

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016



St. Mary Fair Thank You!

Dear friends in Christ,

Next Saturday, September 10th, our Parish will come together to celebrate our Saint Mary Fall Fair. This event is only possible because of the time, talent and resources so generously offered by so many Parishioners, our wonderful Ministries and the Youth of our Parish, as well as local businesses that make the day a success. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and, in particular, John Spera and Bob Wendel who once again are co-chairing this year's event. Hardworking committees led by the following Parishioners organized the various activities that came together to make this a wonderful day for all, and I thank them as well:

*Monica and Bill Brown
Rich DeSerio
Jan and Bob Hebert
Tony Giobbi
Sharon Reilly
Jim Stoveken
Saint Mary Men's Ministry
Joe Savino
Peckham Family
Mary Spera
Saint Mary School*

*Lisa DelGiudice
Cathy & Jillian Savoca
Dottie and John McNicholas
Lions Heart
Greg Flayhan
Liz Wendel
Guido Maiolo
Mary Reinertsen
Anna O'Rourke, Principal
Anandappa Family
Ruth Van Den Nieuwenhuizen*

*Danielle Trant
Joanne Hyland
Knights of Columbus
Eppolito Family*

In addition, a special thank you to our Parish Staff - Maria Arena, Carolyn Haitsch, Marcia Giorgio, Liz Zaglauer and our dedicated maintenance team for all their help this year. I would also like to recognize the team from St. Peter's Parish in Bridgeport (our sister Parish) who will be cooking their native foods for our Food tent. It is always great to have them join us on Fair Day!

Many local businesses and Parish families generously donated a tent sponsorship, Fair items, or services to our Fair, and I am most grateful to them as well:

*Spera Family
Perna Family
Eppolito Family
Saint Mary Men's Ministry
Winter Brothers
Valley View Nursery
Strominger Family
Brown's Monument Works
Genoa Deli
Norbet E. Mitchell Co, Inc.
Carroll Construction Corp*

*Doyle Coffin Architecture
Heiser Family
Knights of Columbus
Pepsi Beverages Company
Craig Family
Copia Home and Garden
Old Bet Farm Market
Fairfield County Bank
Caraluzzi's
Preferred Building Maintenance
Cake Walk/Bake Shop Bakers*

*Kane Funeral Home
Dalessio Family
Integrated Protection Svc
Mulvaney Plumbing & Heat
B&D Controlled Air Corp.
Hayfield's
Rodier Flowers
Ridgefield Pet
Manette Hutchings
McNicholas Family*

Last, but not least, sincere gratitude to all of you who supported our Fall Fair by offering your time, baked goods, garden items, jewelry pieces, used books and toys, White Elephant donations, raffle baskets...and the list goes on. Without your commitment, our Fall Fair 2016 would not be possible. May the Lord continue to bless Saint Mary Parish.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 5

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

9:00 AM James Lian

TUESDAY, September 6

1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

7:00 AM Donald Stanley

12:00 PM Les DiLisio

WEDNESDAY, September 7

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

7:00 AM Mary Paterniani

12:00 PM Erin Bridget Vick

THURSDAY, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

7:00 AM Mary Culhane

12:00 PM Chuck Attridge – 2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, September 9

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

7:00 AM Erin Bridget Vick

12:00 PM John Miltenis – 5th Anniversary

SATURDAY, September 10

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

8:00 AM John Esposito

4:30 PM Richard Ligi

SUNDAY, September 11

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-

Church

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Arzberger Family

9:15 AM Ty Ugolyn

11:15 AM Dominic Soldano

Hall

10:30 AM Joseph Heller

12:00 PM Alfred & Lois Dudley

5:00 PM Irene Weck

2017 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for our Parish Calendar Year 2017 are now being accepted at our Parish Office, 9:00am–5:00pm weekdays. The customary offering for an announced Mass is \$10. Masses must be scheduled in person, not by telephone or email. Please see the new guidelines on our website. Thank you for your cooperation.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 28, 2016	\$21,278	\$823,323
August 30, 2015	\$22,162	\$802,390

Hospitality House

August 2016	\$4,487
August 2015	\$5,163

*This week's 2nd collection: Catholic Universities
Next week's 2nd collection: Facilities Repair*

We're still here while you're on vacation! Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org.



Please remember our sick in your prayers, Especially Jillian & Olivia Abate, Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Donald Drislane, Jean Mastandrea and Thomas Mendez. (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.)



Wedding Banns

III. Ryan Taylor Allen - Cristina Marie Accorsini

I. Sean Patrick O'Connor- Mary-Nicole Dorn

Candle Intentions

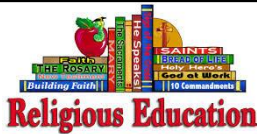
A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Chuck Attridge - 2nd Anniversary



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Noelle Aoife D'Arcy** and **Hannah Grace Salimbene**, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.





