

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016



Stephen Ministry

One of our many wonderful Parish ministries is our Stephen Ministry. This Ministry reaches out to people suffering from illness and grief, family troubles and job loss. Stephen Ministers—lay caregivers—are equipped and empowered to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. It is a ministry bringing Christ's care and love to people, through people.

As a Pastor, I am grateful for our Parish's commissioned Stephen Ministers who help make sure our caring needs are met by offering quality Christian care to those in need. Each Stephen Minister has received 50 hours of training and is well prepared to help. I'd like to thank our Stephen Ministers—JoAnn Cali, Tom Castellani, Jim Connelly, Josi Connelly, Connie Donohue, Vince Falotico, Barbara Giobbi, Jack Hughes, Julianne Maggio, Mary Ann O'Grady, Jim Orkin, Marlys Rizzi, Deacon Bob Salvestrini, Kathie Salvestrini, Pat Stephens, Anne Stewart, and Donna Whitton—for the important work that they do.

If you think this Ministry might be helpful to you or someone you know, please contact one of the Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady or Jack Hughes, who will meet with you to put you in touch with the appropriate Stephen Minister to meet with on a regular basis (usually weekly). Women are paired with women and men with men. These visits continue for however long is helpful to you. Please be assured, Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship always remains confidential.

For more information, to become a Stephen Ministry Minister or to schedule a visit, contact one of the Ministry Leaders:

Jack Hughes 203-665-0054, jack2cruise@gmail.com

Mary Ann O'Grady 203-438-5610, mannog@aol.com

May God bless those who reach out and spread the love of Christ,

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 17

Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

7:00 AM John Francis Brennan

12:00 PM Mary Donnellan

TUESDAY, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Noel Edman

WEDNESDAY, October 19

Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

7:00 AM People Suffering from Addiction & Depression

12:00 PM Thomas Ryan, Jr.

THURSDAY, October 20

Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

7:00 AM Carey Depuy

12:00 PM Myron James Welchel

FRIDAY, October 21

Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

7:00 AM Andrew Murphy

12:00 PM Michael Chelednik

SATURDAY, October 22

Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

8:00 AM Christina Murphy

4:30 PM Jennie Laudani

SUNDAY, October 23

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Church

7:30 AM Thomas Moore

9:15 AM Steven Lancaster

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM Ellen & Thomas Flynn

12:00 PM Navio Ligi

5:00 PM Carey Depuy



A Pre-Baptism class is required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized. Class is offered on the **second** Wednesday of every **other** month from 7:30-8:30 pm in

the Barn. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, **December 14th**. Please call our Parish Office to register.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

October 9, 2016	\$24,965	\$964,907
October 11, 2015	\$21,627	\$939,765

Hospitality House

October 2016	\$6,335
October 2015	\$5,719

Next week's 2nd collection, World Mission Sunday



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

Thank you for helping us far surpass our Parish goal!

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially 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.)



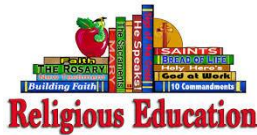
Wedding Banns

*II. Clement Patrick Patafio-
Jennifer Ruth Johnson*



**Full of Grace:
An Afternoon with
Our Lady
October 22, 12pm - 3pm**

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, starting with a screening of the new movie, *Full of Grace*, followed by discussion moderated by Fr. Peter J. Cameron, O.P., St. Rose of Lima Parish, 46 Church Hill Rd., Newtown, CT. Light refreshments will be served. (\$10 suggested donation).



Religious Education

Our Grade 2 First Reconciliation Parent Orientations will be held on Tuesday, October 25, and Wednesday, October 26. The morning session will be held from 9:00am to 10:15 am in our Parish Hall. The evening session will be held from 7:00pm to 8:30 in our Parish Hall.



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

Box Tops for SMS

Did you ever notice those little pink box tops on many of the products you buy in the grocery store? Well, each one is worth 10 cents when redeemed by a school. Saint Mary School collects box tops, and would appreciate your help! There is a collection box in the back of the Hall near the CD display, or you can drop them in the Main Office. Some of the brands that participate are Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Land-O-Lakes and Cheerios, but there are many, many more. Thank you for your support!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

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

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 29th**. For more info, contact 877-586-4621 or lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Who "owns" the unborn child? The mother? The parents? The state? Scripture supplies the answer: We belong to God. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8b.

www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Recently, **Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty,**

decried 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. "Today, Catholic priests, religious and laity can be found walking the neighborhood streets of our most struggling communities in places abandoned by a 'throwaway culture' that has too often determined that quick profits matter more than communities. We are there offering education, health care, social services, and hope, working to serve as the 'field hospital' Pope Francis has called us to be. We wish we were there in even greater numbers, but we are there to humbly offer the full promise of America to all. Rest assured, if people of faith continue to be marginalized, it is the poor and vulnerable, not the Chairman and his friends, who will suffer," said Lori.

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 Sylvania 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.

Open Houses: Immaculate High School: Oct 16th, 11-1pm, immaculatehs.org; Iona Prep (9-12) Oct 23rd, 12:00-3pm or Oct 26th, 6:30-8pm, www.ionaprep.org; Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers, NY: Oct. 16, 1-4pm and Oct. 19, 7-9pm, enrollment@kennedycatholic.org.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Financial Freedom God's Way



It is important to know why you want to become financially free. This may seem like a "no-brainer." After all, why would you want to be in financial bondage because of debt? Freedom-from-debt looks like the logical choice. Nevertheless, your *motivation* for becoming debt free is important. Being released from the tension and anxiety of debt and being able to do what you want, when you want, might be high on a priority list. But for the Christian, learning God's biblical principles of finances, and practicing them in order to become debt free, actually is a path to know Christ more intimately and be financially free to serve Him. This means, however, that you must trust God and be willing to submit to His will and direction. We say we trust God, but there's a great difference between saying and trusting. Often we trust if it's *convenient* or *necessary* as a last resort. God expects us to trust Him daily, in all things. If you're serious about becoming financially free, take these action steps:

Transfer ownership to God. Recognize that God really owns what you have and that includes your family as well as your time and things. Recognize this biblical principle or it will be impossible to free yourself financially. "*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.*" (Psalm 24:1 NASB) www.focusonthefamily.com *Continued next week.*

CATHOLIC ACTION

St. Mary Parish Midnight Run

Our 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 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.

Children's Coat Drive
October 29th- November 6th

Items needed: new or gently used clean winter coats for infant through teenage sizes. Where to donate: bins will be in the Church, School foyer or Religious Ed Office starting October 29th. Coats will be distributed to our sister parish, St. Peter's in Bridgeport, CT.

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!

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

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.



You Can Play an Important Role in Our Ministry

Do you know someone going through a difficult time who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement and support of a Stephen Minister? If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show how much you care!

EUCCHARISTIC 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		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

As God's special creations, we each have an obligation to use our precious lives bringing beauty, truth & healing into our world. Come to our Chapel often & pray for that extra strength. 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

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 or visit www.kofc245.org for more info.