

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017



Peace!

In today's piece of John's Gospel, chapter 20, verses 19-31, Jesus speaks 4 words 3 times during his appearance to the disciples, gathered behind locked doors:

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

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As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, let's pray together that God will bless us all with the PEACE his Risen Son brought to our world!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz



Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 24

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

7:00 AM Raymond F. Cichocki

12:00 PM Katherine Murray

TUESDAY, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

7:00 AM In Honor of Beverley Argento

12:00 PM Antonio Colombo

WEDNESDAY, April 26

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

7:00 AM Thomas Moore

12:00 PM Anthony Costa

THURSDAY, April 27

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

7:00 AM Janice Pfeiffer

12:00 PM F. John Romeo

FRIDAY, April 28

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

7:00 AM Marjorie Tarsi

12:00 PM Frank J. Perrotta

SATURDAY, April 29

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

8:00 AM Bridie Flattery

4:30 PM Diane May

SUNDAY, April 30

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Church

7:30 AM Richard Serfilippi

9:15 AM Jerry Lombardozzi

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM J. P. Hinson

12:00 PM John Venezia

5:00 PM Grace Gallagher



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 9, 2017	\$24,162	\$342,837
April 10, 2016	\$25,628	\$364,159

Hospitality House

2017	\$6,603
2016	\$6,372

Holy Land/Good Friday

2017	\$2,491
2016	\$3,210

April 16, 2017	\$23,613	\$366,450
April 17, 2016	\$22,458	\$386,617

Easter

2017	\$29,299
2016 (3/27/16)	\$29,586

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

Prayers for the Sick

*Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Sally Gagliardi, Jeanne Mastandrea, Tom McCarthy, Jay McMahon, Barbara Ortonowska, Eileen Profeta and Madeleine Rothman.** 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.*



REMEMBER SOMEONE



Remember a friend or loved one with a candle lit in their name. Candle Intention options:

- Adoration Chapel Tabernacle Candle - \$40 donation, for one week**
- Church Sanctuary Candle - \$40 donation, for one week**
- Church Altar Candles - \$20 donation each, for one week**
- Hall Sanctuary Candle - \$20 donation, burns at Sunday Mass**

All intentions will be noted in our Bulletin during the week requested and each Candle Intention purchased includes a card with envelope. Please purchase at our Parish Office.

Birthright Needs Volunteers

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling and practical support. Our Guiding Principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. If you would like to help, please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Thank you.

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., May 10th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



Pope Francis is the first of his chosen name, Francis, in the entire history of papacy in the Catholic Church. He is also the first Latin American and Argentine pope, and the first of the Jesuits to lead the Vatican.



The Pope completed a master's degree in chemistry at the University of Buenos Aires. He also taught literature, philosophy, psychology, and theology.



Religious Education



Easter Fun Continues!

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, 4/23 at 1:30pm on the Church lawn. Bring your basket and come meet the Easter Bunny.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.
 -Ronald Reagan
www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



When demanding that the federal health care mandate be revised, the Catholic Church is asking that the same consideration be extended to the faithful who are awaiting judicial reliefs so that they can live by their religious beliefs without facing government penalties for doing so.

Teaching Mass

Join Us for an Illuminative Evening!

The Knights of Columbus, Marquette Council would like to invite you to a very special event at our Parish. Msgr. Bronkiewicz will be hosting a dry – or “teaching” - Mass at 6:30 PM on June 3, 2017 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 Sunday Mass, the focal point of our Catholic worship. This is a terrific opportunity for both frequent and occasional Mass attendees to gain a better understanding about the most important prayer we pray as Catholics.

Please call our Parish Office to RSVP to 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 Homily Survey link is @ www.smcr.org. We appreciate and value your feedback!

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
 RIDGEFIELD

Track and Field

Saint Mary School students in grades Kindergarten – Grade 8 are eligible to participate in the Saint Mary School Track Program. As members of the Danbury Parochial League, students may compete in both individual track and field events, and can participate in a relay. Students practice weekly, attend two meets at Immaculate High School, and if they qualify, are invited to an All-Star Meet. The program provides a great team experience in a supportive environment.

Saint Mary School is currently accepting applications 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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

The April 2018 calendar for Mass Intentions will open on Monday, May 1st.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Pope Francis at Easter Mass 2017

This Easter Pope Francis broke with tradition, giving an off-the-cuff homily during Mass about what he described as a nagging question for many faithful: Why are there so many tragedies and wars if Jesus has risen from the dead, a belief that Christians celebrate each Easter?

He gestured toward the potted hyacinths, tulips and daffodils, which came from the Netherlands, and which were arranged in neat rows on the steps leading to the imposing church.

Easter "isn't a party with lots of flowers. This is pretty, but it's not this, it's more than this," Francis said.

He said having faith on Easter gives sense in the middle of "so many calamities: the sense of looking beyond, the sense of saying, look, there isn't a wall, there's a horizon, there's life, there's joy."

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Collected food and monetary donations go to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House for the rest of April. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



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.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year we celebrate 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 at 203-894-1341.



2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass

On Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:30pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass, for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries! This will be the only Wedding Jubilee Mass for 2017. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. To register to attend, please contact our Parish office or visit: <http://x.co/diobpt> Please RSVP before April 24th. Questions contact Kim Quatela at (203) 416-1334 or kquatela@diobpt.org



Love One Another as I have Loved You

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus has called us all to do. In Stephen Ministry, people with special gifts for caring put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who need it most. 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. Our Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration gives us the opportunity to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and another way to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Parish Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut (beginning in 1994), is open 24/7.

The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832 or go to www.smcr.org to sign up for a needed hour: **SUN: 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 1-2pm; MON: 1-2am; THURS: 1-2am; FRI: 3-4am.**

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	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	O	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	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	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		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

Today, on this Second Sunday of Easter we continue to celebrate the Empty Tomb! It is also Divine Mercy Sunday, reminding us of God's boundless compassion, love and mercy. On this day a plenary indulgence is granted by the Church by going to Confession (within the week), receiving Communion, praying the Chaplet of Mercy at our 3pm service in the Church, & venerating the image. This indulgence takes away all punishment due to sin in our lives. Please join us!

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 are 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!**