

Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017



Congratulations to our Adult Confirmands!

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of **Pentecost**. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after Easter. Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit:

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. John 14:16–18

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, that promise was fulfilled as Peter and the followers of Jesus were gathered in Jerusalem:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1–4

As we celebrate the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost, we congratulate the 4 adult members of our Parish Family - **Daisy Bongiorno, Edmund Ganal, Megan McCaughey, and Darren Motise** – who received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9:15am Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

May God, Father, Son, and Spirit bless our newly confirmed with abundant graces!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 5

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
 7:00 AM James Kearney
 12:00 PM Genevieve Colombo

TUESDAY, June 6

Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
 7:00 AM Granny J.
 12:00 PM Palma Fava

WEDNESDAY, June 7

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
 7:00 AM Dec. Members of the Dziejma Family
 12:00 PM Tim Regan

THURSDAY, June 8

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
 7:00 AM Grace Nneji
 12:00 PM Meg Sullivan

FRIDAY, June 9

Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
 7:00 AM Grace Nneji
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

SATURDAY, June 10

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
 8:00 AM Florence Pitruzzello
 4:30 PM Walter Krysiwich

SUNDAY, June 11

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Church

7:30 AM John Casavecchia
 9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish
 11:15 AM Nenay Schultz

Hall

10:30 AM Dec. Members of the Cosky Family
 12:00 PM Olga Postiglione - 1st Anniversary
 5:00 PM Edward Joseph Cook



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

May 28, 2017	\$19,869	\$493,646
May 29, 2016	\$21,850	\$526,865
Catholic Comm	2017	\$2,264
	2016	\$3,092
Ascension Thursday	2017	\$2,758
	2016	\$2,245

This week's second collection: Facilities Repair



2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$300,517
% OF GOAL	98.53%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 and Barbara Ortonowska.** 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.



MASS CARD INTENTIONS

The book for Mass Intentions for May 2018 is now open. Mass cards may be obtained at the Parish Office, with a suggested donation of \$10 for announced Masses and \$5 for unannounced Masses.



The word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year A.D. 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal.

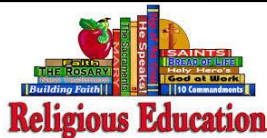
Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered to all people.

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Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Linda Davis



Religious Education

Online Registration! Religious Education registration is now online! Visit our Parish website for the link to sign up your children for Religious Ed classes this Fall.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

St. Thomas Aquinas Award

Congratulations to Grade 8 student Isabelle Thompson, who received the St. Thomas Aquinas Award and was honored by the Diocese of Bridgeport at their annual "Breakfast of Champions". The St. Thomas Aquinas award is given to 8th graders who demonstrate academic achievement and Christ-like service. Isabelle's positive outlook, academic excellence, sense of community and willingness to help others serve as an inspiration to the entire Saint Mary School community

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Adoption was such a positive alternative to abortion, a way to save one life and brighten two more: those of the adoptive parents." — **George W. Bush, *Decision Points***
www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), says that he we will continue to advocate for permanent relief from Congress on issues of critical importance to people of faith. "Religious freedom is a fundamental right that should be upheld by all branches of government and not subject to political whims," he says. Cardinal DiNardo met with President Trump in early May to address First Amendment rights of the church that have been ignored under Obamacare.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the foundation and common thread of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which in the 50 years of its existence, has touched the lives of over 120 million Catholics in more than 200 countries. Back in 2004, Pope John Paul II said, "*Thanks to the Charismatic Movement, a multitude of Christians, men and women, young people and adults have rediscovered Pentecost as a living reality in their daily lives.*"

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is not a sacrament. It is a sovereign action of God, which usually occurs when someone with a disposition of surrender and docility, prays for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in his or her life.

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

MISSION TRIP 2017! Please help support our Youth Group's 2017 Mission Trip! A link to their GoFundMe page is at www.smcr.org. Please consider donating and spreading the word to your friends and family. 😊

Are You the Face of Prayer?



Are you willing to pray with Bishop Caggiano every day? Join the movement. Text a selfie, your prayer intention, or simply the word "pray" to 55778 and join in the journey as we learn more about the power of prayer.



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 at 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.



Do You Know Someone Who is Hurting?

If you know of someone who is hurting, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. They can talk to you about connecting that person with one of our Stephen Ministers, who are ready to provide 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 or Monica @ (914) 533-2832 to 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

Today is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church & the day which marks the time Jesus empowered the apostles with His peace & graces through the Holy Spirit. How joyful for them & for us when we allow Him into our lives. Come to our Adoration Chapel & spend some time with Jesus, inviting Him to renew our hearts & minds. 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!**