30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. It is a day set aside for Catholics throughout our world to publicly recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

The theme this year is "Mercy Changes the World." It is a call to put faith in action and a challenge to get personally involved in living the Gospel message. As Catholics, we are disciples of Christ and challenged to see His face in others as we reach out to those in need, especially those in mission territories half a world away. There are many ways we can reach out: through Catholic Charities and other organizations that encourage Christian outreach; by assisting in the building of chapels, churches, and schools in mission territories; and by challenging our civil leaders to enact laws that promote Catholic social teaching, especially in areas concerning life of the unborn, marriage, and the family.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, let's keep Jesus Christ at the center of our lives as we strive to embrace the missionary spirit of our faith.

Thank you for your continued support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which is vital to the missionaries serving throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances.

God bless you for helping bring Christ's love to the world,

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 24
Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17
7:00 AM John Wagner
12:00 PM Mary Paterniani

TUESDAY, October 25
Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32
7:00 AM John Black Lee
12:00 PM Paul Murphy

WEDNESDAY, October 26
Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
7:00 AM Carolyn Dragicevich
12:00 PM Jack Hanney - 11th Anniversary

THURSDAY, October 27
Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
7:00 AM George Hefferon
12:00 PM James Gallagher

FRIDAY, October 28
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
7:00 AM Robert A. Law, Jr. - 6th Anniversary
12:00 PM Alyce Vaios

SATURDAY, October 29
Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11
8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish
4:30 PM Ryan Adams

SUNDAY, October 30
Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Church
7:30 AM Deceased Members of the McAllister & Toner Families
9:15 AM Anthony Falotico (Father of Vincent Falotico)
11:15 AM Bruce and Santa Boldrini
Hall
10:30 AM Elizabeth Szanto
12:00 PM George Stalega
5:00 PM Rose & Al Calamai

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

	WEEKLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
October 16, 2016	$26,801	$991,708
October 18, 2015	*$23,620*	*$963,385*

This week's 2nd collection, World Mission Sunday

FROM THE PASTOR: "How do you express your love for God? Some of the ways of expressing love are by giving and by serving joyfully!"

renewed
IN FAITH, MISSION AND CHARITY
2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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PARISH GOAL	$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	$486,467
% OF GOAL	159.50%

***Thank you** for helping us far surpass our Parish goal!*

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Mary Clark and Donald Drislane *(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.)*

Wedding Banns — *III. Clement Patrick Patafio-Jennifer Ruth Johnson*

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **William Brian Colao, Enzo Michael Pisa, Kaylee Rose Skirkanich, and Reed Scudder Smith** who were was baptized in our Church last weekend.

St. Mary Cemetery Space Pre-Purchase

Preplanning Peace of Mind

Secure your preferred space and family heritage at St. Mary Parish.

Call us to learn more about this popular Parish program.

St. Mary Cemetery, 110 North Street, Ridgefield, CT
Donna Barber, 203-438-3606
Cemetery Director, Raymond Sturz, 203-438-6538 x113

Religious Education

Calling all Kindergarten and 1st Grade Religious Ed students! Our **Religious Education Nativity Pageant** will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 3pm. Dress rehearsal is Friday, December 9, from 4:15-5:30pm. If interested in participating, please contact Laura Torok-Lobelson, Nativity Pageant Coordinator, at 203-438-4541 by Wed., November 9th. Participation is limited to 26 girls and 27 boys. Parent volunteers also needed.

Grade 2 First Reconciliation Parent Orientations will be held on Tuesday, October 25, and Wednesday, October 26. The morning session will be held from 9:00am to 10:15 am in our Parish Hall. The evening session will be held from 7:00pm to 8:30 in our Parish Hall.

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RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

COME JOIN US SHOW OUR LOVE FOR LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING AND/OR EARNING SERVICE HOURS:

-40 Days for Life - Sept 28 – Nov 26 www.40daysforlife.com

MEN'S DAY OF HEALING - Men suffer from abortion too! Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing is being held on **Saturday, October 29th.** For more info, contact 877-586-4621 or lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

"Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person…even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"

www.smcr.org/respect-life

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Through Our Lady of the Rosary's aid, may voters and elected leaders uphold the virtues of religious freedom in their political engagement.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Music at SMS – Did you Know?

