



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

October 1, 2017



## CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS 2017

Bishop Caggiano is asking for prayers as he and all the priests throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport prepare to gather at the Fifth Convocation of Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport, from Sunday, October 15, through Wednesday, October 18. The Convocation, which is held every three years, will be held in Newport, Rhode Island.

The theme of the Convocation is "Of One Heart and Mind: Brothers United in Christ." The purpose of the gathering is to strengthen the fraternal bonds among our priests and provide a time of spiritual renewal so that they may return with an even greater commitment to service.

Masses will not be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese from Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. However, members of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield University and other religious order priests will be available for sacramental emergencies.

Thank you for your prayers and support for this very important event in the lives of our priests and our Diocese.

### PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS 2017

*Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name.*

*We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 15 to 18. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return rekindled in the faith and renewed in holiness.*

*We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness:*

- + Sustain and strengthen our Bishop, Frank, as our good and faithful shepherd;*
- + Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments;*
- + Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need;*
- + Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son;*
- + Make every household to be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured;*
- + Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son's call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious.*

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, October 2**

Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10

7:00 AM Fr. Robert Pierce Morrissey

12:00 PM Bill Casey

**TUESDAY, October 3**

Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

7:00 AM Paul Haley

12:00 PM Intentions of the Molloy Family

**WEDNESDAY, October 4**

Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

7:00 AM Frances Oakley

12:00 PM Raffaele DiBattista

**THURSDAY, October 5**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

7:00 AM John & Winifred McNicholas

12:00 PM Antonia Patrono

**FRIDAY, October 6**

Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

7:00 AM Lisa Cataldo

9:00 AM Katherine Murray

12:00 PM Angelia Coscio - 49th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, October 7**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

8:00 AM Dorothy & James Stoveken

4:30 PM Henrietta & Pat Quaranta

**SUNDAY, October 8**

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**Church**

7:30 AM Donald Torcellini

9:15 AM Frank J. Perrotta

11:15 AM Eugene Vulcano

**Hall**

10:30 AM Catherine & Denis Sullivan

12:00 PM Johanna & Garrett Reilly

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



**ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!**

Thank you for your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!** Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for links.

**NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

--Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:00pm after our Noon Mass (**Church**)

--Sunday from 4-4:45pm before our 5pm Mass (**Hall**)

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

**PLEASE NOTE: The 12:30pm Confessions on October 10<sup>th</sup> are cancelled due to the Senior Citizen Luncheon.**



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

September 24, 2017	\$25,384	\$862,796
September 25, 2016	\$24,770	\$908,911



**Special Collection for Florida Hurricane Victims**

September 24, 2017 **\$7,280**

*Prayers for the Sick*

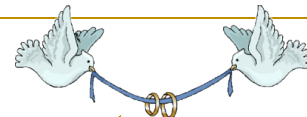
Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Josie Connelly, Lee and Scott McCaughey, Fr. Lionel Medeiros, and Jennie Palmieri.**

*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 **Jennie Palmieri, Geraldine Perez, Kaylie Harper Reidway, and Andrew Christopher Zelem** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



*Marriage Banns*

- I. Anthony Laboy – Ondria Jessica Torres
- II. Thomas George Hausheer – Danielle Vontobel



*Candle Intentions*

*A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Emilie Judge*

*From Father Sean...*

Dear Parishioners,

On October 1 through October 7, 2017, I will be on a Mission Trip with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to Ethiopia. The purpose of the trip is to see what CRS does in Ethiopia. I will be going with four other priests of our diocese. Please pray for safe travels! I will look forward to sharing this experience with you when I get back. I am looking forward to it; this will be my first time travelling internationally. –Fr. Sean



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**Catechists and Volunteers Needed!** If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catechist or volunteering, please call the Religious Education Office at 203 438 7335.

**Parent First Reconciliation Meeting** will be held on Monday, October 2 and Thursday, October 5 at 9:00am & 7:00pm in our Day Chapel.

**Reminder for all Confirmation Candidates** that your next class will be held on Sunday, October 22 from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Monday, October 23, from 6:30 to 8:30.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

Project Rachel/Entering Canaan Healing Events:

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.

**Please note: The October Respect Life Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday morning, October 5, at 10:00 AM, in the Barn.**



Saint Mary School is once again participating in the Stop & Shop A+ Program. From Oct 6 through March 15, 2018, you can help SMS earn cash by simply using your Stop & Shop card every time you shop. Last year, we earned over \$2,000, which went into the Annual Fund

For those of you registered last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year, but please visit the A-Plus website to verify your enrollment and check your store receipts after October 6th to make sure you're earning points for SMS. For new registrants, log on to <https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards> to register online. Please register your card to benefit ST MARY SCHOOL with the ID number 08386

You can track the points you earn for our school either on your grocery receipt or online. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Lopes at [dawnymarie@aol.com](mailto:dawnymarie@aol.com). Thank you for supporting SMS.

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).

**Open Houses:** Fairfield Prep Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm, [fairfieldprep.org](http://fairfieldprep.org); Immaculate High School: Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 11-1pm, [immaculatehs.org](http://immaculatehs.org); Iona Prep Oct 22, 12-3pm or Oct 25, 6-8pm, [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org)

*Calling all Senior Citizens! Please join for our first luncheon of the school year on Tuesday, Oct 10. Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30am, Mass will be at noon, with lunch to follow. Call School office to RSVP by Oct 9.*

**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 in revising the HHS mandate, religious rights of the Catholic Church will be safeguarded.

**MEAL ON WHEELS**



Know someone homebound, ill, disabled or recovering from surgery? Contact Meals on Wheels of Ridgefield at [mealsonwheelsofridefield.org](http://mealsonwheelsofridefield.org) or 203-438-8788 to learn about our delicious, low cost program to help those unable to cook for themselves.

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**Autumn Prayer**



*God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months...*

*May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.*

*Catholicfamilyfaith.com*

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**VOLUNTEER: SERVING LUNCH**

Two or three volunteers needed. Commitment: appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. Where: Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, [sdmacavoy@hotmail.com](mailto:sdmacavoy@hotmail.com)

**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

In the month of October, collected food will go to Dorothy Day Hospitality House. 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](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.



**ST. MARY PARISH MOTHERS' CLUB**

We invite all current & prospective members to join us at our



**Welcome Back Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 5th**  
**7:30-9:00pm in the Barn**



This will be an opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new members as well as discuss our plans for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please email us at [stmarymothersclub@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarymothersclub@yahoo.com)

**IS RELIGIOUS LIFE FOR YOU?**

Single women 18-40. Come and See Weekend 10/13-15, Clyde, MO. [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org) and Fall Monastic Experience Weekend, Petersham, MA 10/6-8. Email [smfwynn@aol.com](mailto:smfwynn@aol.com), 978-724-3213.

**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

How blessed are we to be able to spend time with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel in spiritual conversation in His Sacramental 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!**

*Sept 2018 Mass Intentions open 10/2.*



**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!**

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Want to put your compassion into action?  
[catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://catholicvolunteernetwork.org)

**HOMILY SURVEY @ [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org)**