

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017



St. Augustine Medal Honoree: Vincent Falotico



“You may not be able to work miracles but you are wonder workers,” Bishop Frank Caggiano recently told 175 St. Augustine Medal of Service recipients at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. The honorees, including our own **Vince Falotico**, were recognized for their volunteer service to parishes, schools, and charities, throughout our Diocese of Bridgeport.

Since joining our Parish in 1992, Vince has been deeply involved in its life – through his service as Chair of our Parish Facilities Team, a member of our Parish Operating Council, as well as a contributor to our Fall Festivals and work of our Catholic Action Team, and a member of our

Disciples for Life Retreat Team. He is currently a weekly Adorer at our Parish Adoration Chapel, a Stephen Minister, a Eucharistic Minister, a Hospitality Host at Sunday Mass, a Pastoral Council Committee Chair, and a member of the Men's Ministry.

Last but certainly not least, Vince and his firm are responsible for the architectural plans for our Church expansion, which will be unveiled in a few weeks at our November 19th Parish Meeting!

“Today, the world is full of those who talk the talk,” the Bishop said at the award ceremony, “but you walk the walk. Every time you stand in front of a class, work in a soup kitchen or visit the sick and elderly, you are the hands and feet of God.” The witness of the St. Augustine Medal winners is an example of how most of the good done on earth comes out of “the common and ordinary things in life, using your hands day in and day out to make the love of Christ real.”

The St. Augustine Medal of Service was instituted in 2005 by Bishop William E. Lori to recognize the “unsung heroes” who unselfishly give of their time and talents to build up our parish communities and Diocesan ministries.

Please join me as we thank Vince for all he has done for our Parish and our Lord!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 6

Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

7:00 AM Mary Paterniani

12:00 PM Grace Monaco - 3rd Anniversary

TUESDAY, November 7

Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

7:00 AM Jack Morrisroe

12:00 PM Dec. Members of the Coscio Family

WEDNESDAY, November 8

Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

7:00 AM Margaret Gillespie

12:00 PM Joseph Miller

THURSDAY, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

7:00 AM Carol Manning

12:00 PM Mary Jo Calamai

FRIDAY, November 10

Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

9:00 AM Ada Leary

SATURDAY, November 11

Veterans Day, Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Mary Jo Calamai

4:30 PM Alfred Potts

SUNDAY, November 12

Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Church

7:30 AM Mae Marcoccio

9:15 AM Carey Depuy

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM William Melnick - 4th Anniversary

12:00 PM Ann Marie Burke

5:00 PM Sister Rose Marie Conway



You Can Play an Important Role in Our Ministry

Do you know someone going through a difficult time who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement and support of a Stephen Minister? If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show how much you care!

Calling all Senior Citizens! Please join us at our next Luncheon on Nov. 14! Rosary, beginning at 11:30am is followed by Mass at 12:00 and the Luncheon. Come enjoy good food and good company. Please RSVP to our Saint Mary School Office, [203-438-7288](tel:203-438-7288) by Monday, November 13th. (In case of inclement weather, the luncheon will be cancelled and not rescheduled.) Suggested donation \$6.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

October 29, 2017	\$22,928	\$987,973
October 30, 2016	\$24,897	\$1,034,971
All Souls		
2017	\$4,367	
2016	\$4,176	

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$359,984
% OF GOAL	118.03%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Josie Connelly, Jeanne Mastandrea, Lee & 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.



Marriage Banns

- II. Andrew Gregory Boratenski – Elise Marie Fernandez
- III. Christopher Vladimir Nisler – Samantha DiFalco



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Eloise Millie Guest** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP!

Fall cleanup of our Saint Mary Cemetery is scheduled from November 1- 15. As we prepare for the holiday season, any remaining spring/summer/fall decorations will be discarded. As a reminder, no grave blankets/sprays are permitted, and all decorations must adhere to the current regulations. Please refer to the posted **Cemetery Decoration Schedule and Regulations**, which can be found on either our Parish website or at our Cemetery Office. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Barber at our Cemetery Office 438-3606 or on her cell phone 203-733-4658. Thank you for your understanding.

