

# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016



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## Consecration of the Diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear Friends in Christ,

For the next four Sundays, you will see catechetical essays in our Bulletin. They are designed to help the Diocesan Family prepare for the Consecration of the Diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. These essays will also be appearing in the *Fairfield County Catholic* and on our Diocesan Website.

The four essay topics are below:

- I. The Meaning of Christian Pilgrimage
- II. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- III. Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- IV. The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The schedule for the Consecration Events on November 5<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

- 1:00 PM Arrival at St. Augustine Cathedral
- 1:15 PM Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 1:30 PM Recitation of the Scriptural Rosary (Start of Confessions)
- 2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration and Presentation by Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Conclusion of Confessions)
- 3:30 PM Break
- 4:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration (with Consecration)

Everyone is welcome to attend all the Events or to participate in as much of the afternoon as you wish.

*Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz*

*Pastor*



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, October 10**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32  
9:00 AM Dorothy & James Stoveken

**TUESDAY, October 11**

Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41  
7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish  
12:00 PM Chris Suffoletto

**WEDNESDAY, October 12**

Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46  
7:00 AM Edward Sturz  
12:00 PM Joseph Pacific

**THURSDAY, October 13**

Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54  
7:00 AM Elizabeth McCoy  
12:00 PM Mary Paterniani

**FRIDAY, October 14**

Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7  
7:00 AM Z. Joseph Dragicevich  
12:00 PM Charles Herring

**SATURDAY, October 15**

Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12  
8:00 AM Mary Rowella  
4:30 PM Ryan Adams

**SUNDAY, October 16**

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**Church**

7:30 AM Mary and Conrad Sponberg  
9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish  
11:15 AM T. Borkowski -38th Anniversary

**Hall**

10:30 AM Francis Patrick Goode  
12:00 PM Sal and Joy Puccio  
5:00 PM Terence Knoche



Our next Pre-Baptism Class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held this **Wed., October 12<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Call our Parish Office to register.

**ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 NOON**



ST. MARY CHURCH at the FOOT of the CROSS on the hill. Please come and pray through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, Patroness of the United States of America, for our nation, a just and lasting peace in our troubled world and any other intentions you have. Bring a chair. For further info call: Barb Costello 203-297-2371/Erica Kiss 203-894-1017/Monica Brown 914-533-2832.



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

October 2, 2016	\$23,316	\$939,942
October 4, 2015	\$24,739	\$918,138

**Facilities Repair**

October 2016	\$4,830
October 2015	\$3,827

*This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection, Dorothy Day Hospitality House*



**2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$486,467
% OF GOAL	159.50%

**Please remember our sick in your prayers, Especially Chester Augustine, Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Mary Clark and Donald Drislane**

*(For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.)*



*Wedding  
Banns*

*I. Clement Patrick Patafio  
Jennifer Ruth Johnson*

**Candle Intentions**

***A Church Altar Candle  
is Burning in Loving Memory  
Jack Morrisroe***

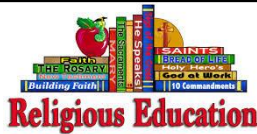


***A Church Altar Candle  
is Burning in Loving Memory of  
Stephen Rogers***

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Charlie Shea Bresnan, Evelyn Rose Cea, Thomas Grayson Mendez, Owen Michael O'Reilly, Benjamin Michael Scerra** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.





Our Grade 3 Class Liturgy will be on Sunday, October 16, 12:00 Noon Mass in our Parish Hall. All Grade 3 students and their families are invited. There will be light snacks and refreshments in our Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center following Mass.

Our Grade 2 First Reconciliation Parent Orientations will be held on Tuesday, October 25, Wednesday, October 26, and Wednesday, November 2. The morning sessions are 9-10:15am in our Parish Hall, and the evening sessions are 7-9pm in our Day Chapel.

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

COME JOIN US SHOW OUR LOVE FOR LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING AND/OR EARNING SERVICE HOURS:

**-40 Days for Life** - Sept 28 – Nov 26 [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)  
**-Catholic Scouting Diaper Drive** – After all Masses, October 8, 9, 15 and 16. For more details on any of the volunteer opportunities email [jennmitchell@comcast.net](mailto:jennmitchell@comcast.net).

**MEN'S DAY OF HEALING** - Men suffer from abortion too! Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing is being held on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. For more info, contact 877-586-4621 or [lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:lumina@postabortionhelp.org).

*"We are afraid of being branded, afraid of being ridiculed. So we devise ways to avoid having to say what we believe-that God is life and all life comes from Him, that a culture of death is simply a culture without God, who is life." Cardinal John J. O'Connor, New York*  
[www.smcr.org/respect-life](http://www.smcr.org/respect-life)



## DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, criticized comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, who said that the phrases "religious liberty" and "religious freedom" were "code words" used to discriminate. Lori responded in part in this way: "The vast majority of those who speak up for religious liberty are merely asking for the freedom to serve others as our faith asks of us. We ask that the work of our institutions be carried out by people who believe in our mission and respect a Christian witness. This is no different from a tobacco control organization not wishing to hire an advocate for smoking or a civil rights organization not wanting to hire someone with a history of racism or an animal rights group wishing to hire only vegetarians."

