

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016



## 2017 Mass Intentions

The tradition of Masses offered for the intentions of living or deceased loved ones originated in the very early Church and continues to be an important Catholic practice. We have many requests for announced Mass intentions here at St. Mary Parish and are often fully scheduled with no more availability by late April, early May. With this in mind, along with our recent change in our Weekend Mass schedule, the following policy is now being implemented to accommodate our parishioners in a reasonable and fair manner.

### 2017 Mass Intention Book:

**Our 2017 Book will open to registered parishioners on Tuesday, August 30, 2016**, allowing intentions to be scheduled through December 31, 2017. The 2017 Book will open to **the public** on Friday, September 30, 2016. **As of February 1, 2017**, we will begin scheduling intentions using a rolling calendar. At the end of each month, the corresponding month in the following year will open for scheduling. For example, on the first business day of February 2017, the month of January 2018 will open for scheduling. This will help our Parish in offering available Masses for the current needs of our parishioners.

### Mass Intention Guidelines:

Our Parish accepts announced Mass intentions for Masses in our Church and Parish Hall as well as unannounced Mass intentions. The following guidelines apply when scheduling intentions. In the event a request does not fall within these guidelines, an unannounced Mass intention will be offered.

### **Please note the following guidelines:**

- Intentions should be scheduled, in person, at the Parish Office. No phone or email requests, please.
- The customary offering is \$10 for an announced Mass and \$5 for an unannounced Mass.
- **A maximum of 5 (five)** announced intentions may be scheduled per **registered family** per calendar year.
- **A maximum of 1 (one)** announced intention may be scheduled per **non-registered family** per calendar year.
- **A maximum of 10 (ten)** announced intentions may be scheduled for the intentions of any one person per calendar year.
- **Unlimited** unannounced Mass intentions are available.
- Intention dates, times and guidelines are subject to change by the Pastor, if deemed necessary. We will attempt to contact the individual who requested the intention, but that may not be possible.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz  
Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, July 25**

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

7:00 AM Margaret Ryff

12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

**TUESDAY, July 26**

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

7:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Marie Dabrowska

12:00 PM Emily Forster

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

7:00 AM Elina Baldaserini

12:00 PM Charlotte O'Donnell

**THURSDAY, July 28**

Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

7:00 AM Z. Joseph Dragicevich

12:00 PM Anthony Arcuri, Jr.

**FRIDAY, July 29**

Jer 26:1-9 (405)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

7:00 AM Fr. Ignatius McCormick, OFM CAP

12:00 PM Vivienne Dalton

**SATURDAY, July 30**

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

8:00 AM Salvatore Failla

4:30 PM Sophie, Lee & Harry O'Brien

**SUNDAY, July 31**

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**CHURCH**

7:30 AM Theresa Frances Collins

9:15 AM Carey Dupuy

11:15 AM Mary Ann Marx

**HALL**

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM Sal Puccio

5:00 PM Octavio Guzman

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Church maintenance, starting **Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5**, as well as the following week, **Monday, August 8 through August 12** the **7:00 am and 12:00 Noon DAILY Masses** will be held in our **Parish Hall**.

**2017 MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions for our Parish Calendar Year **2017** will be accepted beginning **August 30<sup>th</sup>, NOT August 1<sup>st</sup>**, at our Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The customary offering for an announced Mass is \$10. Masses must be scheduled in person at our Parish Office, not by telephone or email. Please note our new guidelines as outlined in Msgr. Bronkiewicz's Pastor's Page. Thank you for your cooperation.



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 17, 2016	\$19,743	\$690,327
July 19, 2016	\$19,636	\$670,483

**Coop Mission Sunday**

July 2016	\$8,508
July 2015	\$6,285

*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](http://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	\$462,242
% OF GOAL	151.55%

*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, **Emily Rosemary Gonzalez and Joseph Sawyer Taney**, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



You are invited to join an amazing team of sister and brother Catholics who want to share their love for God and be part of this wonderful and important ministry. Please consider becoming a Catechist. It will be one hour a week commitment to bring the joy of the Gospel to our children.

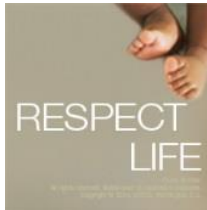
Please call or email our Religious Education Office for more information.

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

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



## Defending Our Religious Liberty



The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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

### Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

Congratulations to members of the Saint Mary School Class of 2016 who will attend the following high schools in the fall:

- ❖ Brunswick School
- ❖ Convent of the Sacred Heart
- ❖ Fairfield College Preparatory School
- ❖ Iona Preparatory School
- ❖ Immaculate High School
- ❖ Joel Barlow High School
- ❖ Kennedy Catholic High School
- ❖ North Salem High School
- ❖ Ridgefield High School
- ❖ Wooster School

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



### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

A Pre-Baptism class is required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized. Class is offered on the **second** Wednesday of every **other** month from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, **August 10**. Please call our Parish Office to register.

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

FAITH AND YOUR FAMILY:

Words of Pope Saint John Paul II:

"Children, you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. For each one of you, the home is a privileged place where you love and are loved. Your parents have called you to life and desire to guide you in your growth. Be grateful to them and give thanks to the Lord! Even in difficult moments, be aware that your parents want to help you to be happy, but that access to happiness also has its demands! Like your parents, you are responsible for life in the family and for the existence of an ever more peaceful atmosphere, which leaves each one enough space to be able to give the best of himself and to develop his personality." (St. John Paul II).



### 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](mailto: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!

### 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 24, 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](mailto:jamesorkin@gmail.com).

### 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 [lstoveken@comcast.net](mailto:lstoveken@comcast.net)

### 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



### 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	O	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](http://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](mailto:jmpmcnich@yahoo.com) or visit [www.kofc245.org](http://www.kofc245.org) for more info.