

The Most Holy Trinity

June 11, 2017



Welcome Guest Seminarian – Jim Bates

I am happy to announce that seminarian and soon to become Deacon, Jim Bates, arrived here June 1st for a 6-8 week summer assignment at our Parish. Jim, 55, is preparing for eventual ordination to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

I'd like to give you a little background on Jim. He was born in California and grew up in Brookfield. He attended Brookfield High School and graduated from Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) with a degree in English-Writing. The son of Westbrook and the late Daryll Bates, he grew up with two younger sisters: Jennifer Marazzo, who resides in New Jersey and Jill Citron, from Long Island, who passed away in 2016.

A convert to Catholicism, Jim holds an MS in Management and an MBA from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven and was studying for an MA in Theology at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell before beginning priestly formation at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA,. He worked as a Systems Engineer for Executone Information Systems, Inc., in Milford and Pitney Bowes, Inc., in Danbury before discerning a call to the priesthood.

Having finished his third year of theological studies and priestly formation at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, Jim will be ordained a deacon at the Cathedral of St. Augustine in Bridgeport on June 17, 2017 at 11am. He asks for your prayers in these final weeks of preparation!

We are happy to welcome Jim to our Parish for his summer ministerial assignment. I am sure we, as a warm and welcoming Parish family, will make him feel right at home.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 12

2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family

12:00 PM Dec. Members of the Arzberger Family

TUESDAY, June 13

2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16

7:00 AM Ruth Sullivan

12:00 PM Vincent Ryan Jr.

WEDNESDAY, June 14

2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19

7:00 AM Marie Schmitt

12:00 PM Margaret Robert

THURSDAY, June 15

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26

7:00 AM Elias Burke

12:00 PM Thomas McGavin

FRIDAY, June 16

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32

7:00 AM Carmella Mosiello

12:00 PM Ellen Cunningham

SATURDAY, June 17

2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37

8:00 AM Primo Baldaserini

4:30 PM Frank Paoletti, Jr.

SUNDAY, June 18

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Church

7:30 AM Thomas Glancy

9:15 AM Thomas Flynn

11:15 AM Deceased Members of the Cally Family

Hall

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM Fred DePhillips & Antonio V. Fernandez

5:00 PM Philip C. Murray



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

June 4, 2017	\$22,411	\$516.057
June 6, 2016	\$22,252	\$549,117
Facilities Repair	2017	\$3,867
	2016	\$4,349

Next week's second collection: Hospitality House

TEXT TO DONATE!

Did you know you can now make a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal on your smart phone or device by texting the word, Sharing to 50555. It's fast, easy and secure and supports diocesan programs on a larger scale. When you give a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we continue the Gospel message and make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Sally Gagliardi, Harrison Mauldin, Jeanne Mastandrea, Barbara Ortonowska, 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

Church Sanctuary Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
John Wagner



FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Father's Day cards are available at the entrances of our Church and Parish Hall and at the Parish Office for a suggested donation of \$5.

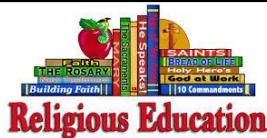


Project Rachel - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help

and hope. Project Rachel is offering an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, July 15th for women who are suffering from a past abortion. Please contact us at 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for more information or confidential registration.



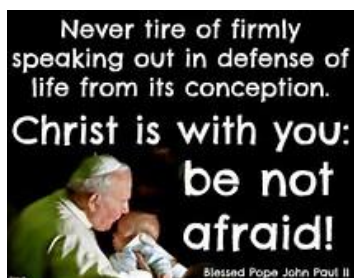
The pope, who is based in Rome, is the successor to Saint Peter, which Christ appointed as the first head of His church.



Online Registration! Religious Education registration is now online! Visit our Parish website for the link to sign up.

New RE Programs! Visit our Parish website to learn about our new Religious Ed programs being offered this fall and for a video message from our Religious Ed Director, Pat Postiglione.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

According to Archbishop William E. Lori of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for religious freedom, evangelizing not only saves souls, it also preserves religious freedom. When people's minds and hearts have been opened to the truth and beauty of God's love and the love of God has been poured into their hearts – then the natural endowment of religious freedom comes alive and people are more likely to defend religious freedom in society. As lawmakers move to revise the health care mandate, may they procure our religious freedom.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who donated to Birthright of Greater Danbury through our baby bottle drive. God bless you!

Our HOMILY SURVEY link is @ www.smcr.org. We appreciate and value your feedback!

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

8th Grade Graduation

On June 3rd, the thirteenth class of Eighth Grade students graduated from Saint Mary School. Thank you to the entire Saint Mary Community for all that you do to make our school what it is today; a Blue Ribbon winning, Catholic faith filled environment in which boys and girls from pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 learn with enthusiasm and excitement. Congratulations to this year's Graduates and their families:

- Emma Alessi
- Ethan Beulac
- Aleksandra Box
- Dora DeVenuti
- Nicolas DiFabio
- Tyler Forrest
- Aidan Luzarraga
- Avery Simoneau
- Benedicta Szewczuk
- Isabelle Thompson
- Gavin Wainwright
- Meredith Zuck

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at 203-438-7288 or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



The Holy Trinity

The Holy Trinity - Three Persons in One God. How in the world can anyone explain that? The answer is that we in this world cannot. It is a mystery beyond our comprehension. How can there be three distinct persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - but yet each the same God? This is truly a question that we take on faith as Catholics, because our limited human brains simply cannot understand it. The word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible, but yet, Church teaching on the Trinity, which was formulated over time, does. Remember the words of Jesus in John 16:12-13: "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." *Catholic-link.org*

The woman is at the heart of the home. Let us pray that we women realize the reason for our existence: to love and be loved and through this love become instruments of peace in the world. – Mother Teresa

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In in the month of June, collected food will go to the St. Joseph Parenting Center. 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 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, 203-894-1341.



Church Bells will Ring on July 4th!



On Tuesday, July 4th, 2017 at 2pm, our Church will ring its bells along with the churches of the Greater Danbury area. We will all "Ring the Bells" 13 times in honor of our freedom and the original 13 Colonies

of the United States of America.

In 1963, Congress authorized "Let Freedom Ring" where bells all around the Nation would ring 13 times as we honor our Nation's Founding and recall the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP'S MISSION TRIP! Our youth will be working in the Groton, MA area from July 2nd to July 7th. They will join

roughly 200 other Catholic teens from around the country to complete 90-plus service projects, ranging from helping local residents in need of lawn and home repairs to helping summer camps for underprivileged youth. In addition to logging close to 10,000 service hours, the teens learn lessons about how service is a vital part of our Catholic faith and attend daily Mass and talks that strengthen their relationship with Christ. **The link to our GoFundMe page is @ www.smcr.org.**

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 sign up for a

needed hour: **SUN:** 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 1-2pm; **MON:** 1-2am; **THURS:** 1-2am.

O=permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed. X=1 additional adorer needed. Blank boxes=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	X	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

Trinity Sunday is the day in which we celebrate the central mystery of our Catholic faith in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Every time we make the sign of the cross or pray to God, we pray to the Most Holy Trinity. Please sign up for your hour in our Parish Adoration Chapel to strengthen and enrich your life with God. **Sign up by calling Bill or Monica @ (914) 533-2832. God bless us all.**

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!**