



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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November 19/20, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

The annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be held in most parishes the weekend of November 19-20, on the Solemnity of Christ the King and the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

This Year of Mercy has been a time of extraordinary grace. It is fitting that this collection, which sustains the Holy Father's initiative of mercy in a very practical way, is held as we look ahead to bring mercy to those living on the margins of American life.

An estimated 43 million people live in poverty in the United States. This collection empowers low-income people to participate in decisions that affect their lives and break the cycle of poverty. Many of the projects supported by CCHD embody the corporal works of mercy, including the protection of worker rights, expanding access to healthcare and reforming the criminal justice system.

In addition to the direct grants, 25 percent of each CCHD collection's proceeds stay here in the Diocese of Bridgeport to fight poverty and support local projects.

Please be as generous as possible in this year's collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank J. Caggiano".

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 14

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

7:00 AM John & Margaret Grossa

12:00 PM Joey Lucisano - 10th Anniversary

TUESDAY, November 15

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

7:00 AM John Wagner

12:00 PM Peter Laqueur

WEDNESDAY, November 16

Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

7:00 AM Robert Featherstone

12:00 PM Edward J. Mitchell

THURSDAY, November 17

Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

7:00 AM Joe Hackett

12:00 PM Mary Paterniani

FRIDAY, November 18

Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM George Hefferon

SATURDAY, November 19

Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

8:00 AM Molly Catalina

4:30 PM Les DiLisio

SUNDAY, November 20

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Church

7:30 AM Robert Scalzo

9:15 AM Angelo Santoro

11:15 AM Angela Nassaur

Hall

10:30 AM Carey Depuy

12:00 PM Helen Reilly

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

CEMETERY CLEAN UP!

We are preparing our Cemetery for the holiday season. Any remaining spring/summer/fall decorations have been discarded. As a reminder, no grave blankets/sprays are permitted and all decorations must adhere to the current regulations. Please refer to our **Cemetery Decoration Schedule and Regulations**, on our Parish website or at our Cemetery office. Questions, please contact Donna Barber at our Cemetery Office 438-3606 or at 203-733-4658. Thank you for your understanding.

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 **Wed., Dec 14th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Call our Parish Office to register.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

November 6, 2016 \$26,075 \$1,068,761

November 8, 2015 \$26,401 \$1,037,519

All Saints

November 2016 \$2,439

November 2015 \$4,510

Military Services

November 2016 \$4,849

This week's second collection, Facilities Repair

Next week's second collection, Human Development

Altar Decorating Help Needed

Do you like flowers and plants? Anita Barrios needs help with the week-to-week altar flowers as well as with planning and ordering for Christmas! Can you help? Call Anita for more details at 203-431-6705.



Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Mary Clark, Thomas Mendez and Anthony Saracini. (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.)

And please pray for those from our Parish going on a Medical Mission to Guatemala from Nov. 11/11-11/17.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Murphy Andrew Brennan and Madelyn Rose Britto** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



PILGRIM VIRGIN



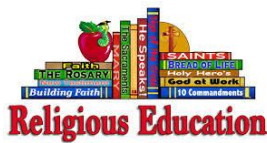
November is a time of year for thanksgiving and in this year, the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, the time may be right for you to take the Pilgrim Virgin home and pray the rosary. To honor our Blessed Mother by praying the rosary, invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima into your home. Contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

Candle Intentions



Remember a friend or loved one with a candle lit in their name.

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



Family Advent Wreath Assembly: Join us for this Parish-wide event on Saturday, Nov 19th from 2-4pm in the Hall. Make your own Family Advent Wreath! Cost for all materials is \$25. Prepare your home and family to receive the Peace, Love, and Joy of Christmas! Advent begins 11/27. See the registration flyer in this week's Bulletin.

