

Saint Mary Parish Community

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2009

Edward Burke Karl

Born: April 25, 1931

Died: September 20, 2009

1948 – 1957:

**St. Thomas Seminary, Ct.
St. Mary Seminary, Md.**

May 25, 1957:

**Ordained to Priesthood
St. Mary's, Bridgeport, Ct.**

June 1, 1957:

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Fairfield, Assistant Pastor**

1962 – 1967:

**Central Catholic High
Norwalk, Faculty Member**

1967 – 1971:

**St. Charles/St. Thomas
Assistant Pastor**

September 18, 1971:

**Holy Family – Fairfield
Pastor**

May 14, 1989 – Present:

**St. Mary Church – Bethel
Pastor**

1996 – Elevated to

Office of "Monsignor"

May 1996:

Dedicated New Church

November 1999:

Completed Parish House



St. Mary Church & Rectory

26 Dodgingtown Road, Bethel, Connecticut 06801

Fr. Corey's Comments

The death of a pastor is in so many ways like the death of the father of a family. Even though someone is sick and has cheated death by coming back from a difficult and life-threatening illness, it is never easy to say good-bye. Though not necessarily a surprise, Monsignor Karl's death has surely shocked us all. Someone whom I regarded with respect, admiration, and fraternal love. A person we all saw as a spiritual father, friend and guide has completed his journey here on this earth and gone to collect his eternal reward in the next world.

Monsignor Karl served God's Church well. As a "curate" he started off his priesthood and met many of the important players of the Diocese. He was the Administrator of St. Charles Parish in Bridgeport, served as a teacher and guidance counselor at Central Catholic in Norwalk, and was Pastor of Holy Family in Fairfield before coming to St. Mary with the instructions to build a new Church for Bethel. He served on many different committees for the Diocese by lending his common sense approach, expertise and keen eye for Church art and architecture.

Let me share with you the first time I met Monsignor Karl. It was in the 90's, and I came to the "old" St. Mary Church to celebrate a wedding. This is not an exaggeration, but Monsignor could not be friendlier, more accommodating and more welcoming. (It is not always the case when you go to other parishes that you are welcomed with open arms.) I immediately felt at home and comfortable. It was such a wonderful feeling as a new priest to be treated so well by one of the pillars of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

For a moment I would like to refer to the phrase I used previously. Monsignor Karl had a "keen" eye. My first realization of this was Monsignor's sweaters. I was most impressed by the style of his "pastoral sweaters". He had the nicest and most interesting sweaters that rivaled those of Bill Cosby. Monsignor had a wonderful eye for art, simple yet beautiful...our Church and rectory are two wonderful examples of his vision and understanding of classic beauty.

I think his "keen" eye went a bit further. I think that Monsignor could see the beauty in people better than most. He loved to be with his people at parties. He was a man who could easily touch the heart in the most difficult of situations. Monsignor knew how to comfort the sick, the dying and the bereaved. No one loved children more than Monsignor Karl. Who could forget "bedtime Bible stories", and all the hugs after Mass. I personally will never forget his 50th anniversary when he stood on the porch and playfully threw Tootsie Roll Lollipops to the children... a visual memory I will never forget.

Monsignor Karl built the new Saint Mary's Church. It was not an easy task nor was it always a popular task. But, he built God's Church both physically with bricks and spiritually with his love and prayers.

Let me assure you, Monsignor Edward Karl loved St. Mary Parish, he loved each and every one of us with all his heart and soul and from his place in heaven we now have a special intercessor to help us on our journey.

Every night before going to bed Monsignor would stop by my room, stand in the doorway and chat a little bit about what happened in the Parish or what happened at Immaculate that day. It wasn't an in-depth conversation, just a little brotherly talk. When we were done, he would affectionately say nite-nite. Well, Monsignor, we all say nite-nite to you. May you rest in peace and until we meet again in God's kingdom, may God gently hold you in the palm of his hand.

Meet Our Seminarian

Dear St. Mary's Parish Community,

First of all I would like to thank each one of you for the warm greetings you've given me since I've arrived at St. Mary's. You have made me feel very welcome these past couple months, proving true all those who had told me St. Mary's was a wonderful community. I'll also take this opportunity to thank you for each and every birthday wish you've given me. They are all very well appreciated, and I ask your prayers as I go through this year with you!

