

Easter Sunday

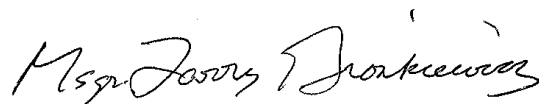
March 27, 2016



Easter Joy and Peace To All!

May this Easter 2016 raise up and renew the lives of every member of our Saint Mary Parish Family as the first Easter did for the apostles and original disciples of our Lord.

May I take this opportunity to thank the many people – our Priests and Deacons, Parish Music Ministry, Altar Guild, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers/Greeters - who worked so hard to make the liturgies of Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Tenebrae, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and our Easter Sunday Masses such prayerful experiences for all who participated.



Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 28

Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15

9:00 AM Mary C. Riley

TUESDAY, March 29

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

7:00 AM Barbara Ferrandino

12:00 PM Intentions of Jeanine Murphy

WEDNESDAY, March 30

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

7:00 AM Maron and Ronald Bonassar

12:00 PM Lena Mastriani

THURSDAY, March 31

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lewis Family

12:00 PM Trice Calise

FRIDAY, April 1

Act 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

7:00 AM Edward F. Garrett, Jr.

9:00 AM Coach Michael Quinn

12:00 PM Mike Naughton

SATURDAY, April 2

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Edward P. Weston

4:00 PM Jo Anne Yaremko

5:30 PM Ryan Adams

SUNDAY, April 3

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:0-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

CHURCH

7:00 AM Reina and Octavio Guzman

9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

11:15 AM Carey Depuy

HALL

8:00 AM John Staskewicz

10:30 AM Felix C. Kimbrough

12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Rosin Family

5:00 PM Jack Graham

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **one Mass at 9 am March 28, Easter Monday.** Our Parish Offices will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.



Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of Robert DeSpirito

The Church Sanctuary Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of Jack Lavelle - 11th Anniversary



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

Palm Sunday, 2016	TBD	\$264,922
Palm Sunday, 2015	TBD	\$253,527

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	\$131,166
% OF GOAL	43.01%

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Holy Season of Lent is a time for prayer, sacrifice and penance. Our Lady's request at Fatima was for us to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. To help prepare ourselves for Easter, invite the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to your home, a wonderful Marian devotion for your family. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341



Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially Joseph Barone, Mary Jo Calamai, Mary Clark, JP Hinson, Scott McCaughey, Kay Michetti and Margaret Mulligan. (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.)



SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

On Sunday, April 3, the Second Sunday of Easter at 2:00 pm, Bishop Caggiano will dedicate the newly constructed Diocesan Shrine of the Divine Mercy on the grounds of St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. Following the dedication the Bishop will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral, and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed. A light reception will follow. All are invited to attend.

Calling all Senior Citizens!

Please join us at our luncheon on **Tuesday, April 5th!** Come enjoy good food and good company, with our special guests from 5th grade. Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30, Mass will be at 12:00, with lunch to follow. Please RSVP to Saint Mary School's Office, [203-438-7288](tel:203-438-7288). (In case of inclement weather, the luncheon will be cancelled and not rescheduled.) Suggested donation \$6.

SAINT MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Eucharist Parent Meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31 at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm in the Hall. Parents need to attend one of the four meetings.



Grade 9 Confirmation rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5, 6, and 7. **Parents have the schedule.**

Confirmation Masses will take place Friday April 8, at 7 pm and Saturday, April 9 at 11am and 2 pm.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Pope Francis has said: "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." This is why it is important that we continue to put pressure on our elected

officials to change the federal health care mandate which forces religious institutions to pay for medical procedures that violate their moral principles.

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings — the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, etc. — who are in danger of being 'thrown away,' expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs.

...It is necessary to raise awareness and form the lay faithful, in whatever state, especially those engaged in the field of politics, so that they may think in accord with the Gospel and the social doctrine of the church and act consistently by dialoguing and collaborating with those who, in sincerity and intellectual honesty, share — if not the faith — at least a similar vision of mankind and society and its ethical consequences." - Pope Francis For more info visit www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life



Saint Mary School RIDGEFIELD

Saint Mary Middle School is proud of the success of our graduates. Congratulations to the following alumni who have been recently recognized on the Honor Roll

Fairfield Prep: Magna Cum Laude – Benjamin Martinez, Frederick Rio

Immaculate High School: Caitlin Gage, Matthew Giorgio, Elizabeth Lang, Maura Murphy, Anna Richards, Melissa Schirmer, Keri Vecchiariello