The halls of SMS are alive with the sound of music! Students from our youngest three year olds – Grade 8 enjoy weekly music class with Mr. Fox. Throughout the year students have an opportunity to perform at events such as Veterans Day, Praise and Thanksgiving, and the Christmas Pageant. Older students audition to be a part of the Saint Mary Singers, who perform at First Friday Mass each month. Preschool – Grade 8 students may take a weekly violin class, and Grade 3-8 students may participate weekly in Band. The culmination is our Annual Spring Concert in which all of our students get a chance to shine!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 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.

Flu Clinic!

RVNA is running a flu clinic in our Parish Barn from 9:00am to 12:00 noon this Sunday, October 23rd.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Financial Freedom God's Way (cont'd)

Get Out of Debt

Break the habits that keep you in debt – like spending more than you earn and borrowing. Save so you don't have to borrow. *"Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and turmoil with it."* (Proverbs 15:16 NASB)

Accept God's Provision for You

God is wiser than you are and He will provide for your needs just as He promised. *"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' "*
(Matthew 6:31 NASB).

Refuse Temptations to Make Hasty Financial Decisions

Don't buy into get-rich-quick schemes or be pressured to make quick decisions based on incomplete information. *"The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty."*
(Proverbs 21:5 NASB)

www.focusonthefamily.com *Continued next week…*

CATHOLIC ACTION

St. Mary Parish Midnight Run

Our next scheduled Midnight Run is Oct. 28. Needed items: hooded sweatshirts, jeans, medium and lightweight jackets, new underwear(M-XL), socks, backpacks, sleeping bags, lightly used sneakers and shoes, toothbrushes, and travel size toiletries. Drop off your donation at the Barn from 7:30am to 3:00pm, Oct 21-27. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the run.
To volunteer, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or Bob Wendel at 203-431-4031.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive

Our Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting non-perishable food donations to support their **Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**. Donation bins will be placed at the front & rear entrances of our Church & Parish Hall on October 22nd. The Knights, and those they serve, appreciate your continued support.

Children's Coat Drive

October 29th- November 6th

Items needed: new or gently used clean winter coats for infant through teenage sizes. Where to donate: bins will be in the Church, School foyer or Religious Ed Office starting October 29th. Coats will be distributed to our sister parish, St. Peter's in Bridgeport, CT.

ONGOING

DONATE: Food Pantries

During the month of **October,** all food collected goes to **St. Joseph Parenting Center**. The following are some suggested food items: cereal, pasta, rice, canned foods, vegetable oil, and baby food. Also needed: full-size toiletries. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed!!
Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

Our Food Prep Team is looking for help to occasionally prepare meals. For more details, email mbreilly28@gmail.com

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima will remain in the Church Sanctuary for the month of October to remind us of our Lady's request to pray the Rosary daily for world peace. To invite Our Lady into your home or for more info contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

stephen MINISTRY

You Can Play an Important Role in Our Ministry

Do you know someone going through a difficult time who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement and support of a Stephen Minister? 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. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show how much you care!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.
X = 1 additional adorer needed.
Empty boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	O	O	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	O	X
4am-5am	O	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
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	X	X	X	X	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	X	X	X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X						X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X		X	X
11pm-12M	X		X		X	X	X

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." (Winston Churchill) Keeping this in mind there were many times in the past in which we could have done more, but the future still holds time for us to accomplish much.

By regularly visiting our Adoration Chapel, the Lord influences our lives & inspires to do more. Please sign up for an hour or as a substitute 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 are sung and prayed. Please join us!

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ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Membership in the STMMM is a lifetime invitation to come whenever you can! Once a member always a member. Come join us any Saturday @ 6:30AM for bagels, coffee and fellowship. Perhaps your spiritual life needs a tune-up. Come and see how Jesus' teachings can enrich your life and the life of your loved ones. stmmm.org

MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Don't you want to be the best role model for your child? The easiest way is to share the faith with your children by spending time with them and "walking the talk." Connect the words to action! Join the Knights of Columbus for the opportunity to serve our church and community together WITH your children. We are looking for Dads and their kids to help us throughout the year. Contact John McNicholas at jmpmcnich@yahoo.com or visit www.kofc245.org for more info.