestiges of sin before they enter into Paradise. Our prayers can help speed that purification and hasten the entry of the souls into Heaven.

In fact, here's a little-known tidbit about our Catholic Faith: we have a better Final Four than the NCAA! Our Catholic Tradition talks about the **"Four Last Things" – Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell:**

- ♦ **Death** – Not to be morbid or anything, but all of us will one day face death. Are you ready? There have actually been several popular songs lately urging us to live every day like it was our last. Kris Allen's song, "Live Like We're Dying," has the words, "*We've only got 86,400 seconds in a day / to turn it all around or throw it all away / gotta tell 'em that we love 'em while we've got the chance to say / We've got to live like we're dying.*" The Band Perry's recent hit, "If I Die Young," has the same theme.
- ♦ **Judgment** – After our death, the results of all of our choices will become evident to us. We'll finally understand how we have impacted others with our choices. But even more amazing, we'll realize that every choice we made has shaped us, formed our character and who we are.
- ♦ **Heaven & Hell** – If, by our choices during our lives, we have opened our heart to Christ and loved Him and our neighbors, then we will be able to enter into a realm of deeper, more intense love – Heaven. But if our choices have been selfish and self-centered, if we have loved fast cars or money or popularity or ourselves more than we've loved God and our neighbor, then we will enter into the realm of more profound selfishness and separation from God and our neighbor – Hell.

The important thing to remember is that God is so merciful and loving. He desires that all of us would be saved and come to dwell eternally with Him in love. But He won't override our free will – if we choose to reject Him, He will not force Himself upon us. So let us choose to live for Christ while we still have the time!

I apologize if this is morbid – I guess it's just the shortening days and the colder weather that's got me thinking about the end of the present world. But the good news in all of this is that the hope of Heaven is open to all of us! This November, let's pray for the souls in Purgatory, and let's renew our efforts to become saints: choosing to live for Christ and to love Him, because His mercy endures forever!

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

November is dedicated to **Departed Souls**. The **Book of Names** will be in the Sanctuary, to the right of the altar. Write the names of your departed loved ones, and we shall keep them in our prayers during November. Envelopes for **All Souls Day** may be returned any time during November. Masses are offered throughout the year for **Souls in Purgatory**.



**ST. MARY ANNUAL COLLECTION** will be taken up during the **month of November**. Please be as generous as possible to this collection and drop your envelope into the offertory anytime in November.

**FAITH IN THE 21ST CENTURY:** The next in this series of talks and discussions led by **Deacon Joe** will be on **Wednesday evening November 9 at 7:30pm** in the **Parish Hall** on the topic, "**How Would Jesus Vote? Catholicism in the Public Square.**" Come and learn more on how our Faith can answer the questions that we all grapple with!

**Bible Study** "**Come Discover the Book of Psalms**"



Our autumn Bible Study is taking an in-depth look at the **Book of Psalms**. Contact **Rick Lawlor** at 203-470-8084 or email at [rlawlor22@comcast.net](mailto:rlawlor22@comcast.net) for more info. Classes will be on most Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our next meeting will today, **SUN. NOV. 6 at 2:30pm** in the Church Hall with guest speaker **Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien**, Director of Bereaved Ministry, Archdiocese of Hartford and past president of the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved. 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 in the Church Hall.**

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**COFFEE & ...** will be served after the **7:00, 8:30 & 10:00 Mass** on **SUN., NOV. 13<sup>th</sup>**



**ATTN: TEENS & PARENTS** On **WED., NOV. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** there will be an informational meeting in the **Parish Hall** for our next **Mission Trip/Retreat** scheduled for **June 24-30, 2012**. All interested high school students and their parents should attend. Applications will be given out with a return **deadline of Nov. 23**. For more info call Kate Fitz (744-5777). **See info in bulletin on our Christmas Wreaths, Kissing Balls, Memorial Blankets and Holiday Log boxes fundraiser!**

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** has begun their inquiry sessions on Sundays at 8:30am in the school teacher's room. It's not too late to join our sessions if you are unbaptized, come from another Christian tradition, or are a Catholic who has not received First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Please come and explore if you are being called to the Catholic Faith or call **Dennis Nauheimer (794-9488)** or **Pat Wilson-Perkins (797-1967)**

**ARE YOU MOVING?** If so, please notify the Rectory, so we may have your envelopes sent to your new address, or remove you from our mailing list.



