



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017



Domestic Disaster and Calamity Relief Hurricane Maria and Mexico Earthquakes Funds

The past month has presented us with a seemingly unprecedented number of natural disasters. The toll on human life, property, livelihoods and faith communities is immense and the full extent will not be known for some time. In light of the most recent devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, the Office of National Collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions dioceses, parishes, or individuals wish to make. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through **Catholic Charities USA**. . . (Hurricane Maria) and **Catholic Relief Services**. . . (Mexico Earthquake).

You may drop your contribution in our weekly offertory basket. Please make the check out to either ***USCCB Hurricane Maria Fund*** or ***USCCB Mexico Earthquakes Fund***, depending on where you would like your contribution to be sent. You may also drop off contributions at the Parish Office.

In spite of already having been asked to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma, I ask that you respond to these two additional calamities with continued generosity and am grateful for whatever you can do to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz".

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor

Respect Life Month Prayer Petition: Let us pray for an end to homelessness and for the expansion of Good Counsel Homes in our diocese, so we can offer additional housing programs needed for those young pregnant homeless moms, offering them support, an opportunity to grow, heal and find hope for their future and for that of their babies.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 9 – Happy Columbus Day!

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

9:00 AM Nancy Panebianco

TUESDAY, October 10

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lewis Family

12:00 PM Sean Donovan

WEDNESDAY, October 11

Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

7:00 AM Frances Oakley

12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

THURSDAY, October 12

Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

7:00 AM John & Margaret Grossa

12:00 PM Intentions of the Molloy Family

FRIDAY, October 13

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

7:00 AM Elizabeth McCoy

12:00 PM Angelo Giannini

SATURDAY, October 14

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

8:00 AM Mary Jo Calamai

4:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

SUNDAY, October 15

Convocation Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Church

7:30 AM Mary Jo Calamai

9:15 AM Alma & Linda Cordelli

11:15 AM James R. Quain

Hall

10:30 AM Jennie, Betty and Lena Gucci

12:00 PM John F. Brennan

5:00 PM Mary Rowella



ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!

Thank you for your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!** Go to www.smcr.org for links.

NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

--Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:00pm after our Noon Mass (Church)

--Sunday from 4-4:45pm before our 5pm Mass (Hall)

These new times are in addition to our regular **Saturday Confessions from 3:30 to 4:30pm (Church).**

PLEASE NOTE: The 12:30pm Confessions on October 10th are cancelled due to the Senior Citizen Luncheon.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

October 1, 2017	\$26,703	\$889,499
October 2, 2016	\$223,316	\$932,227

Facilities Repair		
2017	\$4,692	
2016	\$4,830	

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Josie Connelly, Lee and Scott McCaughey, Fr. Lionel Medeiros, and Jennie Palmieri.**

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 **Olivia Marie Dragone, Jeanne Mastandrea and Joseph Michael Motta** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



Marriage Banns

- II. Anthony Laboy – Ondria Jessica Torres
- III. Thomas George Hausheer – Danielle Vontobel



Candle Intentions



Adoration Tabernacle Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Mary Jo Calamai

A Church Altar Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Stephen Rogers

A Church Altar Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Jack Morrisroe

School Sisters of Notre Dame **Champagne Brunch Fundraiser**
Support Education – Locally & Globally
SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

The Boathouse at Saugatuck, 521 Riverside Ave., Westport, CT 06880
1PM – 3:30 PM Tickets are \$125/per person, available online at www.amssnd.org



20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Gifts for All - Liturgy of the Word for Children with Special Needs

We would like to begin the year soon, but we are in need of helpers for this group of children. Volunteers needed: Special Ed teacher, Peer Witnesses, and a Music Minister to gather during the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. This is a group for children who are not mainstreamed into classrooms. The goal is to bring the Love of Jesus to all children.

Catechists and Volunteers Needed! If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catechist or volunteering, please call the Religious Education office at 203 438 7335.

The Grade 3 Family Mass will be on Sunday, October 22 at the 12 noon Mass in the Hall. Families of Grade 3 students are invited to attend. Please join us after for refreshments and snacks in the Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center.

Please “like” and “follow” our St. Mary Faith Formation page on Facebook!!!

Music at SMS – Did you Know?

