

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Prayerful congratulations to our 9th Grade Parishioners whom The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, is confirming this weekend, Saturday, April 14th and next weekend, Friday, April 20th.

We warmly welcome our newly confirmed, all whom are listed in this bulletin, as fully initiated members of our Parish and the Catholic Church. May the Holy Spirit strengthen their growing faith, their witness to Jesus Christ in serving others, and guide them as they move forward toward adulthood.

Our thanks to their parents and sponsors who nurtured their Catholic faith and to all involved in their preparation—their classes, retreat and service projects, and all who gave them special spiritual support and encouragement.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 16

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

7:00 AM Felix Lizzul - First Anniversary
12:00 PM William Smith

TUESDAY, April 17

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

7:00 AM Jack Leary
12:00 PM Ron Bordash

WEDNESDAY, April 18

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

7:00 AM Virginia Szymankiewicz
12:00 PM Carol and Edmund O'Donnell

THURSDAY, April 19

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

7:00 AM Vera 'Cecelia' Michalowski
12:00 PM Gliceria Probst

FRIDAY, April 20

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

7:00 AM Annamae Jacobs
12:00 PM Richard J. Cirulli

SATURDAY, April 21

Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Christopher Manno
4:30 PM Stan Mebus

SUNDAY, April 22

Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Church

7:30 AM Allegrina and Alcide Ligi
9:15 AM Mary Hogan Thompson
11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM Gerome Whelan
12:00 PM Lindsay Whitcomb
5:00 PM Marie McQuillan



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Offertory for April 8th will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mike DeSerio, Shelagh Featherstone, Margaret Hughes, Lee & Scott McCaughey, Jennie Palmieri, Gloria Putnam and Vincent Ryan**: 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.

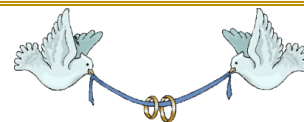


UPDATE ON THE FLU & DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

According to the latest from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (week ending 3/24/18):

In Connecticut, influenza activity is past peak, but we continue to observe an elevated percentage of patients presenting to hospital emergency departments and outpatient providers along with elevated numbers of flu-associated hospitalizations and deaths...Elevated flu activity will likely continue through the end of April in Connecticut.

With this in mind, Msgr. Bronkiewicz will reassess the situation in the coming weeks with the hope of resuming the distribution from the Cup and on the tongue in May. Thank you for your understanding.



Marriage Banns

II. Nicholas Formus – Crystal Morter



**Fair Donations:
Jewelry & Accessories**



Our Fair is in September. We are in need of donations of jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry displays, accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.). Donation drop off: Parish Office. Thank you so much, in advance, for your generosity...Ruth VDN



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 on Wednesday, **May 9th** from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



**Candle Intentions
Church Sanctuary Candle**



*is Burning in Loving Memory of
Fred Frulla*

MEALS ON WHEELS

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





Love One Another as I have Loved You

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus has called us all to do. In Stephen Ministry, people with special gifts for caring put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who need it most. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

Archdiocesan Hymn Festival

Join fellow choir members and cantors from around the tristate area in discovering and singing the "hidden gems" of Catholic hymnody as well as beloved favorites. All voices are welcome at this exciting evening of music-making and fellowship! Church of St. Joseph (Somers) Monday, April 16, 7-8:30pm. Suggested donation: \$15 (participants keep all distributed music). More info and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP meets Sundays at 7:30pm in the Barn, next to our Church. All faiths welcome!



RCIA

RCIA 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 our Catholic Faith. For more info, call Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or ppostiglione@smcr.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

Join our DD volunteers to occasionally prepare salads and/or a tray of food for the main course that we serve the third Sunday of each month. Please contact mbreilly28@gmail.com if interested.

EVENT RENTAL SPACE

Need a place to gather after a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding Rehearsal? St. Mary Parish offers a variety of venues for social events and meetings, including our Parish Barn for smaller groups and our Parish Hall for larger groups, up to 245. Dance floor, free parking and on-site caterer available. Please contact our Parish Office, 203-438-6538, for more information.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Heritage Night

Grade 8 students and their families recently celebrated Heritage Night. This program coincides with Grade 8 Social Studies curriculum focused on immigration. Students researched their own family history, and pick one country on which to focus additional research. The creativity of our students was apparent in reviewing the scrapbooks they put together. Each student read a first person narrative assuming the role of one of their ancestors and relayed their personal immigration story. Students also prepared either family recipes or traditional recipes from the country they chose. It was a wonderful celebration of our diverse backgrounds.

Saint Mary School is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Lord Increase Our Faith!

What is faith? Where does it come from? How does it grow within us? Faith is first and foremost a gift of God. We cannot acquire it on our own, through our own efforts or through any human power. "Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 153).

Faith is also a human act, in that it requires a response on our part. "In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace" (CCC, no. 155). The apostles, who had already been given the gift of faith, recognized its limit within themselves and asked the Lord for the grace to respond more generously to His invitation to believe.

We must take care to distinguish faith as a supernatural virtue from religious feelings or sentiment arising from devotion. Faith is not the equivalent of religious ardor, although it may contribute to it.

Faith is a virtue, a habit of the soul, which disposes the person to surrender their mind and heart to God. St. Paul calls this free submission of intellect and will "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5; see CCC, no. 143).

Although self-surrender may go against our instincts, it is the path to true freedom and the source of liberation for our mind and will. God is the source of all truth, goodness and beauty. To be rooted in him through the obedience of faith opens the mind to what is true, the will to what is good, and the whole person to what is delightful.

--Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds, Catholic.org

CATHOLIC ACTION

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next scheduled Midnight Run is April 27th. 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, April 23-26. 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.



DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in April goes 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 IS BACK!

The Pilgrim Virgin statue is ready to travel to your home upon request. The message of Fatima remains the same and is more urgent than ever: say the Rosary daily for peace in the world, pray for the conversion of sinners and observe First Saturday Devotion. To arrange for a visit of the Pilgrim Virgin statue to your home, please call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or email at lstoveken@comcast.net.



Our Music Director, Darren Motise, will play an organ recital at The United States Military Academy at West Point on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30pm. The concert will take place in the magnificent Cadet Chapel, which houses the world's largest church organ. Repertoire will include works by Bach and Duruflé. Admission is free.

Calling all Senior Citizens!

Please join us at our next luncheon on Tuesday, April 17! Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30, Mass will be at 12:00, with lunch to follow. Come enjoy good food and good company. Please RSVP to Saint Mary School's Office, 203-438-7288 by Monday, April 16. (Please note that Office will be closed the week of April 8 for Spring Break). Suggested donation \$6.

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 = permanent or substitute adorer **urgently** needed.
X = there is at least 1 adorer. 2 adorers are desired.

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

Our Lord is always with us in so many ways. Spend time with Him in our Adoration Chapel & get to know Him better. It is a perfect place to meet Him. 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!

**NO CONFESSIONS
TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH**



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**.