

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017



“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
For all...eternity, alleluia, alleluia.”
(Luke 24:34)

Welcome to all who have joined us at the empty tomb with Mary Magdalene on this Easter Sunday 2017! Welcome to all our Parishioners and visiting relatives and friends. Welcome to all for whom church may not be a weekly experience. We hope you will make it one here in our Family of Faith and make us your spiritual home!

Congratulations to Kerri Ann Benn and Crystal Morter who are being received into full communion with our Catholic Church this weekend after much preparation. We warmly welcome them to their new spiritual home and ask God's blessing as their journey of faith continues and their relationship with God grows deeper and richer.

Let me also express a heartfelt word of gratitude to all those who do so much to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so prayerful – our Clergy, Parish Music Ministry, Altar Guild, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters, Hospitality Ministers, dedicated Parish Staff, and all of you who have come to pray with us.

We wish you all a holy, happy and healthy Easter season.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 17

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

9:00 AM Jack Leary

TUESDAY, April 18

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lewis Family

12:00 PM Carol and Edmund O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY, April 19

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

7:00 AM Chester Augustine

12:00 PM William J. Sheridan-11th Anniversary

THURSDAY, April 20

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

7:00 AM Dolores Wagner

12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

FRIDAY, April 21

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

7:00 AM Christopher Manno

12:00 PM Delphine Pierandri

SATURDAY, April 22

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM George Hefferon

4:30 PM John Bazzoni

SUNDAY, April 23

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Church

7:30 AM Mary S. Sullivan & Jack L. Sullivan, Jr.

9:15 AM Anthony and Nora Smith

11:15 AM Dominick Protomastro

Hall

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM David Lang and Mark Cook

5:00 PM Arlene Doyle

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.



Catholicism is the largest faith community in the world with more than 1.2 billion members...In this modern day and age, the Catholic Church remains the world's premier institutional defender of human rights. *-Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly*

Our Homily Survey link is @ www.smcr.org. We appreciate and value your feedback!



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 2, 2017	\$22,733	\$318,675
April 3, 2016	\$24,396	\$338,531

Offertory numbers for 4/9/17 were not available at the time of printing due to holiday schedules. Updated numbers will be in next week's Bulletin.

This week's 2nd collection: Easter
Next week's 2nd collection: Catholic Home Missions

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Bill Casey, Jeanne Mastandrea, Tom McCarthy, Jay McMahan, 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.



Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Patti Capilli

A Church Altar Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Bill Murray

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.

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!



Volunteers needed for our Easter Egg Hunt on 4/23 at 1:30pm. Go to www.smcr.org to sign up!



Confirmation

Confirmation rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, April 18, Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20 at 6:00pm in our Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, April 21, at 7:00pm in the Church, and on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00am and 2:00pm in our Church. Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates - please keep them in your prayers!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born. – *Ronald Reagan*

A person is a person no matter how small. – *Dr. Seuss*

Even the smallest person can change the course of the future. – *Lord of the Rings*

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government. – *Thomas Jefferson*

How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers. – *Unknown*

It seems to me clear as daylight that abortion would be a crime. – *Gandhi*

We're all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving. – *J.K. Rowling*

The right to life is the first among human rights. – *Pope Francis*

www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious freedom is more than freedom of worship. It goes beyond protecting our ability to attend Mass or a religious service. It guarantees citizens of all faiths, or none whatsoever, the right to contribute to our common life. We Catholics and other religious people come to the table with who we are, and what we have. We put our beliefs, values and structures at the service of the common good, because our faith demands that we do so.

When amending the mandate, pray that the new administration protects religious freedom.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Saint Mary School Gala – May 12th

The Saint Mary Home School Association (HSA) would like to extend an invitation to all to join the Saint Mary School Community at our Gala on May 12, 2017 from 7-11pm at the Salem Golf Club. In honor of the 20th Anniversary of the re-opening of Saint Mary School, the theme this year is "Have a Roaring Good Time". There will be a dinner buffet, and both a Live and Silent Auction, and dancing. The price is \$100 per person, and includes appetizers, dinner buffet, wine, beer and soda. All proceeds benefit the 2016-2017 Saint Mary School Annual Fund. For more details, to see auction items, and to RSVP, please visit the gala website. www.501auctions.com/smsgalaandauction. It is sure to be a wonderful night!

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

FAITH FORMATION CORNER
Divine Mercy Sunday & the Chaplet



In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina Kawalska (1905–1938), while at her convent, experienced a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy consisting of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father using the Rosary.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following: "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
5. Conclude by reciting three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the mercy of God. The prayer of absolution in the Sacrament of Penance expresses it so well: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Collected food and monetary donations go to the Knights of Columbus Easter Food Drive until Easter. Easter weekend and the rest of April, donated food goes to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. 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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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	O	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

Happy Easter! Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice & be glad. Can you imagine Mary Magdalene's feelings when she arrived at the tomb? What mixed emotions she must have had! They say seeing is believing, but not in this case. At this point she did not fully comprehend what she and the other disciples would later understand – that Jesus had in fact risen from the dead! Death is a difficult reality for any one of us to accept & only by our faith in Jesus do we know He died, rose and will come again to welcome each & every one of us home forever. We at St. Mary are truly blessed to have the Sacramental Presence of the Risen Christ with us each and every day in our Adoration Chapel. To sign up for your own hour, call Bill & Monica @ 914-533-2832. Thank you & God bless!



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.



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!**