The halls of SMS are alive with the sound of music! Students from our youngest three year olds – Grade 8 enjoy weekly music class with Mr. Fox. Throughout the year students have an opportunity to perform at events such as Veterans Day, Praise and Thanksgiving, and the Christmas Pageant. Older students audition to be a part of the Saint Mary Singers, who perform at First Friday Mass each month. Preschool – Grade 8 students may take a weekly violin class, and Grade 3-8 students may participate weekly in Band. The culmination is our Annual Spring Concert in which all of our students get a chance to shine!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2017-2018 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.

Calling all Senior Citizens! Please join for our first luncheon of the school year on Tuesday, Oct 10. Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30am, Mass will be at noon, with lunch to follow. Call School office to RSVP by Oct 9.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

This St. Mary Respect Life sponsored billboard will be posted on Elm Street in Danbury for 4 weeks, beginning October 9th. Thank you to all donors who have made this educational message for life possible. www.smcr.org/respect-life

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Have a Little Faith

When we read all through the Gospels we see how Jesus loved and always responded to anyone that had faith. He loved it. He loved it when those placed their full trust in Him. (Matthew 8:5-13*; Matthew 15:21-28*; Mark 5:21-24*; Luke 19:1-10*).

Also, what's so amazing is that Jesus said you don't even need a lot of faith. Jesus in fact said that just a little amount can move mountains. In other words, just a little faith can do amazing things in your life and in the lives of those around you. (Matthew 17:20*; 1 Corinthians 13:2*).

Jesus said our faith could be compared to a mustard seed. What's interesting is that a mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. But it also is a seed. A seed is worth more when it continues to grow. You water and feed the seed of your faith by giving it nourishment. We get nourishment by reading Gods Word; worshipping; praying. All those things feed the seed of faith in your life. (Matthew 17:20*).

www.cbn.com

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



The HHS mandate tries to force faith-based employers — including religious charities, schools and pro-life advocacy organizations such as the March for Life — to facilitate the coverage of drugs and devices that go against our moral mandate to respect the dignity of every human person, born and unborn. If a solution is not reached, these nonprofit organizations could face millions of dollars in fines from the federal government for non-compliance with the HHS mandate.

Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEER: SERVING LUNCH

Two or three volunteers needed. Commitment: appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. Where: Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In the month of October, collected food will go to Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Special Event: "Teaching" Mass Saturday, November 18th 6:30 PM

The Knight of Columbus, Marquette Council would like to invite all interested parties to a very special event at St. Mary's Church in Ridgefield. Msgr. Bronkiewicz will be hosting a dry – or "teaching" - Mass at 6:30PM on Saturday, November 18th in our Church. The purpose is to explain, in layman's terms, the what and why (with a little bit of who and when) of the focal point of Catholic worship – the Sunday Mass. This is a terrific opportunity for both frequent and occasional Mass attendees to gain a better understanding about a spiritual celebration that dates back 2,000 years. Our entire St. Mary Parish community is welcome.

Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/TeachingMass> (a link can be found on our website). Or RSVP at the Parish Office, if you have interest in what promises to be an illuminative and thought provoking hour-long journey. It will give you an opportunity to appreciate and experience the Mass in a new, and hopefully more meaningful, light.

Our order was founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Marquette Council's activities started here at St. Mary Parish in 1894 and have continued uninterrupted for over 120 years. Our goal is to offer our members and their families an opportunity to share God's love through service to our Priests, Parish and community. Want to enrich your faith & model strong values for your family? Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady's message to the world: Do penance, amend your life, offend God no more and pray the Rosary daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue into your home. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken, 203-894-1341.



The Messages of Fatima – prayer, repentance, self-sacrifice, reparation, and peace – are messages that the war-ravaged world needs today, perhaps now more than ever. www.fatimafortoday.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or sign up for an hour:

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	X	X	O	X	X
2am-3am	X	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	X		X	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	O	X	X	O	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X			X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X					X	X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X		O		X	X	X

Stressed, concerned, or just plain tired of being tired? Come get refreshed. How blessed are we to be able to spend time with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel in spiritual conversation in His Sacramental Presence. Show your love by signing up or by substituting for difficult hours. To do so, please call Bill & Monica @ (914)-533-2832.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary sung and prayed. Please join us!



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Take an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord - along with 50 to 60 other like-minded men. How about spending a weekly hour and half experiencing our Men's Ministry on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:00AM? Besides having a great and welcoming community, we also serve bagels, coffee & OJ each week to ease the pain of a **very worthwhile wakeup call!**



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.

Contact Manette Hutchings at mejch226@hotmail.com