

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016



OUR NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE Effective May 7-8, 2016

With only two fulltime priests assigned to our Parish, along with additional outside priests offering much appreciated weekend help, combining some of our Masses makes good sense.

On the weekend of May 7-8, the following new Mass Schedule will go into effect:

Confessions – 3:30 – 4:30 PM - Church

Saturday – 4:30 PM Vigil Mass - Church (combining the present 4:00 and 5:30 Vigils)

Sunday – 7:30 AM Mass - Church (combining the present 7:00 and 8:00 Parish Hall Mass)

9:15 Mass – Church – no change

10:30 Mass – Parish Hall – no change

11:15 Mass – Church – no change

12 Noon Mass – Parish Hall – no change

5 PM Mass – Parish Hall – no change

As you can see, most of the weekend Mass Schedule remains the same with the exception of the two Vigils which will become one and the first two Sunday Masses. Please note that Confessions will begin at 3:30 PM. We thank you for your understanding.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 11

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
 7:00 AM Patricia E. Murphy
 12:00 PM Milagros Soler

TUESDAY, April 12

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
 7:00 AM Teresa Moloney
 12:00 PM Vincent Pizzitola

WEDNESDAY, April 13

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
 7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family
 12:00 PM Helen Piacquadio

THURSDAY, April 14

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
 7:00 AM Henry Coppola
 12:00 PM Vincent Pizzo

FRIDAY, April 15

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
 7:00 AM Sara Paggi
 12:00 PM James J. Gallagher - Father of Tehri Gassparini

SATURDAY, April 16

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
 8:00 AM Robert Scalzo
 4:00 PM Helen Piacquadio
 5:30 PM Enzo Bartolucci

SUNDAY, April 17

Acts 13:14,43-52; Rv 7:9,14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

CHURCH

7:00 AM Mary and Conrad Sponberg
 9:15 AM Jack Leary
 11:15 AM William J. Sheridan

HALL

8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish
 10:30 AM Walter Schaeer Kruse
 12:00 PM Joseph Fenton
 5:00 PM Ryan Adams

Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially Joseph Barone, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli and JP Hinson. (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.)



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 3, 2016	\$24,396	\$343,174
April 5, 2015	\$28,673	\$333,972

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	\$182,241
% OF GOAL	59.75%

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Easter Season is a time for prayer, sacrifice and penance. Our Lady's request at Fatima was to pray the Rosary every day for the intention of world peace. 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



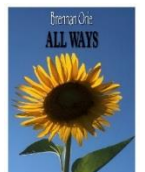
PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

A Pre-Baptism Class is required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized. It 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, April 13**. Please call our Parish Office to register.

NOW AVAILABLE!

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



For more info visit
www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life

SAINT MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rehearsals for First Communion are scheduled to begin Tuesday, April 26, and Thursday, April 28, at 4:15 in the Church.



This rehearsal is for the April 30 First Communion at 1:00pm.



Defending Our Religious Liberty

After promising that the Little Sisters' religious beliefs would be protected, the government created a new regulation requiring the Little Sisters to change their healthcare plan to offer services that violate Catholic teaching. But [1 in 3 Americans](#) do not have a plan that is subject to the mandate HHS is fighting so hard to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to follow. Exxon, Chevron, and Pepsi -- as well as other large corporations -- are exempt from the mandate, because they never changed their plans and are grandfathered. And the government is not even requiring our own US military to provide these services through their family insurance. The government is arguing that since it has offered to reimburse the costs of the services it wants the Little Sisters to provide, they should have no moral objection to offering them. The Little Sisters are saying this is [not about money](#), but conscience, and whether they should be forced to change their healthcare plan to offer services they have a moral objection to when those services could be provided more effectively through the government's healthcare exchange. 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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Every Catholic is a missionary of the Good News of human dignity redeemed through the cross. While our personal vocation may determine the form and style of our witness, Jesus calls each of us to be a leaven in society, and we will be judged by our actions. No one, least of all someone who exercises leadership in society, can rightfully claim to share fully and practically the Catholic faith and yet act publicly in a way contrary to that faith." Us Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 14.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Track and Field Program

Saint Mary School students in grades Kindergarten – Grade 8 are eligible to participate in the Saint Mary School Track Program. As members of the Danbury Parochial League, students may compete in both individual track and field events, and can participate in a relay. Students practice weekly, attend two meets at Immaculate High School, and if they qualify, are invited to an All-Star Meet. The program provides a great team experience in a supportive environment.

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.

CALLING ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

One of the most important ministries within our Parish is offering Holy Communion at Mass as well as to those who are homebound.

On **Saturday, April 16, 9-11:30** in our Parish Hall there will be a training session for **ALL** current Homebound Ministers, as well as any Eucharistic Minister interested in becoming a Homebound Minister. We will honor your service and provide insight for this most important and very spiritually rewarding ministry. For more info. contact Marlys Rizzi at 203-448-8162 or rizziclan@aol.com. We need your help to keep this ministry going!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly anyplace: on the street in a city, or



during work, or in a city square, or on a journey.
 –Pope Francis

Derek, Carter, Jacob, Will, Khamya
 (not shown are Siovhan Maroney and
 Isabelle Trozzi)

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 April 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: full-size toiletries. Thank you!

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		O	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

God's ways are not always our ways. Having been born in the shadow of the cross, we must accept His will over ours. Jesus guides us & never abandons us in His divine mercy. Visit & adore Him in our Adoration Chapel praying to see as He sees. Please call Bill or Monica @ (914)533-2832 to sign up for an hour

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP

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. While this group is Catholic in practice and nature, **all faiths are welcome**. The group meets every second and fourth Sunday of each month, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in the St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to the church). For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.

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!



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 Champion Free Throw Shooters**

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**



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.