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.



## Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

### OPEN HOUSE DATES

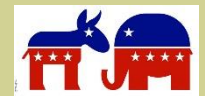
What is so special about Saint Mary School? We are committed to academic excellence, a strong faith based education, and a nurturing community environment where students thrive intellectually, spiritually, and socially. Our award winning school and dynamic preschool provide a challenging curriculum, a vibrant Catholic education, an active parent community.

We invite you to come take a closer look. Saint Mary School will be holding a Kindergarten – Grade 8 Open House on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 am, and a Preschool Open House on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 am. Meet with other parents, speak with faculty and staff, and see classes in session. To register, for more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at 203-438-7288 or visit [www.smsridgefield.org](http://www.smsridgefield.org).

**Open Houses:** Immaculate High School: Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 11-1pm, [immaculatehs.org](http://immaculatehs.org); Sacred Heart Greenwich, Oct. 13, 6pm, [www.cshgreenwich.org](http://www.cshgreenwich.org); Iona Prep (9-12) Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00-3pm or Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm, [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org).

## Faith & Politics – at Our Dinner Table?

with Dr. Benjamin Peters



Tuesday, Oct 11, 7-9 p.m. Catholics are called to actively participate in the world around them – to be "political." But what does political activity look like in the U.S. today in the age of Trump and Clinton? Join us as we discuss how Catholics and others can think about U.S. politics and the 2016 election. \$25. Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - 860-760-9705. [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

### Ways to Strengthen Our Catholic Faith

Spend Time Reading & Meditating on God's Word



In Ephesians 6:17, the apostle, Paul, writes "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." If we hope to understand God's teachings and let them guide us, spending quality time with The Bible will help us accomplish this goal. By exploring our faith in new ways, we can find many treasures. Inspiration, peace of mind, wisdom, compassion, fellowship and the saving love of Jesus can be found along the path. If we resolve to refresh our faith through any of these opportunities, our journey as Catholics can be revitalized in ways we never imagined.

[Beliefnet.com](http://Beliefnet.com)

## CATHOLIC ACTION

### COMING UP!

#### St. Mary Parish Midnight Run

The next scheduled Midnight Run is Oct. 28. Needed items: hooded sweatshirts, jeans, medium and lightweight jackets, new underwear(M-XL), socks, backpacks, sleeping bags, lightly used sneakers and shoes, toothbrushes, and travel size toiletries. Drop off your donation at the barn from 7:30am to 3:00pm Oct 21-27. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the run.

To volunteer, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or Bob Wendel at 203-431-4031.

#### Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive

Our Knights of Columbus council members will once again be collecting non-perishable food donations to support their **Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**. Donation bins will be placed at the front & rear entrances of our Church & Parish Hall on October 22nd. The Knights, and those they serve, appreciate your continued support.

### ONGOING

#### DONATE: Food Pantries

During the month of **October**, all food collected goes to **St. Joseph Parenting Center**. The following are some suggested food items: cereal, pasta, rice, canned foods, vegetable oil, and baby food. Also needed: full-size toiletries. Thank you!

## SMMC

### St. Mary Mothers' Club First Meeting!



Come join us Friday evening, October 14th at 7:30 pm in the Barn. We will be making lunches for St. Peter Parish and discussing all the great things we have planned for the year!



### ST. MARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR is looking for new members and adults who would like to help!

We welcome all children who are in second grade or older. We are also looking for a drummer, violinist and flutist for our children's choir. Contact Manette Hutchings at [mejch226@hotmail.com](mailto:mejch226@hotmail.com)

### Volunteers Needed!!

#### Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

Our Food Prep Team is looking for help to occasionally prepare meals. For more details, email [mbreilly28@gmail.com](mailto:mbreilly28@gmail.com)

## PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima will remain in the Church Sanctuary for the month of October to remind us of our Lady's request to pray the Rosary daily for world peace. To invite Our Lady into your home or for more info contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.

X = 1 additional adorer needed.

Empty boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	O	O	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	O	X
4am-5am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
5am-6am	X	X					X
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am				X			X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X			X		X	X
11am-12N	X						X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X						X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X		X	X
11pm-12M	X		X		X	X	X

Helpful advice for those going through challenging times is, "When life gets too hard to stand, kneel." Come to our Adoration Chapel & kneel before God asking for His help. Please sign up for an hour or as a substitute by calling Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless us all!

**EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary are sung and prayed. Please join us!**



### ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Membership in the STMMM is a lifetime invitation to come whenever you can! Once a member always a member. Come join us any Saturday @ 6:30AM for bagels, coffee and fellowship. Perhaps your spiritual life needs a tune-up. Come and see how Jesus' teachings can enrich your life and the life of your loved ones. [stmmm.org](http://stmmm.org)

### MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Don't you want to be the best role model for your child? The easiest way is to share the faith with your children by spending time with them and "walking the talk." Connect the words to action! Join the Knights of Columbus for the opportunity to serve our church and community together WITH your children. We are looking for Dads and their kids to help us throughout the year. Contact John McNicholas at [jmpmcnich@yahoo.com](mailto:jmpmcnich@yahoo.com) or visit [www.kofc245.org](http://www.kofc245.org) for more info.