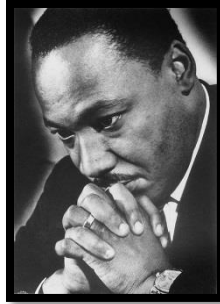


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This weekend as a nation we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his work in promoting the dignity of the human person regardless of skin color. The Lord called Dr. King to lead a great struggle against the grave injustice of racial inequality, and Dr. King humbly responded in faith to lead the quest for civil rights in this country. He dreamed that racial equality in America would become a reality.

We recognize the great strides that our country has made in overcoming the racial injustices of the past as hearts and minds have been changed. We also realize that much still needs to be done to heal the wounds and divisions that have marked our past and still exist.

As we reflect on the contributions of Dr. King, we also begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "**Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us.**" (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years . . . , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave or 8 days of prayer for greater and deeper Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*)

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 15

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-27
9:00 AM Ridea Ligi

TUESDAY, January 16

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
7:00 AM Trice Calise
12:00 PM Dina Casavecchia

WEDNESDAY, January 17

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
7:00 AM John Edward Troller
12:00 PM Scott Rossell

THURSDAY, January 18

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
7:00 AM Joseph Strilowich
12:00 PM Elizabeth O'Neill

FRIDAY, January 19

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
7:00 AM Kenneth Forrest - 10th Anniversary
12:00 PM Vincent Lauricella

SATURDAY, January 20

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
8:00 AM Rosaria and Paul Buttigieg
4:30 PM Al Vargas

SUNDAY, January 21

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Church

7:30 AM Dante Ligi
9:15 AM Bob Bunsu
11:15 AM Maryellen Utell

Hall

10:30 AM Intentions of Tom Pesce
12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish
5:00 PM Eugene Quigley - 4th Anniversary



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

January 7, 2018	\$22,736	\$22,736
January 8, 2017	\$20,089	\$20,089

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$363,234
% OF GOAL	119.09%

Contribution Tax Statements

Contribution Tax Statements will be mailed out in January to all Parishioners who contributed to our Parish Offertory this year. All contributions must have been received by December 31, 2017, in order to be acknowledged for 2017 tax status.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Olivia Avate, Fr. John Baran, Lee & Scott McCaughey, Pat Ruhl and Jane Ventrella.**

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.



RCIA

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is meeting in January. This group is open to anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to join and learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more info and dates, call Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or ppostiglione@smcr.org

REGISTER >

Registering at our Parish expresses your desire to be part of our Roman Catholic Family of Faith and is a commitment to its life and support. We invite and encourage you to officially register as a Parishioner. It's easy. Stop by our Parish Office or go to our website. We welcome you!



MEALS ON WHEELS



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



Religious Education

Our Grade 6 Family Mass is 1/21 at 12:00pm.
 Confirmation classes: January 21st and 22nd.
 This month's theme is "How Do I Build the Kingdom?" - a look at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Our Midnight Run is on Fri, Jan 26th. Middle School Volunteers are needed for soup and sandwich making.

Family Formation classes are Feb 4, 5, and 6 as we study the Covenants God made with Noah, Abraham & Moses.

NO classes Sunday January 14th and Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Weekend!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Who "owns" the unborn child? The mother? The parents? The state? Scripture supplies the answer: we belong to God. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8b.
www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

As *Dignitatis Humanae*, which was adopted by the Second Vatican Council in 1965 states, religious freedom means that not only individuals, but also families, communities, and institutions enjoy the space to live out religious convictions. As parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith, companies should also have the right to contribute to the common good by expressing their religious practices. Ultimately, religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

Let us pray that legislators who work to replace the federal health care mandate will read and be inspired by *Dignitatis Humanae*.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

Pre-Baptism instruction is required for parents who have not had any within five years and wish to have their child baptized. Our next class will be held Wednesday, **Jan 17th (recently re-scheduled from 1/10)** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

HOUSE RENTAL: The Sacred Heart Church of Georgetown, CT Annex building is available for rent as a residence or as an office. Built in 1891, the Annex is 1649 square feet, has 4 bedrooms and 1½ bathrooms. Interested parties would be subject to Diocesan requirements, including VIRTUS and should contact David Palumbo for further details at phone: (203) 544-8345.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
 RIDGEFIELD

Open Houses

Work Hard. Be Kind. Smile. This is the student version of the Saint Mary School mission statement, and is heard every day at the end of morning prayers and announcements. It is visible on the walls of our classrooms and in the behaviors of our students and staff. It is what makes SMS such a special community.

We invite you to come take a closer look. Saint Mary School will be holding a Kindergarten – Grade 8 Open House on Thursday, February 8th from 9-10 am, and a Preschool Open House on Friday, February 9th from 9:30-10:30 am. Meet with other parents, speak with faculty and staff, and see classes in session. To register, 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

Gratitude to God

Your thanksgiving opens up new treasure of graces (1489). Be grateful for the smallest of my graces, because your gratitude compels Me to grant you new graces (1701).
 –Jesus' message to Sister Faustina, *Diary of St. Faustina*



DISCIPLES 4 LIFE
 RETREAT

Save the Date

St. Mary Parish Retreat
 March 2 ~ 4, 2018



Seton-Neumann Center
 Danbury, CT

CATHOLIC ACTION

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next scheduled Midnight Run is January 26th. Needed items: medium to lightweight jackets, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, new underwear (M-XL), socks, blankets, backpacks, lightly used sneakers & shoes, and travel size toiletries, including toothpaste and mouthwash.



Drop off donations at the Barn from 7:30am to 3:30pm, January 19-25. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the Run. To volunteer, call Bob Wendel, 914-325-6860.

VOLUNTEERS: LUNCH & BINGO

Two or three volunteers needed to serve lunch. Commitment is appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. ALSO needed: 2 Bingo Callers. Wednesdays 1-2:30. Commitment - 1 hour a month. Where: Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com



DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

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



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	O	X	X	X
3am-4am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
5am-6am	X	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	X
9am-10am	X	X			X	X	X
10am-11am	X	X		X		X	X
11am-12N	X	X	O	X	X		X
12N-1pm	X	X		X	X	X	X
1pm-2pm	O	X		X	X	X	O
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X		X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X			X	X	X	X
5pm-6pm	X			X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X	X	X		X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X	X				X	X
8pm-9pm		X	X	X		X	X
9pm-10pm	O	X	X	X		X	X
10pm-11pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Come to our Parish Adoration Chapel and visit our Lord. Offer up the New Year 2018 to Him. He has a wonderful plan for your life. He wants to give you more than you can ask or dream. Ask Him to show you the way. Then be open to his perfect guidance. To sign up for an hour at chapel either go to our website or call Bill or Monica Brown @ 914-533-2832. Thank you & may God bless.

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 wake up call.**

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



As we start the new year, let us be reminded of Our Lady's message to us: *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 in 2018. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken, 203-894-1341.

Confessions Cancelled: January 14th.