

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016



Irish Pallottine Fathers Mission Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has repeatedly called upon the Church to be “permanently in a state of mission.” One way every parish and parishioner can fulfill this call is through the yearly Co-operative Mission Appeal, sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies. It will take place this year on the weekend of July 16/17.

This collection is specifically geared to helping religious orders of priests, nuns and brothers who do missionary work outside the USA. Most parishes will have the opportunity to hear from missionaries and representatives receiving assistance, who will give parishioners an insight into the work that is being done in Christ’s name around the world.

The funds collected in all parishes are divided equally between all those who speak on Co-Op Mission Weekend. By doing so, we place in their hands the tools for effective work in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I ask you to be as generous as your financial situation allows. Beyond that, I ask you to pray for all who are working in mission areas, and for those who desperately need their message of God’s love.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Frank Caggiano*

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 18

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

7:00 AM Antoinette Bellacosa

12:00 PM Joseph Fenton

TUESDAY, July 19

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

7:00 AM Dwino "Peeps" Pierandri

12:00 PM Michelle Bouchet

WEDNESDAY, July 20

Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

7:00 AM William & Mary O'Connor

12:00 PM Margaret Sticco

THURSDAY, July 21

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family

12:00 PM Intentions of Mary Jo Calamai

FRIDAY, July 22

Jer 3:14-17 (399)/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

7:00 AM Rev. Andrew Nirrengarten

12:00 PM Robert Leo Degnan

SATURDAY, July 23

Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish

4:30 PM Alfred & Lois Dudley

SUNDAY, July 24

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

CHURCH

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Burkart Family

9:15 AM James Whalen

11:15 AM Leslie Marie Parkel

HALL

10:30 AM Michael Kearney

12:00 PM Joan Bambach McCann

5:00 PM Mary McRedmond

Please remember our sick in your prayers;



especially Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Mary Clark, Kenneth Gorecki, Bill Iannuccilli, Jeanne Mastandrea, and Peter Roux. (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.)

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Anne Karlene Cooke, Richard Anthony Lotko III and Ian Michael Taktakishvili**, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 03, 2016	\$22,685	\$647,782
July 05, 2015	\$21,720	\$625,512
July 10, 2016	\$22,802	\$670,584
July 12, 2016	\$25,335	\$650,847

Facilities & Repairs

Gone Fishin'

July 2016	\$4,227	\$2,235
July 2015	\$3,261	\$3,641

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!"

We're still here while you're on vacation!



Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org and click on the *Online Giving* link. It's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our Parish.



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$462,042
% OF GOAL	151.49%

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



It is time to register for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 Program Year! Registration forms are in our Office. You may **come in to**

register during the following Office hours on: Sunday August 28 from 9:00am to 1:00pm

You may also register by email at religiuised@smcr.org or jbove@smcr.org

Please let us know if you are planning to remain in the same day of the week and session time.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Protecting Human Life is the Cornerstone of Catholic Social Teaching."

"The abortion conflict has never simply been about repealing Roe v. Wade. And the many pro-lifers I know live a much deeper kind of discipleship than "single issue" politics. But they do understand that the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching is protecting human life from conception to natural death. They do understand that every other human right depends on the right to life. They did not and do not and will not give up – and they won't be lied to."



- Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M

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

Defending Our Religious Liberty



In his homily at the closing Mass of Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Bishop David Zubik commended the congregation for standing together and praying for religious freedom. He noted that just as footnotes in a term paper solidify the accuracy and strengthen the message of a point being made, "You and I are called to be footnotes, footnotes to the truth who is Jesus Christ himself."

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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

SMS Golf Outing and Spring Fling Dinner a Success!

The Saint Mary School Scramble Golf Outing and Spring Fling Dinner was a great success! We had record breaking attendance with both golfers and dinner guests. We would like to thank all of the school and parish families, local businesses, staff, administrators and committee members who came out to support the mission of Catholic Education, and Silver Spring Golf Club for their impeccable service. The evening was a great celebration of our community, and our students will benefit from its success.

Thank you!

Jennifer and John Mitchell
Golf Outing Co-Chairs

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades 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.

Midnight Run Backpack Project



Attention all students needing service hours or a project to do. The Midnight Run is always in need of backpacks. Collect used ones from your friends and

classmates for donation. If interested contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or istoveken@comcast.net

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 next meeting will be on July 10, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in our St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to the church). For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful brings us to God. Because God is good, God is beautiful, God is the truth. – Pope Francis



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 July 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!



~Parish Fair Bulletin Board~

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

SPONSORS AND VENDORS are coming out in support of our Parish Fair! Thanks to those who have signed up already:

- ❖ B&D Controlled Air
- ❖ Caraluzzi's
- ❖ Carrol Construction
- ❖ Fairfield County Financial Services
- ❖ Knights of Columbus
- ❖ Mulvaney Plumbing & Heating
- ❖ Winter Brothers
- ❖ BeReal Tees - Michelle Briody
- ❖ Catholic Art/Home Décor -Lindsay Trezza.
- ❖ Handmade Wine & Cheese Boards - Sam Rodriguez
- ❖ Initials Inc.- Janet Groves
- ❖ Miniaturesbymonicadollclothes.com- American Girl like handmade clothing
- ❖ Photography - Glennly Montanari

If you are interested in sponsoring a tent or booth, contact John Spera at Johnspera57@gmail.com.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O means permanent or substitute adorer **urgently** needed.
X means **1 additional** adorer is needed. **Blank boxes** mean **there are 2** or more adorers.

	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	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	O	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	O	X	X	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	O	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X	X	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

Help is needed to fill some of our vacant hours, presently being covered by substitutes, with scheduled adorers at least for the summer. To sign up for an hour just call Bill or Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless you.

Needed: Sun-2:00, 3:00, 4:00 am; Mon-1:00 am, 1:00, 2:00 pm; TW/Th-1:00 am; Sat - 5:00 pm

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

No invitation necessary. COME ONE COME ALL. It will put a smile above your chin. New members invigorate our 150-strong group as we support each other and our families. Experienced men and thoughtful presentations provide us the advice to meet challenges we all face as Catholic husbands, fathers and businessmen. A little sleep time is the only sacrifice- but rewards will be 10-fold. Ask about us. Meetings on Saturdays in Hall 6:30am. Stmmm.org

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.