

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3, 2016



THE RISEN LORD, OUR TRUE HERO!

After one of my Easter Masses, Rob Dimeo, a visiting graphic artist from Maryland, who had been impacted by the Easter message, offered his visual reflection on my Easter homily. So, instead of the text, here is his visual reflection!
Msgr. Bronkiewicz

HEROES INSPIRE US

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
St. Mary Parish - March 27, 2016
Easter Mass (12:30) Homily

ISN'T SUPERMAN A LOT LIKE JESUS?

Boy Msgr

SUPERMAN STORY - INSPIRED BY THE BIBLICAL HEROES: SAMPSON & MOSES

WRITTEN BY TWO TEENS DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION & HITLER'S RISE TO POWER

TWO TEENS LOOKING FOR A SAVIOR and Superman "was born"

DO NOT BE AFRAID... HE WALKS WITH US

MAY THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST RISING IN GLORY DISPEL THE DARKNESS OF OUR HEARTS & MINDS

PARALLELS

- SON OF A HEAVENLY FATHER
- SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
- RAISED BY HUMAN/EARTHLY PARENTS
- SOLITUDE - ARCTIC & DESERT (SUPERMAN) (JESUS)
- BOTH DIE AND COME BACK TO LIFE

ENEMIES OF CHRIST COULD NOT DESTROY CHRIST... NOR CHRIST'S MESSAGE

ON EASTER WE CELEBRATE THE REAL LIFE HERO - JESUS

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

Messiah

SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

SKETCHNOTES: Rob Dimeo (@rob-dimeo)



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 4

Is 7:10-14,8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

7:00 AM Georgine Tulipani

12:00 PM Benjamin John Ramos, Jr.

TUESDAY, April 5

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

7:00 AM Christopher Gent

12:00 PM Mary Ryan

WEDNESDAY, April 6

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

7:00 AM Anna Paoletti

12:00 PM Carey Depuy

THURSDAY, April 7

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

7:00 AM Maurice Quaide

12:00 PM Marie Fronzi

FRIDAY, April 8

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 5:1-15

7:00 AM Myron James Welchel

12:00 PM James Gallagher

SATURDAY, April 9

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

8:00 AM Andrew Murphy -20th Anniversary

4:00 PM Feduzi Family

5:30 PM Fred Lomangino

SUNDAY, April 10

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

CHURCH

7:00 AM Ceil Shrekgast

9:15 AM Digby Barrios

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

HALL

8:00 AM Doris Murtaugh

10:30 AM Paul Rawald

12:00 PM Salvatore Puccio

5:00 PM Ryan Adams



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

*March 20, 2016	\$27,426	\$292,348
March 22, 2015	\$24,558	\$278,085

Easter Flowers Holy Land/Good Friday

*2016 \$6,129	2016 \$3,210
2015 \$5,004	2015 \$3,360

**March 27, 2016	\$26,430	\$318,778
March 29, 2015	\$27,214	\$305,299

Easter

2016 \$29,586

2015 \$33,126

***PALM SUNDAY **EASTER SUNDAY**

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	\$158,301
% OF GOAL	51.90%

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Easter Season 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. 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



Calling all Senior Citizens!

Please join us at our **Tuesday, April 5th Luncheon!** Come enjoy good food and good company, with our special 5th grade guests. Rosary at 11:30 is followed by Noon Mass and the Luncheon. Please RSVP to our Saint Mary School Office, [203-438-7288](tel:203-438-7288). (In case of inclement weather, the Luncheon will be cancelled and not rescheduled.) Suggested donation: \$6.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Confirmation, there will be **NO Confessions next Sat., April 9th.**

Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially Joseph Barone, Sheila Bundy, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, 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.)





SAINT MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade 9 Confirmation Rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5, 6, and 7. Our Confirmation Masses will be celebrated on Friday, April 8, at 7:00pm and on Saturday, April 9, at 11:00am and 2:00pm.

We thank all of our Catechists, Parents and Peer Witnesses for volunteering to help with the Confirmation Retreats. We appreciate all the donations of food, supplies and time that helped to make our Retreats successful. We wouldn't have been able to do it without your help.

thank
you!

St. Mary LifeTeen would like to give a **shout out** to our **MARCH MADNESS** Silent Auction contributors: 850° Restaurant, Adam Broderick, David Johnston,

DO, Deborah Ann's Chocolates, Denise Sullivan, Elizabella's Bake Shop, Jenny Nails, Johnny Gelato, JoyRide of Ridgefield, KickFit!, Melanie Mauldin Interior Design, Nestlé Waters, Phil Garligton Photography Studio, Piccolo Pizza, Planet Pizza, Prime Burger, Ridgefield Bicycle Company, Steve's Bagels, Steve Melnick, Suzanne Conlin/Decorative Accents, Terra Sole, The Ceponis Family, The Chomniak Family, The Peckham Family, The Prospector Movie Theater and Tundi, who donated goods and/or services in support of our LifeTeen Mission Trip in June 2016.

Also thank you to all the "Angels" who helped with set-up, food, Silent Auction, etc! A final thank you to our Parishioners. Thanks for your support! We hope to see you at future events!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Our next monthly **Respect Life Committee meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 pm** in the School Library. For more information visit www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Knights of Columbus Regional Geography Bee

Saint Mary School students in grades 4-8 competed in a grade-level/school-wide National Geography Bee. The top three students represented SMS in the sixth annual Knights of Columbus Regional National Geography Bee, with contestants from 8 area parochial schools. Congratulations to Grade 6 student Eric John Hoerdemann and Grade 7 student Reggie Stuhr for representing SMS. Special congratulations to Grade 7 student Avery Simoneau, the third place winner!

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 the sharing of Holy Communion to those in Church 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 to you 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

FAITH AND YOUR FAMILY: Easter Season

When the colored eggs and chocolate bunnies are gone, the holiday may fade from our minds. It's our challenge as Catholic parents to keep the spirit of Easter alive and thriving in our families. Talk with your children about how the same power of God that raised Jesus from death is available to free us from our bad habits, our worries and our problems. Christ's life is present in your family – explain how sharing troubles with others can help lessen the burden; family members should encourage and support each other as they try to overcome bad habits. And, it is no coincidence that our very salvation came about during springtime, the Season of new life. Point out to your children the buds on the trees and bushes; plant seeds of your own and watch them grow; discuss how Jesus gives us New Life by conquering death at Easter.



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!

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 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://stmarysridgfield.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

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting." Today, Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us of the infinite mercy of our loving God expressed by our Lord's death and resurrection. Please join us at 3:00 pm to sing & pray the Chaplet and pray it daily or as often as possible for extra graces. Please call Bill or Monica @ (914) 533-2832 to sign up for an hour in our Adoration Chapel. God bless you 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**



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.