

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016



Our New Parish Director of Faith Formation

Last weekend, we announced the arrival of Mrs. Patricia Postiglione, our new Parish Director of Faith Formation, whom our Parish Staff welcomed on Thursday, June 3. Pat comes to us from Saint Peter Parish, Danbury, where she has served for the past 6 years as DRE. Before that she served as DRE for 8 years at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in my hometown, Norwalk; during part of that time she was also Junior High Coordinator. Since 2001, Pat also has been Saint Thomas' RCIA/RCIC Coordinator, programs that help to prepare adults and young people for full reception into our Church. From 1982 to 2000, Pat worked as Catechist and Sacramental Coordinator at Saint Mary Parish, Bethel.

From 2008-2012, Pat served as the Board President of the Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Bridgeport. During our recent 4th Diocesan Synod, she served on various study committees and a Catechetical Task Force. She has also been a VIRTUS Program Facilitator for the past 10 years. For over 30 years, Pat has been a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Pat looks forward to meeting you – so please stop by our Religious Ed Office to introduce yourself.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 13

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

7:00 AM Theresa Zywiczynski

12:00 PM Ruth Sullivan

TUESDAY, June 14

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

7:00 AM Marie Schmitt

12:00 PM Paula McGovern

WEDNESDAY, June 15

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 AM Margaret Robert

12:00 PM Thomas McGavin

THURSDAY, June 16

Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

7:00 AM Carmella Mosiello

12:00 PM Jim Whelchel

FRIDAY, June 17

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23

7:00 AM Primo Baldaserini

12:00 PM Frank Paoletti, Jr.

SATURDAY, June 18

2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

8:00 AM Anthony Falotico (Father of Vincent Falotico)

4:30 PM Ryan Adams and Jack Hanney

SUNDAY, June 19

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

CHURCH

7:30 AM Mary and Conrad Sponberg

9:15 AM Carey Depuy

11:15 AM Stephen Shay

HALL

10:30 AM Thomas Flynn

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Paul Vaughn

Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially Mary Jo Calamai, and Rita Comas. (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.)



FATHER'S DAY CARDS are available in the back of our Church, Parish Hall and in our Parish Office. The Father's Day donation envelope may be placed in the offertory basket or mailed directly to our Parish Office.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

May 29, 2016	\$21,850	\$534,509
May 31, 2015	\$22,624	\$514,550
June 05, 2016	\$22,252	\$556,761
June 07, 2015	\$25,119	\$539,669

Facilities Maintenance and Repairs

June 2016	\$4,349
June 2015	\$3,689

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	\$253,484
% OF GOAL	83.11 %

PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year is the 99th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Lucia Santos, Francesco and Jacinta Marto. Her message was to devote themselves God and pray the rosary every day for peace and the conversion of sinners. This message from heaven is now more urgent than ever. to invite the Pilgrim Virgin into your home, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



I. Theodore Alphonse Antoinitis-Jessica Lynn Juliano

Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of James Gallagher



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Bodhi Sloan Mitchell, Hudson Oliver Mitchell, Ruby Sky Munson and Gabriela Angelica O. Porco**, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registrations for Grades 1-9 for next year's Religious Education classes will be sent out in June.

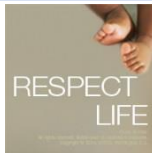
For Students NEW to our Religious Education Program - Parents please stop in the RE Office to fill out a record card, so that we can put your child in the computer system. If your child was baptized out of parish, please bring a baptismal certificate to copy!

Catechists and volunteers needed for September! If you are interested in finding out more about teaching in our Program or volunteering, please contact the Office

All volunteers need to complete the VIRTUS training program

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man."



- Dr. Mildred Jefferson

For more information go to <http://www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life>

Defending Our Religious Liberty



During Fortnight for Freedom (June 21-July 4th), our liturgical calendar will celebrate a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power – St. John Fisher and St. Thomas Moore, St. John the Baptist, SS Peter and Paul and the

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously vacated the decisions before it, remanding the cases to the lower courts with instructions to afford the parties the opportunity to work out an alternative approach to the mandate. Let us pray that the State courts prevail in favor of religious freedom.

