

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017



A Prayer for Thanksgiving

*Loving God, we turn our hearts to you
on this day for giving thanks,
mindful of your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.*

On behalf of the Priests, Deacons and Staff at St. Mary Parish, I pray that your Thanksgiving Day will be a blessed one as you gather with family and friends..

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 20

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
 7:00 AM Edward Mulcahy
 12:00 PM Carey Depuy

TUESDAY, November 21

2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
 7:00 AM Angelina Hyatt
 12:00 PM Mary Camuso

WEDNESDAY, November 22

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
 7:00 AM Ginny Tango
 12:00 PM Mary Jo Calamai

THURSDAY, November 23

*Thanksgiving Day, 1 Mc 2:15-29/
 Lk 19:41-44 Or any readings from the
 Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Mass "In
 Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947*



9:00 AM Mary Reilly

FRIDAY, November 24

Day After 1 Mass, 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
 9:00 AM Intentions of Sister Marie Elaine
 Lachance CND - 104th Birthday

SATURDAY, November 25

1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
 8:00 AM James Whitton
 4:30 PM William May

SUNDAY, November 26

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

CHURCH

7:30 AM Elizabeth "Betsy" Kennally
 9:15 AM Bruce & Elvio Boldrini
 11:15 AM Mary McRedmond

Hall

10:30 AM Marco DeSerio
 12:00 PM Catherine Arace
 5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

November 12, 2017	\$23,990	\$1,037,359
November 13, 2016	\$24,080	\$1,085,126
Facilities Repair		
2017	\$4,983	
2016	\$5,268	

Prayers for the Sick

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

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.



Candle Intentions

*A Church Altar Candle
 is Burning in Loving Memory of
 Catherine McGavin*

BAPTISMS

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



Pre-purchase St. Mary Cemetery Space

"I felt good knowing I was sparing my family the burden of making this decision at a difficult time in their lives."

Secure your family heritage at St. Mary Parish. Visit www.smcr.org for more info and FAQs or call Donna Barber at the cemetery office, 203-438-3606.



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 meich226@hotmail.com

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!



Event Rental Space

Need a place to gather after a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding Rehearsal? St. Mary Parish offers a variety of venues for social events and meetings, including our Parish Barn for smaller groups and our Parish Hall for larger groups, up to 250. Dance floor, free parking and on-site caterer available. Please contact the Parish Office, 203-438-6538, for more information.

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.



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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

This Thanksgiving, let us pray that our most cherished right of religious freedom is restored in the revision of the federal healthcare mandate.

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.

Please Note: There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day and there will be only one Mass at 9am.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Veterans' Day Assembly

Ridgefield American Legion members and SMS family members who are veterans joined the SMS community in our annual Veterans' Day Assembly. Students shared reflections on Veterans' Day and sang patriotic songs in celebration of our Veterans. Middle School students interviewed the Veterans and had round-table discussions, while many of the younger students gave them thank you cards and homemade poppies. It was a poignant experience for all who gathered.

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.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Give Thanks as a Family

One meaning of Eucharist is to 'give thanks'. Catholic families can highlight the true meaning of Thanksgiving by making a special effort to go to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Encourage each member of the family to remember something they are truly thankful for and tell Jesus 'thank you' at Communion time or at some other quiet time during or after the Mass.

Pray an "Our Father" together or add a communal prayer of thanksgiving to your traditional grace before Thanksgiving dinner. Use the prayers of intercession at Mass as an example. Have each family member make a petition of thankfulness and have everyone respond to it 'Thank you, Jesus,' or something to that effect. Families need not go to great lengths or perform elaborate rituals in order to have a meaningful Thanksgiving gathering and shared prayer time. Recognize that you and your loved ones have been abundantly blessed and welcome the opportunity to give thanks for God's gifts as a family.

www.christianliferesources.com

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

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

In these trying times it is imperative that we always keep Jesus in our hearts & minds. Spend some time in our Chapel with our Savior to gain peace and heart rest. To sign up to become an Adorer, either call Bill or 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.



BAKE SALE



The Mothers' Club will host its annual Fall Bake Sale after all morning Masses this Sunday, November 19th. Stop by for an after-Mass treat and to select an

ornament from the Giving Tree to help a local needy family during the holidays. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Giving Tree program and the Club's other charitable activities.



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!**



You are enough. You have enough brains, talent, beauty, laughter, soul, ideas, and love to live the incredible life God created you to live. So what are you waiting for? Do something today that announces that a new phase has begun in your life. God and all the angels and saints in heaven are cheering for you.

-Matthew Kelly, DynamicCatholic.com