

# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017



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## Daily Family Prayer

With many families having recently returned from summer vacations and their children starting school again and settling into a routine, I thought this may be a good time to remind families of the need for daily prayer in the midst of their busy lives.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has challenged families to pray together as a true sign of Christian witness. He has described the Christian family as an institution that prays: "It is in the family that we first learn how to pray. Don't forget: the family that prays together stays together!" Moreover, in the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them.

When we pray for God's blessing, we acknowledge that God is the source of all that is good, and we join our desires for our children with God's own desire for them. We also reach outside of ourselves as we pray for others, like those struggling to survive the recent hurricanes in the south, for the sick in our community and the poor.

### A Prayer for Our Family

LOVING GOD, BLESS OUR FAMILY WITH YOUR LOVE.  
GUARD US FROM ALL DANGER AND HARM;  
DELIVER US FROM ANGER THAT LEADS TO DIVISION;  
EMPOWER US TO FORGIVE AS WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN;  
AND SEND US INTO THE WORLD  
TO WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE AND GRACE;  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS WE PRAY. AMEN. *By Vienna Anderson*

Make time to pray daily as a family as we all seek to get closer to the Lord who loves us.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz  
Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, September 18**

1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

7:00 AM Richard Patterson

12:00 PM Edward Brennan

**TUESDAY, September 19**

1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

7:00 AM Jacklyn Michele Henderson

12:00 PM Maria Castoro

**WEDNESDAY, September 20**

1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Carey Depuy

**THURSDAY, September 21**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

7:00 AM Nancy and John Kearns

12:00 PM Elizabeth O'Neill

**FRIDAY, September 22**

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

7:00 AM Dante Ligi

12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

**SATURDAY, September 23**

1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

8:00 AM Joao Pinto

4:30 PM The Maguire Family

**SUNDAY, September 24**

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Church**

7:30 AM Elina Baldaserini

9:15 AM Eileen Casey

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

**Hall**

10:30 AM Thomas Moore

12:00 PM Marjorie Bellion

5:00 PM Jimmy Flattery



**Online Suggestion Boxes!**

Thank you for your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!** We are making the following changes in response to Parishioner feedback:

--LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE FUNERAL AND WAKE INFORMATION (that is available to us) for recently deceased Parishioners.

--ADDING CONFESSION TIMES: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:00pm, after our Noon Mass and Sundays 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.

Please go to our website [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for links to our Suggestion Boxes.



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

September 10, 2017	\$23,809	\$814,531
September 11, 2016	\$23,784	\$861,945



**Special Collection: Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston & Corpus Christi, Texas: \$13,854**

Thank you for your generosity!



**2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$356,949
% OF GOAL	117.03%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

*Prayers for the Sick*

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **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.



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Bode Robert Hutchings, Owen Andrew Pambianchi, and Christopher Matthew Petrini** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

**National Rosary Rally**

Washington, DC, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. US Capitol Reflecting Pool – 12 noon to 2:30pm  
Join the faithful from around the country! Pray the Rosary for this Nation's conversion. Registration info NovenaForOurNation.com Sponsor: The Holy League

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." Help to encourage our compassion and forgiveness by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Sep 29-Oct 1, 2017 in Morristown, NJ. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.



**Fall Schedules!** Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for the 2017-2018 Religious Ed Calendars. Registration is now online. Visit our Parish Website to learn about our new Family Formation Program.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

**Project Rachel—Upcoming Siblings Retreat**

Have you or someone you know lost a sibling to abortion? You are not alone! There are countless people who have lost a sibling to abortion. The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting a retreat weekend specifically for siblings from September 22 – 24, 2017. To find out more information call the Project Rachel confidential phone line at 203.895.3554 or contact Entering Canaan at [enteringcanaan17@gmail.com](mailto:enteringcanaan17@gmail.com).

**Project Rachel/Entering Canaan Healing Events:**

- Siblings Weekend Retreat – September 22-24, 2017
- Afternoon of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession – September 30, 2017
- Men’s Day of Healing – October 7, 2017
- Women’s Day of Healing – October 7, 2017
- Women’s Hope and Healing Weekend\* - November 10-12, 2017 (Closed group for those who attended a Women’s Day of Healing, October 7, 2017.)

Please contact Project Rachel at 203.895.3554 or 203.416.1619 or email at [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org) for help or more information.



**20th ANNIVERSARY**



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**Box Tops for SMS**

Did you ever notice those little pink box tops on many of the products you buy in the grocery store? Well, each one is worth 10 cents when redeemed by a school. Saint Mary School collects box tops, and would appreciate your help! There is a collection box mounted to the wall by the Main Office. Some of the brands that participate are Ziploc, Hefty, Old El Paso, Land-O-Lakes and Cheerios, but there are many, many more. Thank you for your support!

*Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades 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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).*

**VIRTUS TRAINING** will be offered at St. Mary Parish on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9pm in the Day Chapel. Please register at [VIRTUSonline.org](http://VIRTUSonline.org).

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**Comfort in Natural Disasters**

**Psalm 46 is a great Psalm for all those in desperate situations.** God is always with us, even in these times of great trouble. He’s not far away but right there with us (v. 1).

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah. Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations he has brought on the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah.”*  
[www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)



**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

Pope Francis has warned, “When a sick person is not placed at the center and considered in their dignity, attitudes arise which can even lead to profiteering on other people’s misfortunes. The growing health poverty among the poorest segments of the population is due precisely to the difficulty of access to care . . .” Let us pray that in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

**PILGRIMAGE - WASHINGTON D.C.**

Join Bishop Caggiano September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Details at [www.thefaceofprayer.com](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com) or email [institute@diobpt.org](mailto:institute@diobpt.org) or call 203-416-1670.

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

In the month of September, collected food will go to the Saint Joseph Parenting Center. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



**MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**THANK YOU!!!**

The Marquette Council of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of the Ridgefield Community, but especially the members of St. Mary's Parish, for their overwhelming generosity to the Order's Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities on the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The council collected over \$3,400 that will be distributed nationally to Special Olympics and locally to Sunrise Cottage and St. Catherin's Academy. In addition to donations from Parishioners, over \$1,140 was collected for these worthy causes at Steve's Bagels and Stop & Shop after Masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This sum is a testament to the compassion of the entire congregation.

With gratitude,  
Grand Knight Phil DelGiudice

*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](http://www.KOFC.org) or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, [Compass\\_grp@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



**SAVE THE DATE: Movie Night!**

Oct. 21 - Miracle Hour & Horton Hears a Who



Thank you for your feedback on our homilies. Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for a link to our HOMILY SURVEY.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	X	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	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	X		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

*Seeds sown by God are many, & the seed of our faith was sown for most of us in early childhood. As we mature we should actively cultivate this seed of our faith by nourishing our relationship with the Lord. One important way to do that is through our prayer. How blessed are we to be able to spend time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel in spiritual conversation before His presence. Show your love by signing up or by substituting for difficult hours. To do so, please call Bill & Monica @ (914)-533-2832.*

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. RSVP on our Parish website.**



**ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY Social Event!**

**SEPT 18: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL** Giants vs Detroit Lions 8pm to 11pm. Parish Hall.

This is a free MM Event for ALL men and their families. We hope you can join us!