

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 19, 2016



Peter's Pence Collection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The 2015 Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up the weekend of June 25-26. Particularly during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, through this collection, Catholics become witnesses to charity and help Pope Francis reach out in love to those in need.

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Pope Francis has called each of us to be a witness of charity. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (Misericordiae Vultus [MV], no. 15).

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give generously to the collection and know that in doing so, you become a witness to the love of Christ in unity with Catholics all around the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 20

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5

7:00 AM Thomas Connally

12:00 PM Irene Gilchrist

TUESDAY, June 21

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14

7:00 AM Tohru Yokoyama

12:00 PM James Gallagher

WEDNESDAY, June 22

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20

7:00 AM Jerry Mills

12:00 PM John Wagner

THURSDAY, June 23

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

7:00 AM Joe Fenton

12:00 PM John & Constance Flavin

FRIDAY, June 24

: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

7:00 AM W. Donald Horn

12:00 PM Dennis Haley

SATURDAY, June 25

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17

8:00 AM Tom Egan

4:30 PM Sal and Joy Puccio

SUNDAY, June 26

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

CHURCH

7:30 AM Joan Ryff

9:15 AM Molly Catalina

11:15 AM Deceased Members of the Cally Family

HALL

10:30 AM Kenneth Goodwin

12:00 PM Marietta Comunale - 13th Anniversary

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

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

June 12, 2016	\$24,398	\$581,159
June 14, 2015	\$22,199	\$561,868

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!"



IN FAITH, MISSION AND CHARITY
2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$421,429
% OF GOAL	138.17%

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Summer vacation is here! Why not take the opportunity to spend some family time in prayer. Teach our children the Rosary and pray together as our Lady of Fatima has requested for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To arrange for a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



II. Theodore Alphonse Antonitis-Jessica Lynn Juliano



Candle Intentions

Adoration Tabernacle Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Jean Quinn

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Charlotte Grace Nikodijevic**, who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

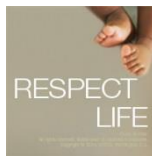


Registrations for Grades 1-9 for next year's Religious Education classes will be sent out the last week of June.

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

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



As we prepare to celebrate the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom" from June 21 – July 3, 2016, let us remember the words that Pope Francis evoked during his visit to the United States last September: "American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of good will, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it." 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

CT Governor's Reading Challenge

Saint Mary School received the Certificate of Excellence for Exceptional Participation from CT Governor Daniel Malloy for participation in the Governor's 2015 Summer Reading Challenge, which had the theme "Every Hero has a Story". This is the sixth consecutive year that SMS has received this honor. The program identifies the schools with the highest percentage of participating enrollment and the highest number of books read by participating students. SMS Students Cullen Douglas (Grade 1), Grant Douglas (Grade 5) and Brian Douglas (Grade 8) accepted the award on behalf of SMS. Governor Malloy announced the theme of the 2016 Challenge – "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read."

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

Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self-sacrifice, of working for him and for others, becomes a privileged way of responding to his great love. – 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

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 will meet 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.



~Fall Fair Bulletin Board~

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

- VOLUNTEER** sign ups still going on! See flyer in bulletin or pick one up in our Parish Office.
- Cake Walk Baked Goods Donations Needed** Calling all bakers in the parish to bake your prize cake, pie, cookies, brownies or sweets for the annual **Fall Fair Cake Walk!** Bake any item and drop it off the weekend of the fair...every game played wins a different delicious baked treat! Please email Jillian Savoca at jesavoca@gmail.com or Danielle Trant at danielletrant1@gmail.com with your name and item you think you will make and we will confirm back and provide final details the week prior to the fair. 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	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

Summertime is a great time for all to stop by our Adoration Chapel to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament &, better yet, sign up for an hour by calling Bill or Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless you all! Remember to help in these critical hours or check the rest of the chart: (Sun - 2-3 am, Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs at 1-2 am)

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 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.