**PASTORAL CARE at Danbury Hospital**

**Prior to Your Hospitalization:** You or a family member should notify the Rectory. **Upon Admission:** You or a family member should notify the registrar that you are a parishioner at St. Mary.



**Hospitalized**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Office hours are:**  
**Tuesday – Thursday, 9:30am – 2:00pm**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS** are available online at [stmarybethel.org](http://stmarybethel.org) for children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Children **must** attend each year in **Grades 1-8** in order to make their sacraments. For more info call **Rel. Ed.** at 743-4557.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Mary School**  
**Open House – Catch the Spirit!**  
**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am – 1pm**

- Pre K through Grade 8
- Fostering Catholic Faith and Values
- Academic Excellence
- Nurturing Family Atmosphere

*Meet our committed and caring family of teachers, parents and student ambassadors as you tour and find out more about St. Mary School.*

All are welcome to join us for a workshop entitled **“Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Social Aggression and Your Child”** in the School Gym on **Mon., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Tues., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** for a Professional Development Day or on **Thurs., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** for Veterans Day. There will be an 11:15 **Early Dismissal** on **Tues., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Wed., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

St. Mary School **BOOK FAIR** will be held in the school Library on **Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** during school and Parent/Teacher conference hours. All are welcome!

St. Mary's Annual **TURKEY BINGO** will be held on **Fri., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun time with the entire family! For more info please contact Jennifer Curnan at [j\\_curnan@hotmail.com](mailto:j_curnan@hotmail.com) or Tracy Lennane-Chimbo at [tracylennanechimbo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracylennanechimbo@sbcglobal.net).

**CRAFTERS WANTED!** St. Mary School's ***Annual Christmas Gala & Craft Fair*** will be on **Sat., Dec., 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you are interested in a space at the fair, please contact Kathleen Horvath at 203-300-5486 or email at [Kathleen.horvath@att.net](mailto:Kathleen.horvath@att.net).

**Thank you** to Mark & Dalene Foster for putting together a fabulous day of racing at the ***Catch Me If You Can*** 5K, 10K and Kids Fun Run that was held at Saint Mary's on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Thanks** to all our runners, sponsors, vendors and supporters.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** is this **Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15** in the Parish Hall.



Thanksgiving  
Food Drive

**THANKSGIVING** is only weeks away, and once again you have the opportunity to share with those less fortunate. You may drop off your food donations (canned or dry foods, etc.), in the **Church vestibule** every day from **8:00am - 5:00pm**. ***Frozen Turkeys*** can be dropped off **Mon.-Fri. until 12noon** in the **freezer in the Parish Hall Kitchen**. Monetary donations may be sent to: *Brotherhood in Action, P.O. Box 581, Bethel, Ct. 06801. Please be as generous as you can as our food supplies are very low and demand is great!*

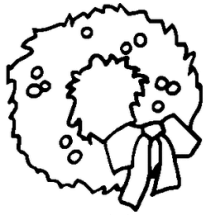
## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**The DANBURY EMMAUS** is having a retreat for anyone currently in high school from ***December 2-4, 2011*** at the ***Seton-Newman Center*** in Danbury. Call Kristin Nauheimer at 512-5285 for info.

**The BETHEL TOASTMASTERS CLUB'S** next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 21 at 7 PM**. For more information please call Sharon Closius at 203-798-9822 or Pat Wilson-Perkins at 203-797-1967.

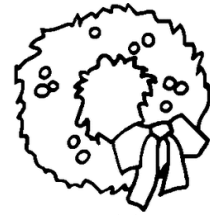
The **BETHEL WOMEN'S CLUB** is ***collecting Christmas presents for veterans in long term care and at the Vet House n Danbury.*** The items must be new, with original tags and unwrapped. A list of items can be found in the church vestibule by the collection bin. We are also gratefully accepting monetary donations to fulfill their needs. Checks may be made payable to ***The Bethel Women's Club*** and sent c/o ***Geier, 15 Andrews Street, Bethel, CT 06801***

The **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES** is holding a ***Christian Prayer Gathering*** for the Greater Danbury area at WCSU Westside Campus Ballroom on ***11/11/11 from 6:30-10pm***, hoping to gather churches and denominations as one body to pray. Contact 794-9672 for more info or to RSVP.