Mass Intentions for October 2018 are available.



Religious Education

Gifts for All – Sunday, 10:30 AM, 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. This is a Liturgy for children who cannot be mainstreamed into classrooms. Our goal is to bring the Love of Jesus to all children.



NATIVITY PAGEANT! Calling all Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Religious Education Students! Our Religious Education Nativity Pageant will take place on Sunday, December

17, at 2 pm. Dress rehearsal is Friday, December 15, from 4:15-5:30 pm. If interested in participating, please contact Laura Torok-Lobelson, Nativity Pageant Coordinator, 203-438-4541 or ltfinally@yahoo.com by Tuesday, November 22nd. Participation is limited to 20 girls and 18 boys. Parent volunteers are also needed.

LifeTeen Fall Retreat will take place Nov 17th-19th. Registration link at www.smcr.org/life-teen-1.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” --Pope Francis



www.smcr.org/respect-life

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Last month, the Trump administration announced it would provide a broad religious and moral exemption to the HHS mandate. According to the USCCB, this is good news for all Americans. A government mandate that coerces people to make an impossible choice between obeying their consciences and obeying the call to serve the poor is harmful not only to Catholics but to the common good. Religious freedom is a fundamental right for all, so when it is threatened for some, it is threatened for all.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

TRUNK OR TREAT

One of our favorite events is our annual Trunk or Treat celebration. Students in Preschool – Grade 8 and their families are invited to an afternoon of “trick-or-treating” in the safety of the school parking lot. Families decorate their trunks in a range of simple to elaborate themes. There are games, face painting, a photo booth and DJ. Middle School volunteers help the little ones with games and face painting, and lead the dancing fun. It is a wonderful community event!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2017-2018 school year, as well as accepting applications for the 2018-2019 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.



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FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Practicing Your Faith as a Family

Each of us is on this earth for two very important purposes. First, we are here to get to Heaven. Second, we are here to lead as many people as we can to Heaven. Nothing else we do is as important as this. Everything that we do each day becomes the means through which we can reach holiness and get to Heaven. Every situation becomes an opportunity to serve God and others.

The most important gift that we can give to our children is the gift of our Catholic Faith. But we can’t simply send our children to a religion class and hope that by doing this, we have done enough. It is the job of the family to teach the children how to live the faith that they are learning in class, on a daily basis. Our Parish Family Faith Formation Program helps parents do just that. May God bless us all in our efforts and encourage us along the way!

CATHOLIC ACTION

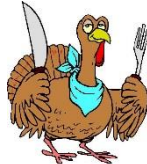
VOLUNTEERS: LUNCH & BINGO

Two or three volunteers needed to serve lunch. Commitment is appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. ALSO needed: 2 Bingo Callers. Wednesdays 1-2:30. Commitment - 1 hour a month. 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 November, collected food will go to the Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Food Drive. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Know someone homebound, ill, disabled or recovering from surgery? Contact Meals on Wheels of Ridgefield at mealsonwheelsofridgefield.org or 203-438-8788 to learn about our delicious, low cost program to help those unable to cook for themselves.



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

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	X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X					X	X
11am-12N	X		O				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		X	X	X	X	X

We need many new adorers in our Adoration Chapel. We have been told many times that we should not lose sight of what is important in our lives & to focus on those things. We mustn't get caught up in the unimportant things of the world which lead us away from our loving & caring God & try to live in humility & union with Him. Only by spending our extra time with Him can we truly appreciate His blessings. One way to do that is to come to our Chapel for prayer. To sign up either call Bill/Monica @914-533-2832 or go online to our website. God bless!

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!**

Thank you for your feedback. Go to www.smcr.org for links to our **HOMILY SURVEY** as well as our **Church Refurbish and General SUGGESTION BOXES**.