

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016



Prayer to the Holy Family

The following "Prayer to the Holy Family" is taken from "The Joy of Love," Pope Francis' recently released exhortation to all in the Church on marriage and family life.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

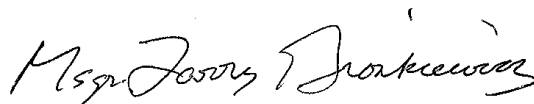
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.



Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
 7:00 AM Myron James Welchel
 12:00 PM Antonio Colombo

TUESDAY, April 26

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 7:00 AM Thomas Moore
 12:00 PM Anthony Costa

WEDNESDAY, April 27

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 7:00 AM Janice Pfeiffer
 12:00 PM Joan Baldaserini

THURSDAY, April 28

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
 7:00 AM Joan & Jim Mahon
 12:00 PM Myron James Welchel

FRIDAY, April 29

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
 7:00 AM Anthony Falotico (Father of Vincent Falotico)
 12:00 PM Bridie Flattery

SATURDAY, April 30

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
 8:00 AM Thomas Hartmayer
 4:00 PM Elizabeth Hance
 5:30 PM Ryan Adams

SUNDAY, May 1

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

CHURCH

7:00 AM Conchita Revano
 9:15 AM Karen Wallace
 11:15 AM Rachel Mangiafico

HALL

8:00 AM Robert Featherstone
 10:30 AM Bronislaw Sikora
 12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish
 5:00 PM Grace Gallagher

NEW MASS TIME CONSOLIDATIONS

Next month, on the weekend of **May 7/8**, our Parish will begin a new weekend Mass Schedule, reducing our weekend Masses from 9 to 7.

The **changes** in our schedule are as follows:

- **Saturday – one 4:30 PM Vigil Mass** (combining the present 4 and 5:30 Vigils)
- **Sunday – 7:30 AM Mass – Church** (combining the present 7 and 8 AM Masses)
- **Confessions** will be heard from **3:30-4:30**

All other Mass Times will remain the same.



We thank you for your understanding.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 17, 2016	\$22,458	\$391,261
April 19, 2015	\$23,964	\$380,175

Facilities & Repairs

April 2016	\$4,516
April 2015	\$4,112

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	\$203,831
% OF GOAL	66.83%

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

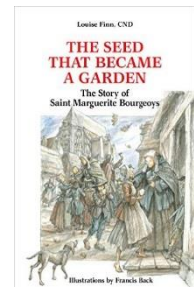


Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially Joseph Barone, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, George Hefferon JP Hinson and Beverly Scott. (For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.)



GOOD NEWS FROM THE CND SISTERS

A new and delightful biography of the CND founder is now available. *The Seed that Became a Garden: The Story of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys* by Louise Finn, CND and illustrated by Francis Back. Geared to young adults and older, it tells how Marguerite left her home in France as a young lay woman to travel to 17th



century Canada. Available at Amazon as a paperback or Kindle and at B&N as a Nook.

**SAINT MARY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Our last week of class for Religious Education is Sunday, May 1, through Thursday, May 5.

Please join us this year for a fun adventure in Christ

**2016 Vacation Bible School
CAVE QUEST!!!!**

WHEN: July 18-22, 2016

TIME: 8:45-12:45

We are Currently Looking for Adult and Youth Volunteers to help with this!



Please go to our Parish Website to volunteer!

Registration for VBS will be sent out in the next few weeks!

Defending Our Religious Liberty



Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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.



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

SMS Annual Golf Scramble and Spring Fling Dinner

On Monday, May 23rd Saint Mary School will be hosting our annual Golf Scramble and Spring Fling Dinner. We invite all parishioners to join us in supporting and celebrating Catholic Education. The events will be hosted at Silver Spring Golf Club. There is a dinner only option as well as the golf plus dinner option. Sponsorship and registration forms are located via the SMS website at www.smsridgefield.org/parents_golf.html.

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Did you know that there are innocent lives being lost due to abortions in Stamford each week? Would you like to learn how to help women in unplanned, crisis pregnancies choose life at the abortion center? Sidewalk Advocates for Life offers a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding sidewalk advocacy method that seeks to reach that woman's heart and fill her needs so she can confidently choose life! Our next training will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Rectory in Stamford, CT. There is a fee of \$25 to attend. If you would like to learn this method and check out our program, please contact the Program Co-Director Noelle at [857-345-0808](tel:857-345-0808) or noelle.gross@gmail.com to RSVP. More information at www.sidewalkadvocates.org

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

The life of a family is filled with beautiful moments...but if love is missing, joy is missing, nothing is fun. Jesus always gives us that



love: he is its endless source." --Pope Francis

Parish activities. Thank you in advance for your help and donations!!!

CATHOLIC ACTION

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!

MIDNIGHT RUN THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all who so generously contributed to our Midnight Run. Once again, working together to provide clothing, food and much needed love and kindness helped make the run a success. Thank you from Elma and Jim Stoveken.

SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED & SEPARATED

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 our Church). For more info contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.

Please Join Bishop Caggiano and the Catholic Charities Leadership for Catholic Charities' 100th Anniversary Mass & Family-friendly Reception Saturday, May 7th 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Church, 216 Scribner Ave., Norwalk Reception immediately following Mass.

While not required, it would help if you register at www.100thanniversarymass.eventbrite.com or call (203) 416 – 1333.



ST. MARY PARISH FAIR IS SEPTEMBER 10th!

Please look through your closets, drawers, and boxes for any **unwanted jewelry, jewelry boxes, accessories, etc.** The Jewelry Boutique for the Fair needs your help with these donations. All donations can be brought to our Parish Office to Marcia Giorgio or to Ruth VDN at 52 Ramapoo Road (1/2 mile from church). All proceeds from the sale go to funding the Fair expenses as well as other

EUCHARISTIC 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	X	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

Crosses, whether heavy or light, have a redemptive value for ourselves, our families & the world. When we come to adore Jesus in the Adoration Chapel, our relationship with the Lord grows stronger. Please sign up for an hour by calling Bill or Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless us 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 at 6:30 am 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.