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# CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



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*Proceeds of this sale will benefit **the ST. MARY'S MISSION TRIP/RETREAT**, a yearly event that sends a group of high school students and adult chaperones to volunteer their time and talents to provide supplies and service to those in need. Past works included rebuilding condemned homes, working at food banks, homeless shelters and soup kitchens, landscaping and gardening, helping the elderly and visiting the sick. **YOUR SUPPORT WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED FUNDING.***

<b>Fancy Decorated Balsam Wreath</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Kissing Ball, (decorated)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>20" Memorial Blanket, (decorated fancy)</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Holiday Cedar log box, (decorated fancy)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

Orders will be taken after **November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>** and **November 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>** masses. Or mail your order in to: St. Mary's Mission Trip, 26 Dodgingtown Rd., Bethel, CT 06801. Items will be available for pick-up on **Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Church.

*Please consider purchasing a wreath or kissing ball for your home or office.*

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YES!! I would love to place an order to support the St. Mary's Mission Trip

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|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Quantity _____ | Balsam Wreath(s) @ \$20.00    | Total _____ |
| Quantity _____ | Kissing Ball(s) @ \$25.00     | Total _____ |
| Quantity _____ | Cemetery blanket(s) @ \$25.00 | Total _____ |
| Quantity _____ | Holiday Cedar Log Box @ \$20  | Total _____ |

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be picking my order up on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like you to please deliver my items on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Make checks payable to: "St. Mary Church - Mission Trip".  
*All donations are welcome and appreciated.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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|-------------------|-------|---|------------------------------------------------------------|
| SAT., NOVEMBER 5  | 5:30  | + | Mary Barnick – Sharon & Dave Pinenburg                     |
| SUN., NOVEMBER 6  | 7:00  | + | Teresa Gallagher – Pat & John Lord                         |
|                   | 8:30  | + | Bud Riesenberg – Family                                    |
|                   | 10:00 | + | Dorothy & Raymond Stelzel – Family                         |
|                   | 11:30 | + | Erberto Frieri – The Caraluzzi Family                      |
|                   | 5:30  | + | Teresa Gallagher – The Ferri Family                        |
| MON., NOVEMBER 7  | 6:30  | + | Guisepppe Pregoni – Daughter Gisella Varano                |
|                   | 9:00  | + | John & Lillian Masucci – Family                            |
| TUES, NOVEMBER 8  | 6:30  | + | Thomas Cogan – George & Linda Keenan                       |
|                   | 9:00  | + | Saviano Tortosa – Catherine Gadarowski & Marie Miller      |
| WED., NOVEMBER 9  | 6:30  | + | Nicholas Santarelli, Sr. – Dante & Lucille Lividini        |
|                   | 9:00  |   | Heavenly Stock Intentions                                  |
| THU., NOVEMBER 10 | 6:30  | + | Cathryn Z. Costello – Family                               |
|                   | 9:00  |   | Raymund Falguera – Family                                  |
| FRI., NOVEMBER 11 | 6:30  |   | NO MASS                                                    |
|                   | 9:00  | + | Bert Gadarowski – Marie Miller                             |
| SAT., NOVEMBER 12 | 8:00  | + | Edward J. Gallagher, Jr. – Family                          |
|                   | 5:30  | + | Joyce Bertozzi – Family                                    |
| SUN., NOVEMBER 13 | 7:00  | + | Mark Moavero – Matthew & Amanda                            |
|                   | 8:30  | + | June LeBlanc – Friends                                     |
|                   | 10:00 | + | Bernadine Loya ( <i>10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</i> ) -- Family |
|                   | 11:30 | + | Raymond Balasco – Marie & Dominic Broccoli                 |
|                   | 5:30  | + | Frank & Lucy Chiarella -- Family                           |



## WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Olivia Emma LeCount*

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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.*