I was asked awhile ago by Fr. Corey to give some background information about myself, so I thought I would start with the basics. I was born September 6th, 1985 (as you all well know!) in Stamford hospital, but otherwise I have lived in Monroe all my life. My mother is a nursing supervisor and my father works in graphic design. I have only one sibling, a younger brother who just recently graduated high school at 19. I attended the Monroe public school system for all my education until high school, at which time I attended St. Joseph's High School in Trumbull from 2000 to 2004. I entered the seminary immediately after high school. I lived at St. John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford while attending Sacred Heart University for my undergraduate degree in Philosophy. I graduated 2008 Magma cum Laude with the "Gold Medal in Excellence in Philosophy," and now have completed one year of study ("First Theology") at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. I find the change from Mt. St. Mary's to St. Mary's Parish to be Providential, and as the Mount has been instrumental in my growth of discernment and formation toward the priesthood of Jesus Christ, I know you all will provide me with the very same nurturing environment.

As for hobbies, I am a big fan of books and try to read often. I also enjoy writing and have started on several different ideas, with only one completion! I have an affinity for Japanese culture and language, both of which I study in my spare time. Philosophy, thankfully, is also a big interest which helped me out in my undergraduate work.

As you may or may not yet know, I will be with St. Mary's for an entire year, finishing up around May 22, 2010. During this time I will be involved with as much as I can at St. Mary's: CCD, St. Mary's school, weddings, funerals, baptisms, hospital ministry, youth group, and more. I would ask you to continue to extend to me your warm welcome and pray for me as I learn the style of these ministries. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to ask me. I am here to serve you and learn from you. Thank you again for your welcome, and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Matthew Krankall



SCHOOL NEWS

The **Feast of St. Francis** is on **SUN., OCT. 4th**.



We invite all the pets of our Parish and their families to come to the front lawn of the Church on the 4th at **1:00pm** for the traditional blessing of St. Francis. Last year we had a wonderful turnout, and there was peace among the animals. I would love to see some your more interesting pets come for a visit. A horse or two, some sheep, snakes, rabbits would be a wonderful addition, just not side by side. Hope to see you.



The **Saint Augustine Medal for Service** started with Bishop Lori about 5 years ago. Those here at St. Mary's who were awarded the medal are: **Mary Guertin, Leo Gallagher, Paul Orsino,** and **Catherine Gadarowski**. It is difficult and yet easy at the same time to pick a recipient. Difficult, because there are so many deserving folks here at St. Mary's, and easy because there are so many deserving folks here at St. Mary's. This year's recipient is **Bob Legnard**.

ATTN: Current & Prospective Altar Servers!

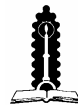


This year, **Seminarian Matthew** is heading the altar server training under the title, "**The Altar Corps**". Because the program is being updated **ALL servers** need to attend training sessions to see what's new. If you are a boy or girl in **4th grade or up** and are interested in being an altar server, please contact **Seminarian Matthew** at **makrankall@gmail.com** by **OCT. 5th**. For St. Mary students training will be held at **2:15pm**. **There is a correction to the dates in last week's bulletin.** Please note the correction dates are **OCT. 7th, 14th, and 21st**, all **Wednesdays**. For others (and for students who can't attend the St. Mary's program), sessions will be held on the **same dates** at **5:00pm**. All sessions meet in the **Church**. The sessions are cumulative and will be an hour long. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Seminarian Matthew. Thank you, and we look forward to working with you this year to make our Masses beautiful.

MON., SEPT. 28th – St. Mary School closed. **Professional Develop Day, Curriculum Mapping.**

TUES., SEPT. 29th, Cluster II Advisory Board: Meeting at **7:30pm**, in the School Gym.

On **FRI., OCT. 2nd**, our **19th ANNUAL WALK-A-THON** will be at **12:00n**, on **School grounds**. Any monetary benefit will be used to enhance our Physical Education program and to automate our Library, including the electronic check out of books and an automatic web-based card catalog. Students will be accepting donations after Masses this weekend. Any donation will be appreciated.



NOCTURNAL ADORATION will be on **FRI., OCT. 2nd**, from **9:00pm to 7:00am**.

