

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018



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### First Holy Communion

Next Saturday, and the following weekend, one hundred and four children will be making their **First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Parish**. Our Catechism teaches that when we receive the Jesus in the Eucharist, it recalls the Lord's Last Supper with his Apostles when they received His Body and Blood for the first time.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parishioners have been looking forward to this day for a long time and are excited. Thank you to our parents who are their first and best of teachers in the ways of our Catholic faith. After all, it is through them more than anyone else that our First Communicants have come to know and love the Lord with the help of their parents. One thing is very clear - our children need to sense the faith of their parents or they will not grow in faith themselves.

First Holy Communion is also a time of great joy...for relatives, friends, and teachers who have helped in various ways to lead our First Communicants to this special day.

Let us support our First Communicants and their families by praying for them and asking God to bless them all with an extra dose of His love.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz".

Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, April 30**

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 7:00 AM Irene Massagli  
 12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

**TUESDAY, May 1**

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31aor, for the Memorial,  
 Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58  
 7:00 AM Olivia Menapace  
 12:00 PM Marguerite Redmond

**WEDNESDAY, May 2**

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
 7:00 AM Ed Lawlor †  
 12:00 PM David Higgins

**THURSDAY, May 3**

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
 7:00 AM Madeline Jones - 1st Anniversary  
 12:00 PM Joseph Strilowich

**FRIDAY, May 4**

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
 7:00 AM Ryan Adams  
 9:00 AM David Higgins  
 12:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gucci

**SATURDAY, May 5**

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
 8:00 AM Robert Linnon - 8th Anniversary  
 4:30 PM Mario & Louise Serfilippi

**SUNDAY, May 6**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Church**

7:30 AM Dante Ligi  
 9:15 AM Mary Hogan Thompson  
 11:15 AM Patrick Disbrow

**Hall**

10:30 AM Gliceria C. Probst  
 12:00 PM Catherine & Denis Sullivan  
 5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

WEEKLY      YEAR-TO-DATE

April 22, 2018	\$23,017	\$373,351
April 23, 2017	\$22,815	\$369,933

*Prayers for the Sick*

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Bill Brown, Mike DeSerio, Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni, 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.



*Candle Intentions*

*Church Sanctuary Candle*

is Burning in Loving Memory of  
*Judith Knapp*

*Adoration Tabernacle Candle*

is Burning in Loving Memory of  
*Robert A. Jasminski*

*Two Church Altar Candles*

are Burning in Loving Memory of  
*Brayton Fogerty*



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Emma Bridget Raymond** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

Pre-Baptism instruction Wednesday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



**Making Room for God's Love: *Humanae vitae* at 50**

A symposium marking the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's landmark encyclical letter

featuring talks by  
 George Weigel  
 Mary Eberstadt  
 Mary Hallan FioRito

A panel of medical experts

Vigil Mass celebrated by  
 Bishop Frank Caggiano

Saturday, June 23, 2018  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"In preserving intact the whole moral law of marriage, the Church is convinced that she is contributing to the creation of a truly human civilization."  
 Blessed Pope Paul VI

**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.



**Fair Donations: Jewelry & Accessories**

Thank you for all the jewelry donations that have been coming in!



We are currently collecting donations of jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry displays, accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.) for our Fall Fair in September. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your generosity!

***National Day of Prayer***

*Thursday, May 3, 9am-6pm (Program begins at 11:45am). Prayer Stations Event: visit the stations in quiet, contemplative personal prayer.*

*Sponsored by MidDay Community Bible Study Group of Ridgefield. In observance of National Day of Prayer 2018. Ballard Park, at the Gazebo, Ridgefield, CT  
Contact Priscilla Black,  
203-431-9768 or [pblack35@comcast.net](mailto:pblack35@comcast.net)*

**NO CONFESSIONS: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> due to First Communion services.**

**TAG SALE**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm. St. Marguerite Parish, 138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT. Home décor, kitchen items, CDs/DVDs, small furniture, collectibles, shoes, electronics, costume jewelry, Christmas decorations, toys, books, purses, etc. **Review Day: Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, \$5 admission fee on this day only.**



20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**Grade 5 Living Wax Museum**

Ms. Richards' Grade 5 students amazed the SMS community with their Living Wax Museum. Each student researched and wrote a report on a figure from early American history. They created backdrops with fun facts and depictions of their figure, and dressed in period costumes. Students themselves came to life in character and presented one minute depiction of their figure from memory. It was a creative, interactive way to present important historical figures. The entire school community had the opportunity to visit the "museum."

*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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).*

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**

**Read Books for the Soul**



Reading the Word of God is an essential part of our spiritual journey, and thankfully it is the most widely available book in the world. But for many of us, we treat the Bible more as a paperweight than as the inspired Word of God, and it sits on a counter or bookshelf, untouched, unread, and unused. Make this the summer changes that. Find an approach that works best for you: find an app/website that gives you the Bible verse of the day, set a time or place daily where you commit yourself to reading a chapter of one of the Gospels, or meditate, pray and then open the Bible wherever you are led. Wherever you open will inspire you. Consistent reading of the Word will lead you closer to God and change your life.



**Save the date for this year's praise and worship! The annual Parish music event will take place Saturday, June 9 at 7:00 PM. in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!**

**CATHOLIC ACTION**



**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

Food collected in May goes to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

**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](mailto:mbreilly28@gmail.com) if interested.



**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 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](mailto:lstoveken@comcast.net).



**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.**

**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	O
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

Come to the Adoration Chapel & share God's unconditional love. Call Bill or Monica at 914-533-2832 to sign up for chapel. 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!**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Any baptized adult over the age of 18 who has received Communion may be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Instruction will be provided. Please call our Religious Ed Office to register. Or for more info, contact Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or [ppostiglione@smcr.org](mailto:ppostiglione@smcr.org)



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2019 OPEN TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018.**