

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017



Thank you for Serving our Nation

This past Friday we celebrated Veterans Day. It's a day we especially remember our men and women who served in the military and who sacrificed so much thorough their dedicated commitment to our country.

Archbishop for the Military Services, U.S.A., Timothy Broglio, recently offered his thoughts and prayers for our military Veterans stating, "We enjoy great freedoms in the United States. Let us never forget the men and women who have laid their lives on the line to defend and protect our precious liberties. The annual celebration of Veterans Day invites us to remember those killed in the line of duty, those still suffering the effects of their generous response in times of national need, and, of course, everyone who has retired from active duty. We cannot forget the sacrifices of so many. We sense an obligation to express our gratitude, and we certainly remember them in our prayers."

Let's also remember the great sacrifices made by military chaplains who have faithfully served the spiritual needs of our men and women in the armed forces and their families.

As we remember our family members, relatives, friends and neighbors who have unselfishly served our nation in the armed forces, let's assure them of our prayers, our gratitude and our respect. A grateful nation appreciates their service.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 13

Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

7:00 AM Lucille Hawkins

12:00 PM James Kearney

TUESDAY, November 14

Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10

7:00 AM Joey Lucisano

12:00 PM Joey Lucisano - 11th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, November 15

Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

7:00 AM Peter Laqueur

12:00 PM George Hefferon

THURSDAY, November 16

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25

7:00 AM Bill Whelan

12:00 PM Thomas Maira - 1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, November 17

Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

7:00 AM Charles Leach

12:00 PM Mary Jo Calamai

SATURDAY, November 18

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8 or for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33

8:00 AM John Jones

4:30 PM Martha Juliani

SUNDAY, November 19

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Church

7:30 AM Mae Marcoccio

9:15 AM Elaine Bordonaro Palmacci

11:15 AM Leslie Marie Parkel

Hall

10:30 AM Jodi Donohue-Aja

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Battista Cerutti

CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS!

Please join us at our next luncheon this Tuesday, Nov. 14 with Rosary at 11:30am, 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; not rescheduled.) Suggested donation \$6.



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



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

November 5, 2017	\$25,396	\$1,013,369
November 6, 2016	\$26,075	\$1,061,046
All Saints		
2017	\$2,633	
2016	\$2,439	

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Fr. John Baran, Josie Connelly, Lee & Scott McCaughey, 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

III. Andrew Gregory Boratenski – Elise Marie Fernandez

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Penelope Rae Milosavljevic** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



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What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are members of St. Mary Parish who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to help people who are facing a crisis of simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for about an hour to listen, care, pray and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with men and women with women ministers. To find out more about how someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054.

Volunteers needed! For info on volunteering at Dorothy Day House, please visit their website at www.dorothydaydanbury.org/volunteer.

Religious Education



Catechists and volunteers needed! If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catechist or volunteering, please call our Religious Education Office at 203 438 7335.

Our MIDNIGHT RUN was a HUGE SUCCESS! We are grateful to all of our students and families for all of your hard work preparing over 130-bagged sandwiches and helping supply us with soup ingredients. Your generosity for this event was overwhelming and greatly appreciated!

Our Grade 4 Family Liturgy will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 12:00 Noon in our Parish Hall. All Grade 4 students and families are expected to participate in this Mass and afterwards, are invited to join us for refreshments in our Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center. We ask that each family bring a finger food to share. We are a peanut/tree nut free building environment.



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.



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Pope Francis has said that: "It is the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people." As the healthcare mandate is retooled, let us pray that the religious freedom of the Church is safeguarded.

Please Note: There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Tuesday, November 14th.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

2018-2019 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Our youngest learners at SMS bring us so much joy. We are blessed with a vibrant preschool program that includes Three's, Four's and Transitional Kindergarten. We are beginning registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Current and former SMS families have priority through November 30, 2017. Beginning in December, we will accept new families. Our programs fill up very quickly; unfortunately, we have to turn away students each year. For more information and application form, please feel free to contact Principal Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit http://www.smsridgefield.org/admissions_preschool.html

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

God Loves You!



We know how much God loves us because we have felt his love. — 1 John 4:16

God loves you right here, right now, just the way you are. He is never going to love you more than he does right now. You don't have to do anything to get God to love you. You don't have to be anything more. He just loves you, perfectly and completely. Never question God's great love, for it is as unchangeable a part of God as is His holiness. God is love! And His love for us is everlasting.

The promise of God's love and forgiveness is as real, as sure, as positive, as human words can make it. But, like describing the ocean, its total beauty cannot be understood until it is actually experienced.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



We need your support. Please have compassion on parents who bring kids to Church, and give them a big smile and a thumbs up – it makes a world of difference!

CATHOLIC ACTION

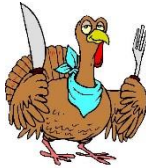
VOLUNTEERS: LUNCH & BINGO

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!



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

November is rapidly passing us by. In 1925 Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King to be celebrated the last Sunday of November. As history records it, the feast day was in response to the rise of atheism & communism. This day is to remind us that Christ the King deserves our love, obedience & devotion. In these trying times it is imperative that we always keep Jesus in our hearts & minds. To sign up to become an Adorer at Chapel, 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!

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.



RCIA

RCIA is the Church's way of helping people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is concerned with the formation of a person into a fuller understanding of our Catholic faith, so that he or she can comfortably pray and serve within our Church. Contact DRE, Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335.



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.



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 wake up call!**