COFFEE & ... will be served after the **07:00 Mass** on **SUN., OCT. 4th**.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to attend a get-together at the **Parish House** on the morning of **SAT., OCT. 3rd**, at **10:30**. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the conversation or simply just listen. Feel free to invite others who might be interested. We plan to conclude by noon. For planning purposes we ask that you let us know that you are coming by calling the **Rector** (744-5777) any weekday 9:00-4:00. Please **RSVP no later than Sept. 30th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Fr. Ed**, or email: **stmaryoffice@comcast.net**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
MON., OCT. 12th, 8:15pm, Parish Hall.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be holding its annual **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE** after all Masses the weekend of **OCT. 10th & 11th**. The proceeds will be donated directly to local resources for people with intellectual disabilities (e.g. Ability Beyond Disability, and others).





ST. MARY PARISH JOINS

MIDNIGHT RUN TEAM



What is Cursillo? Ordinary people helping each other apply their faith to everyday situations in life regularly. **Cursillo** (pronounced **kor-SEE-yo**) provides an opportunity for individuals to grow in faith and spirituality through Christian Community. As individuals we all have the ability to influence our society. However, as a Christian Community working together, our impact – and our personal reward – can be even greater. The Cursillo attitude is contagious. It brings Christ's values to those in one's family, schools, neighborhoods or places of business. To learn more contact: **Yvonne Cecera (797-1361)** or email **yvonne.cecera@hotmail.com**.

2009 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, with the theme "*Bring the Fire Home*", set for **SAT., OCT. 3rd**, at **8:00am**, at the **Chevrolet Theatre** in Wallingford. Bishop William E. Lori will deliver the morning's keynote address, and speakers include: **Michael Cumbie**, president of the Micah Project; **Father Larry Richards**, radio host and founder of "The Reason for Hope"; **Father Paul Gotta**, sacramental minister for Southern Connecticut State University; and **Father Greg Markey**, pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Norwalk. The fee for the conference and lunch is \$30 for adults, \$20 for high school and college students. To purchase a ticket online or for more information, visit **www.ctcatholicmen.org** or call **Bob Marcarelli (203-623-2973)**.

"Midnight Run is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless."

On **Friday, OCT. 2nd**, St. Mary Parish will participate in a **Midnight Run**, and **we need your help!** 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 12 – 8 Adults, 4 High School age – so sign up quickly*);**
- ❖ **Make a Monetary donation (*Each run will cost approximately \$200-\$300*);**
- ❖ **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*).**



OPEN HOUSE


Immaculate High School
SUN., OCT. 18th, 11:00am-Noon

Choose your date and register by calling our **Office (744-1510)**, and visit the **IHS web site: www.immaculatehs.org**.

SAT., OCT. 24th, 8:30am – 12:00noon.
SAT., NOV. 14th, 8:30am – 12:00noon.

For more information and to volunteer, please call **Mary Ferri: 730-2726**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON., SEPT. 28	6:30 + Rebecca Duff (<i>Birthday</i>) – Family	
	9:00 + William Dugan – McClellan Family	
TUES, SEPT. 29	6:30 + John Herlihy – James Kelly	
	9:00 + Tony Soegaard – Carr Family	
WED., SEPT. 30	6:30 + Jean Clarke – Mary Ellen & Peter Leone	Mass Intentions 
	9:00 + Patrick Buckley – 9:00am Mass Group	
THU., OCT. 1	6:30 + Bernadine Loya (<i>Birthday</i>) – Family	
	9:00 + Joan Czyz – Family	
FRI., OCT. 2	6:30 + Rev. John J. Fleming	
	9:00 + Ronald Dorman – Family	
SAT., OCT. 3	8:00 Dick & Edna Mae Beston (<i>In honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>)	
	5:30 + Bill Benzing – Sheila & Peter Barrett & Family	
SUN., OCT. 4	7:00 + Eileen Sullivan – Bach Family	
	8:30 + Al Dennis – Family	
	10:00 + Hugh Lee – Family	
	11:30 + Kathryn Spiess – Phoebe Ann Vecchia	
	5:30 + Andrew Deeb (<i>Birthday</i>) – Wife & Family	



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO WERE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Francesca Rose Baia	Quinn Alexander Hamann
Luca Pawel LaGravinese	William Marc Lindstrom
Luca Pepi	Travis Jayden Rivera

III – *David Patrone & Aurora Neves*
II – *Kenneth Roberts & Rebecca McGehee*



GOAL: \$15,000 COLLECTION: \$13,978

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**PARISH OFFICE (744-5777)**

**Sheila Kurjiaka:** *Bulletin Editor*  
**Kate Fitzgerald:** *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**

**Mike Macelletti:** *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 1:00pm.*  
(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.*