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

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Each year the members of the 8th grade class participate in the Knights of Columbus essay contest. The theme of the essay is "The Importance of Religious Freedom". Over recent years, Saint Mary School students have had great success in this competition. The Grand Knight of the Marquette Council as well as the chairman of the essay contest committee visited the 8th grade ELA class to award winners. This year the regional winners, as determined by the Knights of Columbus, are Andrew Edwardson and Olivia Hynes. The winners each received a certificate and a cash prize. The Knights of Columbus also choose one essay from the region to continue on to the state level. Olivia Hynes was chosen and took 2nd place among the state competition. Olivia was honored by the Knights of Columbus, and was awarded further prizes. Congratulations to all members of the 8th grade class who received certificates from the Knights of Columbus and a special congratulations to Andrew Edwardson and Olivia Hynes. .

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

The joy of men and women who love God attracts others to him. –Pope Francis



“PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN” VIRTUS TRAINING

If you are planning to **volunteer in any capacity**, **Virtus Training is required** by our Diocesan Safe Environments Policy. This includes **ALL** of our ministries, programs and activities, including clubs, retreats and upcoming Fall Fair. **TWO** training sessions will be offered here in our **Parish Hall**: one on **Tuesday, June 21, at 7:00 pm and Friday, June 24, at 9:00 am**. You may register for either class by going to www.virtus.org, select the “First Time Registrant” Link and “Begin the registration process.” This is the preferred method of registration. If you have any problems, contact our Parish Office at 203-438-6538.

CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Congregate Housing On-going

Congregate Housing, Prospect Ridge is looking for:
A. BINGO CALLERS: 1 volunteer needed. Wednesdays 1-2:30.
 Commitment - 1x/month appx

B. LUNCH SERVING: 3 or 4 volunteers needed. Weekdays 11:45-1:00 pm. Commitment - 2x/month appx.

Contact Suzanne MacAvoy with questions and/or to volunteer. sdmacavoy@hotmail.com or 203 438-7056

DONATE: Food Pantries On-going

During the month of June all food collected will go to **The Ridgefield Food Pantry**. The following are some suggested food items: Canned fruit, hearty soups (like Progresso), cereal, coffee, rice mixes (like Rice a Roni) canned tuna or Salmon, canned meats (chicken or spam), jelly but not grape. Please no green beans or pasta at this time.

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP

Forgiveness

Regardless of where you are in this painful process of separation or divorce, forgiving is an important contributor to the healing process. Msgr. Bronkiewicz will reflect on forgiveness from a unique and enlightening perspective on **Sunday, June 12th, 7:30 PM in our Barn. Please join us** - all are welcome. For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.



~Fall Fair Bulletin Board~

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ST. MARY PARISH FAIR SEPTEMBER 10th
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

• **Vendor Opportunity**

The Saint Mary Fair is looking for local vendors to sell their products on Saturday, September 10. Please contact Lisa DelGiudice at lisadel1@comcast.net by **June 15** for more details and to sign up. (Spots to sell Jewelry, t shirts, doll clothes, and books are already spoken for).



• 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!!!

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	O	O	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	O	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X	O	X	X	X	X	X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		O
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

Jesus has blessed us so much. Let us thank him by spending some quality time with Him in our Adoration Chapel by either taking or substituting for one of the following difficult morning hours. (Sun - 2-3 am, Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs at 1-2 am) If you have been inspired to do so & plan to take any of these hours, please call Bill or Monica @ 914-533-2832. 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

In addition to our 50-strong, Saturday meetings at 6:30 am, the MM has planned:

- **June 12:** Beer and Brats/ Softball and speaker at St. Theresa's in Trumbull
- **June 19:** Father's Day breakfast in NBRC Bounce House for kids
 Come one. Come all. All are invited!
 See 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.