

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2016



All Saints Day – All Souls Day

This Tuesday, we shall celebrate **All Saints Day**, remembering those holy men and women who came before us and, in so many cases, made extraordinary contributions to the life of our Church and world. Yes, some of them have received official Church recognition in the form of canonization and have a place in the annual Church Calendar; most have not. But all holy men and women, canonized or uncanonized, have offered heroic witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Immediately following All Saints Day, this Wednesday we shall celebrate **All Souls Day**, honoring all those who have died and gone before us. Let us use the opportunity to pray for our deceased relatives, friends, neighbors, parishioners, co-workers - all who have shared their lives with us or touched us in some way.

As Catholics, we strive to do our best to honor our departed and to bring spiritual peace and consolation to families who mourn for their loved ones. I want to thank all those who support families in their time of mourning and grief. They are truly a blessing to our Church and our community, and in particular let me express my gratitude to our Stephen Ministers!

As we go about our daily routines, please take the time to acknowledge our saints and our deceased loved ones in some special way this week.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 31

Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

7:00 AM George Hefferon

12:00 PM Debi Zegle

7:30 PM Paul Murphy

TUESDAY, November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

9:00 AM James Gallagher

12:00 PM Fire Capt. Jack Sullivan

7:30 PM John Wagner

WEDNESDAY, November 2

Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

7:00 AM All Souls

12:00 PM All Parishioners Who Died in the Past

THURSDAY, November 3

Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

7:00 AM Anna Salvestrini

12:00 PM Mary Paterniani

FRIDAY, November 4

Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

9:00 AM Nathan Betesh

12:00 PM Grace Monaco - 2nd Anniversary

SATURDAY, November 5

Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Peter Myers

4:30 PM Margaret & John Chema

SUNDAY, November 6

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Church

7:30 AM Cassie & Frank Stoveken

9:15 AM Ryan Adams

11:15 AM Joey Lucisano

Hall

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM Camille Coraci

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Flattery & Slevin Families



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 Wed., **December 14th**. Please call our Parish Office to register.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

October 23, 2016	\$26,081	\$1,017,789
October 25, 2015	\$23,943	\$987,328

October 2016	\$4,502
October 2015	\$5,075

Next week's 2nd collection, Military Services

FROM THE PASTOR: "How do you express your love for God? Some of the ways of expressing love are by giving and by serving joyfully!"



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 Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Dan Culhane and Mary Clark (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.)

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Grace Kay Gold, Olivia Jo Gold, Sophia Rose Naves, and Zachary Daniel Rothman** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

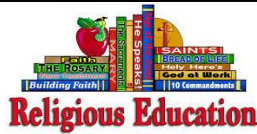


Candle Intentions

Remember a friend or loved one with a candle lit in their name. Candle Intention options:

- Adoration Chapel Tabernacle Candle - \$40 donation, for one week
- Church Sanctuary Candle - \$40 donation, for one week
- Church Altar Candles - \$20 donation each, for one week
- Hall Sanctuary Candle - \$20 donation, burns at Sunday Mass

All intentions will be noted in our Bulletin during the week requested and each Candle Intention purchased includes a card with envelope. Please purchase at our Parish Office.



Religious Education



Calling all Kindergarten and 1st Grade Religious Ed students! Our Religious Education Nativity Pageant

will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 3pm. Dress rehearsal is Friday, December 9, from 4:15-5:30pm. If interested in participating, please contact Laura Torok-Lobelson, Nativity Pageant Coordinator, at 203-438-4541 by Wed., November 9th. Participation is limited to 26 girls and 27 boys. Parent volunteers also needed.

Religious Education is celebrating All Saints' Day at all of their class sessions! Grades 6, 7 and 8 have researched and prepared Poster Presentations of their favorite Saints of the Catholic Church. They are on display in the School hall and all are invited to come see!

First Holy Eucharist Parent Meetings are on Wednesday, November 2 and Thursday, November 3 at 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



LifeTeen and Edge: Don't miss the Haunted School, October 30th, 6pm-8pm, in the Nancy Bossidy Center.

LifeTeen Fall Retreat will take place Nov 11th-13th. Registration link at www.smcr.org/life-teen-1.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Join us this Thursday, November 6th for our Respect Life Committee meeting in the School Library, Room 218. We meet the first Thursday of each month.

We are not some casual or meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." (Pope Benedict XVI)
www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to "be Catholic," to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Buddy Program

One of the programs at SMS that really exemplifies what our school stands for is the Buddy Program. Older students are paired with younger students, and meet monthly for activities. For example, Transitional Kindergarten is paired with Grade 3, Kindergarten is paired with Grade 4, and Grade 1 is paired with Grade 5. Older students also sit with younger grades during First Friday Mass to model appropriate behavior. Less formally, younger students are invited to watch plays, and tour special events like science fairs and language expos. Our older students take their responsibility as role models quite seriously, and enjoy the positive impact they make on the lives of the younger children. And our younger students love the opportunity to interact with "the big kids."

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.

*Our next **Senior Citizens' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, November 15th. Rosary begins at 11:30am in the Hall, with noon Mass and lunch to follow.*

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Financial Freedom God's Way (cont'd)

Strive for excellence in all you do. Set high standards for yourself and your family. Humility doesn't mean second best. *"Whoever speaks is to do so as one who is speaking the utterance of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever."* (1 Peter 4:11 NASB)

Seek contentment through your relationship with God. A discontented spirit produces greed and covetousness. Contentment results from a proper relationship with God based on accepting the lifestyle that He has made provision for in your life. *"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need."* (Philippians 4:11-12 NASB)

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CATHOLIC ACTION

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive



Our Knights of Columbus are once again collecting non-perishable food donations to support their **Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**. Donation bins are at the front & rear entrances of our Church & Parish Hall. The Knights, and those they serve, appreciate your support!

Children's Coat Drive

Please donate new or gently used clean winter coats for infant through teenage sizes. Bins are in the Church, School foyer and Religious Ed Office until 11/6. Coats will be distributed to our sister parish, St. Peter's in Bridgeport, CT. Thank you for your support!



ONGOING

DONATE: Food Pantries

During the month of **November**, all food collected goes to the **Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**. 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 has remained 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.



CEMETERY CLEAN UP!

Fall cleanup of the cemetery is scheduled from **November 1- 15**. This is the time in which we prepare the Cemetery for the holiday season. Any remaining spring/summer/fall decorations will be discarded. If you wish to retrieve any decorations, please do so before November 1st. As a reminder, no grave blankets/sprays are permitted and all decorations must adhere to the current regulations.

Please refer to the posted **Cemetery Decoration Schedule and Regulations**, which can be found on either the Parish website or at the Cemetery office.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Barber at the Cemetery Office 438-3606 or on her cell phone 203-733-4658. Thank you for your understanding.

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		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

In these present & trying times we all seek comfort & control in our lives. A perfect place to find this would be at our Adoration Chapel where we can experience peace, inspiration & direction. Spend some time with Jesus. 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.