Become a Catechist!

You are invited to join an amazing team of fellow Catholics who want to share their love for God and be part of our wonderful Religious Education Ministry. Please consider becoming a Catechist. It will be a 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

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

Come begin your healing journey and experience hope and mercy. For women suffering from an abortion experience, an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing will take place on **Saturday, September 10**. For further info or confidential registration contact 203-416-1619 or email us at projectrachel@diobpt.org.

MEN'S DAY OF HEALING - Men suffer from abortion too! If you know someone who is carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion, share with them the hope filled message of God's merciful love and forgiveness. Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing is being held on **Saturday, October 29th**.

SIBLING'S RETREAT WEEKEND will be held **September 23-25** (for young adults and up). Contact 877-586-4621 or lumina@postabortionhelp.org (for Men's and Sibling's retreats). www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



If insurance companies offer vision and dental plans separately, why can't the federal healthcare mandate offer separate plans for services that do not violate the religious freedom of Catholic organizations?

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 listen to us.



Saint Mary School RIDGEFIELD

Welcome Back Students!

There is a buzz in the hallways of SMS as students in Grades K-8 returned to school last week, and our youngest learners in Preschool join us this week! In addition to celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the re-opening of Saint Mary School this year, our theme for the 2016-2017 school year is "The Power of Positivity – a Journey to Peace". Students and staff will explore this theme throughout the year in monthly assemblies and ongoing activities.

SMS will be at the Saint Mary Fair! Please visit our table to learn more about what makes Saint Mary School such a special community.

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades from Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Pre-Baptism class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held **Wed., October 12th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Call our Parish Office to register.



ST. MARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

is looking for new members and adults who would like to help! We welcome all children who are in second grade or older. We are also looking for a drummer, violinist and flutist for our children's choir. Contact Manette Hutchings at mejch226@hotmail.com



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Guidelines to Becoming Better Catholics (#4 of 4)

4. Evangelize

Proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus sent out the twelve apostles as an example for us. (Mark 6:7). St. Peter tells us that we should "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do so with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15). We must evangelize with faith and humility. (Matthew 5:48). -- Matthew Kelly from his book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*

CATHOLIC ACTION



Walk 4 Water
2016



SAVE THE DATE: October 15, 2016
9am – noon (plus lunch)

**Join us for our Annual Community Event,
Walk 4 Water, Benefitting the
Guatemala Water Filter Project!**

Saint Mary Parish will walk again to raise awareness about the global water crisis and to provide portable water filters to a rural village in Guatemala. Last year our efforts helped **1,850 people get clean drinking water** in their homes!

Join us for five laps through town, culminating in a Guatemalan-style lunch with music and dance with our sister parish, Saint Peter Parish of Bridgeport. Register or donate at www.smcr.org. For more info contact Maura O'Connor, mauratub05@sbcglobal.net.

DONATE: Food Pantries

On-going

During the month of **September**, all food collected will go to **The Ridgefield Food Pantry**. The following are some suggested food items: cereal, pasta, rice, canned foods, vegetable oil, and baby food. Also needed: full-size toiletries. Thank you!

DIVORCED & SEPARATED 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 September 11th, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in our St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to our Church). For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Friday September 30th 12 NOON to 5 PM
Saturday October 1st 10 AM to 4 PM
Sunday October 2nd 8 AM to 4 PM

60% of profits donated in your name to ST. MARY CHURCH
Mention Monsignor's name to receive an additional 15%.

St. Mary School conference room Questions? bob@libertygoldct.com

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima? Our Lady reverses the process and becomes the Pilgrim to visit you. This honored tradition is a wonderful way to bring devotion to your family and home. To invite Our Lady into your home or for more info contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.

X = 1 additional adorer needed.

Blank boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	O	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	X	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		O		X	X	X

Jesus always responds to all our needs in His own loving & compassionate way. Do we imitate Him when we see the needs of others before us? When we give & do in the name of Jesus, we become holier people. To sign up to be an adorer or substitute, please call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless. Hours needing adorers: Sun-2,3,4am; Mon-1am,2pm; Tues-1am,11pm; Wed/Th-1am; Sat-5pm

EVERY Thursday evening, 7:00-9:00pm, 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

Membership in the STMMM is a lifetime invitation to come whenever you can! Once a member always a member. Come join us any Saturday @ 6:30AM for bagels, coffee and fellowship. Perhaps your spiritual life needs a tune-up. Come and see how Jesus' teachings can enrich your life and the life of your loved ones. 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.