God's Gifts for All - Liturgy of the Word for Children with Disabilities Beginning this Sunday at the 10:30 Mass and continuing every other Sunday, children who have disabilities, which prohibit them from attending Religious Formation classes, are invited to come and celebrate Jesus in music and movement! Families and their children will attend Mass; at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word, the children will proceed to their accessible classroom, #223 on the main floor. They will dismiss at 11:30am. Interactive materials, music and movement will be a big part of this class! Peer Witnesses, who have been confirmed or are preparing for Confirmation are encouraged to become a part of this spiritual journey. We are also seeking a Special Education Catechist. Please call Pat Postiglione, Director of Religious Education (438-6538), or Sharol Signorelli (438-2302) for more information.

Grade 4 Family Mass is on Sunday, November 20th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Reception will follow.

Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, November 20th, Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 21st. Call the office if your child is not yet registered.



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth...to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.
--Cardinal Bergoglio www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Now that the elections are over, we must keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

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 newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Trunk or Treat

One of our more recent traditions is our Annual Trunk or Treat celebration. Students in Preschool – Grade 8 and their families are invited to an afternoon of “trick-or-treating” in the safety of the school parking lot. Families decorate their trunks in a range of simple to elaborate themes. Middle school volunteers help the little ones with games and face painting, and lead the dancing fun. Teachers have been known to get in on the fun. It is a wonderful community event!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as accepting applications for the 2017-2018 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.

Calling All Senior Citizens!

Please join us at our next Senior luncheon this Tuesday, November 15th in our Parish Hall! Rosary begins at 11:30am with Mass at 12:00 followed by lunch. Come enjoy good food and good company. Please RSVP to our Saint Mary School Office, [203-438-7288](tel:203-438-7288) by Monday, November 14th. (In case of inclement weather, the luncheon will be cancelled and not rescheduled.) Suggested donation \$6.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Check PBS local listings starting 11/13.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



What is Meditation?

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: “Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking.” By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or “the great book of creation,” we come to make our own that which is God's. “To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: “Lord, what do you want me to do?” (CCC 2705-2706).

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**. Items greatly needed: canned sweet potatoes/yams, boxed stuffing mix, canned

soups/chili and stew, canned veggies (green beans, carrots, corn, peas), jars of pasta sauce, rice mixes, pasta, macaroni and cheese, boxed mash potatoes. **Other favorites needed:** cookies/crackers, breakfast cereals, oatmeal/cream of wheat, coffee, tea and fruit juices. Donation bins are at the front & rear entrances of our Church & Parish Hall and in the Religious Ed office. The Knights, and those they serve, appreciate your support!

ONGOING

St. Peter's Run

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!



This is a wonderful group activity! Please join our Catholic Action Team prepare and deliver lunches to the children of our Sister Parish, St. Peter's, Bridgeport on Saturdays. As there are no soup kitchens open in Bridgeport on the weekends, food support is greatly needed for the families of our Sister parish, especially during the winter months. We ask that you consider providing a bag lunch meal to about 200 children of St. Peter's who are enrolled in their Religious Ed program. Reimbursement for the cost is available. Thank you for considering serving Christ through the poor. Please go to this link to signup <http://bit.ly/2eZYCtf> or go to www.smcr.org.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.
X = 1 additional adorer needed.
Empty boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

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| 2am-3am | O | X | X | X | X | X | X |
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When we were children, we learned to love God and neighbor. Join us in our Parish Adoration Chapel to feel the intensity of God's love. 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!

SMMC Toddler Tea & Fall Bake Sale

Join us for a **Thanksgiving Toddler Tea** in the Day Chapel on November 16th from 9:30am - 11:00am!

The St. Mary Mother's Club will host its annual **FALL BAKE SALE** after all morning Masses next Sunday, Nov 20th (Art Room #224). Stop down for a cup of coffee, buy some delicious treats and select an ornament from the Giving Tree to help a local needy family during the holidays. Proceeds will benefit the Giving Tree and the Club's other charitable activities.



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

DIVORCED & SEPARATED: ANNULMENTS

Msrgr. Bronkiewicz will speak about annulments at the next support group meeting **on November 13, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM** in our St. Mary Parish Barn. If you are divorced, in the process of divorcing, or separated, come join our friendly, safe, confidential and uplifting support group that focuses on spiritual and emotional healing. **All faiths are welcome.** For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.



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.