

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017



Let's Make Mass the Heart of Our Sunday

The Catholic publication, *Our Sunday Visitor*, expressed sentiments about the importance of Mass stating, "...when you come to Mass, you pray with your whole being. You use all of your senses. You see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. You use your body by genuflecting, sitting, kneeling, standing, walking, and singing." It went on to note, "The Mass also gives you the opportunity to:

- Seek forgiveness for your sins.
- Learn how God's word impacts your life in the homily.
- Offer yourself to the Lord.
- Experience the miracle of bread and wine changing into the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Reach out to others with the Peace of Christ.
- Admit that you are not worthy, and then come forward to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ.
- Receive a special blessing.
- Be commissioned to go out and make the world a better place.

When we come together at Mass to pray and worship God, we fulfil a deep need inside of us to be in communion with other people. They help us to see that we are not alone. They remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ."

As we contemplate these sentiments, we are invited to recommit ourselves to making the Mass the heart of our Sunday, not a small part of our day, especially as we enjoy this season of leisure.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz



Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 28

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

7:00 AM Patrick Lahey
12:00 PM Elizabeth Haughney

TUESDAY, August 29

1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29

7:00 AM John Wagner
12:00 PM Marco DelGatto

WEDNESDAY, August 30

1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Michetti Family
12:00 PM Helen Shelava - 30th Anniversary

THURSDAY, August 31

1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

7:00 AM Joseph Miller
12:00 PM Frank Paoletti Sr.

FRIDAY, September 1

1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

7:00 AM Tillie Rawald
9:00 AM Ellen Flynn
12:00 PM Frances Pizzitola

SATURDAY, September 2

1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

8:00 AM Frank Macori
4:30 PM Christopher Manno

SUNDAY, September 3

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

CHURCH

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg
9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish
11:15 AM Dorothy Esseks

HALL

10:30 AM Carolyn Moran
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Morrisroe
5:00 PM Mary McRedmond



ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!

Thank you for your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!**
Go to www.smcr.org for links.

NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

In response to recent Parishioner feedback, we are offering additional Confession times:

--Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:00pm, after our Noon Mass

--Sunday from 4-4:45pm, before our 5pm Mass

These new times are in addition to our regular **Saturday Confessions from 3:30 to 4:30pm.**



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 20, 2017	\$21,851	\$746,349
August 21, 2016	\$24,054	\$794,331

Assumption		
2017	\$3,596	
2016	\$2,267	

We're still here while you're on vacation!



Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org and click on the *Online Giving* link.



2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$354,599
% OF GOAL	116.26%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Prayers for the Sick

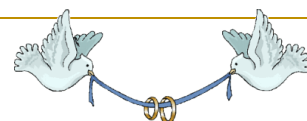
Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Conor McLaughlin, Fr. Lionel Medeiros, and Thomas Mendez.** For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



Candle Intentions

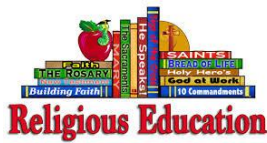


A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Eleanor Ioli



Marriage Banns
I. Sean Dennis Haddid & Stephanie Ann Sheldon

August 2018 Mass Intentions open 9/1.



20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Why Consider Saint Mary School?

While our students are enjoying the summer vacation, there is a lot happening at Saint Mary School this in preparation for the 2017-2018 School Year! Many of our classes are full, but spots remain in select grades.

Why consider Saint Mary School?

- ❖ Award winning school
- ❖ Challenging curriculum
- ❖ Advanced technology
- ❖ Dynamic preschool
- ❖ Vibrant Catholic education
- ❖ Strong values
- ❖ Positive school climate
- ❖ Diverse after-school activities
- ❖ Active parent community

We would love to tell you more about what makes Saint Mary School so special. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ." – Pope Benedict XVI



Join us for our next Respect Life meeting September 6th at 7pm in the Day Chapel.
www.smcr.org/respect-life

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



For four years, the Little Sisters of the Poor and many other faith-based nonprofit groups have patiently asked the government to do the right thing and let them serve the poor. In a pluralistic society like ours, people should be free to serve the common good without compromising their moral or religious convictions. The HHS mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices, has tested this country's commitment to a healthy pluralism. Let us pray that change to the law safeguards religious liberty.

PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Caggiano September 23rd for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Details at www.thefaceofprayer.com or email institute@diobpt.org or call 203-416-1670.

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Friday	September 29 th	12 NOON to 5 PM
Saturday	September 30 th	10 AM to 4 PM
Sunday	October 1st	8 AM to 4 PM

60% of profits donated in your name to ST. MARY CHURCH
Mention Monsignor's name to receive an additional 15%.

St. Mary School conference room Questions? bob@libertygoldct.com

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Take Time to Focus on the Family



The Church faces several challenges with regard to engaging the family, including hectic schedules and divided attention. A recent study showed a shocking decrease in the amount of time devoted solely to family conversation, a 33 percent decrease in families eating dinner together, and a 28 percent drop in family vacations. In the same period, the time children spent in structured sports doubled, and passive spectator leisure time increased five-fold. Another study showed that 28 percent of Americans say they are spending less time with their families than in the previous year and this rise appears to be related to more time on digital media. **Let's be on guard and work at giving that precious time and attention back to the family—the domestic Church.**



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., Sept 13th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In the month of August, collected food will go to the Ridgefield Food Pantry. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



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.



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.



SAVE THE DATE: Movie Night!

Sept. 9 – Hidden Figures (Food Trucks)
Oct. 21 - Miracle Hour & Horton Hears a Who



Thank you for your feedback on our homilies. Go to www.smcr.org for a link to our HOMILY SURVEY.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Praise the Lord! This Corpus Christi we celebrated 23 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary Parish! 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	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	O	X	X	X
8am-9am	X	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	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	O		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
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		O		X	X	X

Come and spend time in the Eucharistic presence of Our Savior and strengthen your relationship with Him! You can never out give the Lord. So offer Him some of your own time. Please sign up for an hour by calling Bill & 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!

The TEACHING MASS has been rescheduled to November 18th. RSVP on our Parish website.



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!**