

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018



Refugee Family Update

I'd like to share with you the latest update (below) from our Ridgefield Refugee Resettlement Committee, on our refugee family who have been with us since December 2016.

A major focus for the Suleman family in the coming months will be to find a new place to live. With the wonderful continued support of our Parish, they have enjoyed the benefit of a stable housing situation for well over a year. However, due to plans for updating our Church they will need to find new housing sometime this summer. The Sulemans would love to remain in Ridgefield and are on the waiting list for the Town's housing program, although they are not high on the list.

You can help! If you become aware of any two bedroom rental housing opportunities falling into a cost range of \$1750-\$2000 per month (including most/all utilities), please let us know so we can pass the lead along to the family and the housing team. Opportunities in the general vicinity (for example, Danbury or Bethel) will also be considered.

Mr. Suleman will soon complete his classroom work and training and be ready to work as a licensed phlebotomist in both CT and NY, returning to work in the medical field as he has wanted to do since coming to the US.

Mrs. Suleman, is working at a local sandwich shop, and the driving team continues to offer her on-the-road driver training with a goal to schedule a road test in late May. The boys, seven-year-old Taem and five-year-old Qaes, are doing well in school and looking forward to a change of pace with summer camps.

The Sulemans applied for their Green Cards in February. They now await the several next steps as they navigate through that application process which will take at least another 6-9 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Suleman have been invited to participate on a panel about Syria and the Syrian culture in New Haven, following a related performance by Yale Repertoire on May 19th. Along with several couples from other parts of Syria, they will be discussing the customs and culture of their native country.

Thanks to everyone once again for your continued interest, your support for this effort, and your continued warm embrace of and friendship to the Suleman family.

I'm sure I speak for many of our Parishioners when I say it has been an honor sharing Christ's love with this family. They have worked hard, shown appreciation and grace, as well as enriched our Community in many ways. May God's goodness continue to follow them as they move forward on their journey.

Msgr. Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 7

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
 7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family
 12:00 PM Evo Fronzi

TUESDAY, May 8

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
 7:00 AM Alice and George Besse
 12:00 PM Jim Kozlark

WEDNESDAY, May 9

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
 7:00 AM Ginny Tango
 12:00 PM Pat Ruhl
 7:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

THURSDAY, May 10

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 (58)
 7:00 AM Tina and Armando Salvestrini
 9:00 AM Michael Edward Mezzapelle
 12:00 PM Timothy Sheridan
 7:30 PM Mary Jo Calamai

FRIDAY, May 11

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
 7:00 AM Mary Houlihan
 9:00 AM Intentions of Anna O'Rourke
 12:00 PM Nancy and John Kearns

SATURDAY, May 12

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
 8:00 AM Bert David Gaster - 1st Anniversary
 4:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

SUNDAY, May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Church

7:30 AM Andrew Murphy
 9:15 AM Elsie Casavechia
 11:15 AM Austin Wylie

Hall

10:30 AM Barbara Murphy
 12:00 PM Vivienne Dalton
 5:00 PM Helen Knoche

Senior Citizen Lunch

Calling all Senior Citizens! Please join us at our next Senior Mass and Luncheon this Tuesday, May 8, beginning with the Rosary at 11:30, with Mass at 12:00 and the Luncheon. Please call our School Office to RSVP by Monday, May 7th, 203-438-7288.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: This Thursday, May 10th, is the Ascension of the Lord. We will follow the Holy Day Mass Schedule and the Parish offices will be closed.



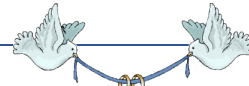
GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 22, 2018	\$22,121	\$395,472
April 23, 2017	\$19,166	\$389,099
Home Missions		
2018	\$3,780	
2017	\$3,785	

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Bill Brown, Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni, Vincent Ryan and Margaret Short:** 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.



Marriage Banns

I. Sean Brian Matos – Laura Theresa Richards



Candle Intentions



Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Dolores and John Wagner

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Bill Itson



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Brendan Laws Donnelly, Emerson Elizabeth Golankiewicz, Leo Thomas Sveda and Norah Bette Tarnow** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

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



Moms! Next Sunday, Mother's Day, our Men's Ministry will be handing out carnations in appreciation of YOU!



Religious Education

Congratulations to our Third Grade Parishioners who are making their First Communion this weekend and next. May God bless each of them and their families as they continue their journey with Jesus and grow in our Catholic faith.

Respect Life Meeting, Thursday, May 10th @ 10am (Day Chapel). Join us!



ST. MARY PARISH FALL FAIR

PLANNING MEETING: The next Parish Fair Planning meeting will be Thursday, May 24th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All Committee chairs and anyone interested in getting involved in Fair planning are encouraged to attend.

John Spera, Bob Wendel
Parish Fair Chairs

JEWELRY DONATION: We are currently collecting donations of jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry displays, accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.) for our Fall Fair in September. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



FLU SEASON IS LASTING LONGER THAN EXPECTED. As a result, we're extending the suspension of Communion from the Cup and on the tongue through May.



Our Connecticut Dept. of Public Health reports that flu activity will continue into May. They also encourage anyone who has not yet received the flu vaccine to do so. In addition, we are advised to "take other important steps to prevent influenza-related illness and hospitalization." So please take advantage of our sanitation dispensers at the entrances of the Church and Parish Hall and avoid physical contact at the sign of peace. Finally, please remain at home if you are not feeling well. Thank you for your understanding.

Monsignor Bronkiewicz



EWTN RADIO IS COMING TO OUR DIOCESE!

Visit www.veritascatholic.com to learn more and to support this apostolate dedicated to bringing faithful, entertaining Catholic programming to our community.



Saint Mary School RIDGEFIELD

World Language Expo

Students in Kindergarten - Grade 8 participated in the annual World Language Expo, highlighting French and Spanish speaking countries and their geography, culture, dress, food, art, music, and history. Our entire community visited the Expo and learned so much.

Students at Saint Mary take Spanish beginning in Preschool, French and Spanish in Kindergarten - Grade 5, and choose Spanish or French for Middle School. Middle School World Language meets daily.

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.smsridgfield.org.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin is interior – that is, it comes from the mind and from the heart. Its source in us is the esteem in which we hold the Blessed Virgin and our love for God's Mother.
2. True devotion is tender - full of trust in the Blessed Virgin, like the confidence a child has in its mother. It leads us to pray through her intercession for our needs of body & soul and to do so with great simplicity, confidence and tenderness.
3. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin is holy – that is, it leads us to avoid sin and to imitate her, especially her principal virtues of humility; lively faith; obedience; unceasing prayerfulness, purity; ardent charity; heroic patience; and divine wisdom.
4. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin is constant. It strengthens us in doing good, and it prevents us from frivolously abandoning our devotional practices; it gives us courage to stand up to the world and to reject the ways and the wisdom of this world.
5. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin inspires the soul to seek, not itself, but God alone. A true son of Mary with a desire to obtaining temporal, physical or even spiritual benefits but venerates her because she deserves to be honored and God alone to be served in our honoring her... *legionofmary.ie*

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 our Parish Hall. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



NO CONFESSIONS: Tuesday, May 8th and Saturday, May 12th.

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!



Two or three **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to serve lunch. Commitment is 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our RE Office. Stop by anytime or sign up for an hour:

WHAT IS IT? Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is the non-stop adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist displayed in a special holder called a monstrance. People are free to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day and night.



Sign up for an hour on our website, smcr.org, or contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832, if you do not have access to a computer. 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!



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

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.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any baptized adult over the age of 18 who has received Communion may be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. 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

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.



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.**



MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2019 ARE NOW OPEN.