Lauralton Hall: Honors– Elizabeth Spahn, Emily Spahn

Ridgefield High School: High Honors – Desmond Kager, Claire Middlebrook, Andrea Murphy, Hayley Murphy, Cassandra Smith, Kate McNicholas, Ian Ostrosky, Matthew Thaxter; Honors –Danielle Butz, Sophia Maiolo, William Malwitz, Devin Meenan, Elizabeth Middlebrook, Julia Middlebrook, Melissa Murphy

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year. 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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



FAITH AND YOUR FAMILY: Explaining Easter

The Easter story, while beautiful, can be very confusing to children when we don't take time to simplify the story in a way they can understand. An explanation of some big words can help. Explain to your kids what these terms mean: **Disciples** (Jesus' closest friends); **Pharisees and religious leaders** (the people who did not accept Jesus); **Arrested** (Guards took Jesus and would not let him go); **Sanhedrin or Court** (Leaders all got together and decided that Jesus should be punished for telling the people that He was God's Son); **Righteous** (Jesus told only the truth and did everything God wanted Him to do); **Condemned to death** (Rulers announced that Jesus would have to die); **Crucified** (They nailed His hands and feet onto a big wooden cross and left Him hanging on it until He died); **Tomb** (a special place, like a small cave, where Jesus' body was laid after He died); **Resurrection** (Even though Jesus had been dead for three days, he rose from the dead so His friends would know that Jesus really is God's Son); **Ascension** (After Jesus came back to life and spent time with His friends, He was lifted up from the ground and floated above the clouds so He could finally go to be with God in heaven); **Second Coming** (When He left to go back to heaven, the angels promised Jesus' friends that He would be coming back one day to get all His friends).

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: Midnight Run **Date: Friday April 22**

Items needed: medium to lightweight jackets, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, lightly used sneakers and shoes, baseball caps, new underwear (M-XL). Socks, blankets, backpacks, toothbrushes and travel sized toiletries including mouthwash and toothpaste. Drop off items at the Barn April 15 thru April 21 from 7:30 to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the run. For more info call Elma or Jim Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

DONATE: Food Pantries **On-going**

During the month of February all food collected will go to **St. Joseph Parenting Center**. SJPC's mission is to strengthen families that are at risk of child abuse and neglect. The following are some suggested food items: cereal, pasta, rice, canned foods, vegetable oil, and baby food. Also needed are full size toiletries. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER: Congregate Housing **On-going**

Bingo Calling - 1 or 2 volunteers needed; Wednesdays, 1-2:30 - once a month. Responsibility - set up, call numbers, collect/distribute cards etc. Contact: Suzanne MacAvoy for more information and/or details, at 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com, if interested.

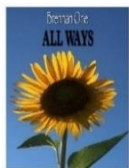
JUBILEE MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Please join Bishop Caggiano in celebration of your Wedding Anniversary!

**Saint Paul Parish, Greenwich
Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 P.M.**

For those celebrating
25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+
Years of Marriage.

Please contact Maria Arena at 203-438-6538 ext. 110 by April 1 to register.
(NOTE: This will be the only Wedding Jubilee for 2016



NOW AVAILABLE!

The newly released album All Ways by Brennan Orie is now available on the wall display near the piano in our Parish Hall.

SAINT MARY CEMETERY SPRING CLEANUP

Easter decorations are permitted until the week after Easter. Please refer to the posted **Cemetery Decoration Schedule & Regulations**, which can be found on our Parish website or at our Cemetery office. (<http://stmarysridgefield.org/documents/Cemetery/Decoration%20Regulations.pdf>) If you have any questions, contact Donna Barber, 203-438-3606 or 203-733-4658. Thank you for your understanding.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O= permanent or sub urgently needed. X=1 add is needed.

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

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice & be glad." On this glorious Easter Sunday, let us reflect on the words of our Savior, "I will be with you always, even till the end of time." Jesus keeps His promise to us 24/7 as He patiently awaits our visits. Please call Bill or Monica @ (914) 533-2832 to sign up for an hour. God bless & Happy Easter to all.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9:00 pm, 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

To paraphrase Paul, one of our founders: *We come to MM to be fed in our faith. We come to build fellowship. We strive to be better fathers, friends and coworkers. We have each other's back in good times and in bad; and we always leave our egos at the door .Come any Saturday@6:30 in the Hall and check it out for yourself. Go to Stmmm.org for more info.*

MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



THANK YOU!!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners who donated to our Easter Food Drive. Once again it was a huge success! For more information regarding the KofC contact John McNicholas at impmcnich@yahoo.com or visit www.kofc245.org.