

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016



## “Mother of God”

In the Gospels, Mary, the Patroness of our Parish is called “the mother of Jesus.” At the prompting of the Holy Spirit and even before the birth of her son, Elizabeth acclaims her cousin, Mary, as “the mother of my Lord.” At Christmas each year we celebrate her motherhood.

As we make our way through this month of May, dedicated in a special way to our Blessed Mother, we honor Mary again. We owe the woman whose statue stands in the shrine alongside that of her Son special veneration. A veneration that transcends the respect we have for all of the other holy men and women of our Church’s history.

The reason for that special honor we owe Mary is rooted in our Catholic faith in her unique relationship to Jesus Christ. In 431, at the great Ecumenical Council of Ephesus, the Church defined its faith in that unique relationship that Mary enjoys with Jesus. The Council declared her Mother of God the Son, Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Mary is not just the mother of the human nature of Jesus, the man, Jesus. She is truly the Mother of God. That is why we owe her special veneration and why we do so during this month of May and also in the month of October.

May I suggest the following prayer which can be said by families on Mother’s Day for those who are able to gather with Mom:

Loving God, through the intercession of Mary, your Mother, we ask you to bless our Mothers on Mother’s Day. Let the example of their faith and love always inspire us, their children. May we as a family always honor our Mother with profound devotion and respect. May you bless our Mother with joy in the goodness, growth and love of her children. This we ask through Christ, the Son of Mary. Amen.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz  
Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, May 9**

*Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33*

7:00 AM Ginny Tango

12:00 PM John L. Wagner

**TUESDAY, May 10**

*Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a*

7:00 AM Michael Edward Mezzapelle

12:00 PM Lorraine Perrotta

**WEDNESDAY, May 11**

*Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19*

7:00 AM Anthony Falotico (Father of Vincent Falotico)

12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

**THURSDAY, May 12**

*Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26*

7:00 AM Henry Kozlark

12:00 PM Blanche Nirrengarten

**FRIDAY, May 13**

*Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19*

7:00 AM Andrew Murphy

12:00 PM Intentions of Marian Miltenis

**SATURDAY, May 14**

*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17*

8:00 AM Harry Neumann

4:30 PM Ruth G. Karl - 3rd Anniversary

**SUNDAY, May 15**

*Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26*

**CHURCH**

7:30 AM John Donnellan

9:15 AM Cathleen Fisher

11:15 AM Chris & Cindy DeVenuti-Happy Anniversary

**HALL**

10:30 AM William Melnick

12:00 PM David Walker Lambert

5:00 PM Jack Graham

**OUR SAINT MARY PARISH DIRECTORY**

Our 2016 Parish Directory is now available. It includes all our Mass Times, Sacrament information, as well as a list and description of all of our Parish Ministries and Committees. You may take one (per family) after you leave Mass today or pick one up at our Parish Office.



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Roman Catholic Family of our Parish, **Elizabeth Danielle Fisher and Donovan Thomas Marbury**, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

May 1, 2016	\$28,890	\$439,116
May 3, 2015	\$23,411	\$424,722

**Facilities and Repairs**

May 2016	\$4,474
May 2015	\$4,208

*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	\$225,767
% OF GOAL	74.02 %

*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.)



**Candle Intentions**

*Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Peter O'Rourke*

*Adoration Tabernacle Candle is Burning for the Intentions of Steven & Rosemary Seagriff 35th Wedding Anniversary*



I. Thomas Orazio Bellantoni –  
Tiana Nicole Osgood

I. Christopher David Yanosko -  
Christina Patrice Lodigiani

I. Ryan Edward Jaime - Rosanna Nicole Buttigieg

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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



Please join us this year for a fun adventure with Jesus Christ during our 2016 Vacation Bible School: CAVE QUEST!!!!

**When: July 18-22  
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!**

**BIRTHRIGHT REMINDER**

Please remember to **return all baby bottles, distributed** on the weekend of April 30-May 1, to Mass next weekend or to our Parish Office. Thank you for your generous support.



**Defending Our Religious Liberty**



Religious liberty is not an eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our ministries, to our clients and to all Americans.

Catholic organizations will have to face exorbitant penalties amounting to tens of millions of dollars, or shut down, if the federal healthcare mandate is not revised.

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

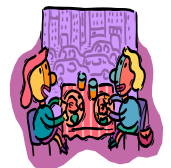
**PreK-4 and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies  
Work Together for Marines**

Over the past few weeks, the SMS 7th grade and the Preschool classes have been working on collecting donations for a Marine battalion stationed in Afghanistan. This week, 7th grade got together with their PreK 4 buddies in Mrs. Szilagyi and Mrs. Misurelli's class to make cards and send letters of thanks to the soldiers. This was a particularly special day for our buddies because they came together to work on a service project which showed that everyone can help and make a difference. From our parents who helped with the donations, to our children who made cards for the soldiers and who will also later help in putting together the packages to be sent to Afghanistan, this was a great learning experience for all.

*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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).*

**CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS!**

Our **last luncheon for the year** will be held on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** starting with Rosary at 11:30, followed by Noon Mass and the Luncheon in our Parish Hall. Come enjoy good food and great company. Please RSVP to Saint Mary School Office, 203-438-7288.



**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

Join us at **our next meeting, May 12 at 7:00 pm** in Room 218. For more information go to <http://www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life>

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**

Proverbs 6:20:22  
Observe, my son, your father's command,  
and do not reject your mother's teaching;



keep them fastened over your heart always,  
 tie them around your neck.  
 When you lie down they will watch over you,  
 when you wake, they will share your  
 concerns;  
 wherever you turn, they will guide you.

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**DONATE: Food Pantries** **On-going**  
 During the month of May all food collected will go to **The Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen**. The basket of food brought up during the offertory symbolizes our gifts of food to those in need. Please consider bringing a nonperishable item of food with you to Sunday Mass. Bins are located outside the Hall and the Church.

**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](mailto:jamesorkin@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 For The Sixth Annual  
**Praise & Worship Cabaret Dinner**  
**Friday, June 3**  
**Parish Hall at 7 p.m.**  
**More details coming soon...**



**~Fall Fair Bulletin Board~**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
 ST. MARY PARISH FAIR SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>!**

There will be an **important meeting** on **Thursday May 26, at 7 pm** in our Day Chapel for all Parish Fair Committee chairpersons and anyone else who wants to be involved in the planning for this year's Parish Fair.

Also, please continue to look through your closets, drawers, and boxes for any **unwanted jewelry, jewelry boxes, accessories, etc.** Our Jewelry Boutique needs your help with these donations. All donations may 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 our Fair expenses and Parish activities. Thank you in advance for your help and donations!!!



**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	X	O	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	X
5am-6am	X	X			X		X
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am				X			X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X			X		X	X
11am-12N	X						X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		O	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X	O	X	X	X	X	X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X						X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X		X	X
11pm-12M	X				X	X	X

*Prayer deepens our relationship with the Lord. Many find our Adoration Chapel a great place to pray. Come and try it. To sign up for an hour, please call 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. See [Stmmm.org](http://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](mailto:jmpmcnich@yahoo.com) or visit [www.kofc245.org](http://www.kofc245.org) for more info.