

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016



Happy Thanksgiving!

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

On behalf of the Priests, Deacons and Staff at St. Mary Parish, I pray that your Thanksgiving Day will be a blessed one.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 21

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

7:00 AM Lillian Sturz
12:00 PM Mary Camuso

TUESDAY, November 22

Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

7:00 AM Ginny Tango
12:00 PM Alice Nell

WEDNESDAY, November 23

Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

7:00 AM Rosalia Torres
12:00 PM George Hefferon

THURSDAY, November 24

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

9:00 AM Marie F. DePatie

FRIDAY, November 25

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33

9:00 AM Joseph Fenton

SATURDAY, November 26

Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

8:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish
4:30 PM Ryan Adams

SUNDAY, November 27

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Church

7:30 AM Dec Members of McAllister & Toner Families

9:15 AM Peter LaForte
11:15 AM William May

Hall

10:30 AM Sal and Joy Puccio
12:00 PM Johanna & Garrett Reilly
5:00 PM O.J. Robert

CEMETERY - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our Cemetery has been prepared for the holiday season; any remaining spring/summer/fall decorations have been discarded. As a reminder, no grave blankets/sprays are permitted and all decorations must adhere to the current regulations. Please refer to our **Cemetery Decoration Schedule and Regulations** on our Parish website or at our Cemetery office. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Barber at our Cemetery Office 438-3606 or at 203-733-4658. Thank you for your understanding.

Our next Pre-Baptism Class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held **Wed., Dec 14th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Call our Parish Office to register.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

November 13, 2016	\$24,080	\$1,092,841
November 15, 2015	\$23,419	\$1,060,938

Facility Repair Fund

November 2016	\$5,268
November 2015	\$3,788

*This week's second collection, Human Development
Next week's second collection, Hospitality House*



Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially and Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Megyn Caldwell, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Thomas Mendez, Pat Ruhl and Anthony Saracini. (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.)

BAPTISMS

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



PILGRIM VIRGIN



November is a time of year for thanksgiving and in this year, the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, the time may be right for you to take the Pilgrim Virgin home and pray the Rosary. To honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary, invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima into your home. Contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

NO CONFESSIONS 11/26

Please note, on Thanksgiving weekend, there will be no Confessions on Saturday, November 26th.

LOST ROSARY BEADS

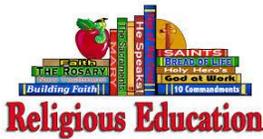
If anyone has found rosary beads with white hearts in the Adoration Chapel, please return them to the Parish Office. They are a family heirloom. Thank you and God bless!

Candle Intentions

Adoration Tabernacle Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Vivienne Dalton



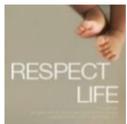
Special thanks to 850 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza, Planet Pizza, Venice Restaurant, Genoa Deli, and PepsiCo for donating to our last Movie Night. They helped make it a big success! Don't miss the next one on December 10th!



Liturgy of the Word for Children with Disabilities began Sunday, November 13, at our 10:30am Mass in our Parish Hall and will continue **every other Sunday**. Children who have disabilities, which prevent them from attending regular Religious Formation classes, are invited to come and celebrate Jesus in music and movement! Before the readings of the Mass begin, the children proceed to their accessible classroom, #223, on the main floor and will be dismissed at 11:30am. Interactive materials, music and movement will all play a part in their experience! Peer Witnesses, who have been confirmed or are preparing for Confirmation are encouraged to become a part of this spiritual journey. We are also looking for a Special Education Catechist. Please call Pat Postiglione, Director of Religious Education (438-6538), or Sharol Signorelli (438-2302) for more information.

Grade 4 Family Mass is on Sunday, November 20th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Reception will follow.

Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, November 20th, Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22nd. Call our Office if your child is not yet registered.



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

A question of a physician to his young colleague: "You are examining a pregnant woman. She has terminal tuberculosis. Her partner is syphilitic. Their first child is blind. The second is dead. The third is deaf-mute. What do you decide?" "No hesitation: voluntary termination of pregnancy!" Well, you have just killed Beethoven!" *Follies and Fallacies of Medicine*, Dr. Petr Bkrabanek www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees. 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 newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Veterans' Day Celebration

Ridgefield American Legion members Joe Egan, Dick Gadbout, Jerry Hance, Dick Howard, Jack Hughes, Tony Saia, Jim Stoveken, Bob Tulipani and Gene Waradzim joined the SMS community in our annual Veterans' Day Assembly. Students shared reflections on Veterans' Day and sang patriotic songs in celebration of our Veterans. Middle School students interviewed the Veterans and had round-table discussions, while many of the younger students gave them thank you cards. It was a poignant experience for all who gathered.

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as accepting applications for the 2017-2018 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.

Altar Decorating Help Needed

Do you like flowers and plants? Anita Barrios needs help with the week-to-week altar flowers as well as with planning and ordering for Christmas! Can you help? Call Anita for more details at 203-431-6705.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

How do we pray with Sacred Scripture?



Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called divine reading.

The first element of this type of prayer is reading: take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.

The second element is meditation: By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.

The next element is prayer or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.

Contemplation is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God: By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

CATHOLIC ACTION

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive



Our Knights of Columbus are once again collecting non-perishable food donations to support their **Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**. Items greatly needed: canned sweet potatoes/yams, boxed stuffing mix, canned soups/chili and stew, canned veggies (green beans, carrots, corn, peas), jars of pasta sauce, rice mixes, pasta, macaroni and cheese, boxed mash potatoes. **Other favorites needed:** cookies/crackers, breakfast cereals, oatmeal/cream of wheat, coffee, tea and fruit juices. Donation bins are at the front & rear entrances of our Church & Parish Hall and in the Religious Ed office. The Knights, and those they serve, appreciate your support!

St. Peter's Run



Please join our Catholic Action Team prepare and deliver lunches to the children of our Sister Parish, St. Peter's, Bridgeport on Saturdays. Reimbursement for the cost is available. Thank you for considering serving Christ through the poor. Please go to this link to signup <http://bit.ly/2eZYCtf> or go to www.smcr.org.

SMMC GIVING TREE & BAKE SALE

The St. Mary Mother's Club will host its annual **BAKE SALE** after all morning Masses this Sunday, Nov 20th. Stop outside the Parish Hall for a cup of coffee, to buy some delicious treats and select an ornament from the **Giving Tree** to help a local needy family during the holidays. Proceeds will benefit the Giving Tree and the Club's other charitable activities.

ST. MARY PHONE-A-THON

"Let us become bold in exploring new ways with which our communities can be homes where the door is always open." ~ Pope Francis. St. Mary will blitz our active and inactive community with Christmas invitation postcards. The Evangelization committee is sponsoring a phone-a-thon to contact every home to make sure they received the postcard and to be sure everyone knows they are welcome. The phone-a-thon will be Wed., Nov. 30 and Wed., Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Hall. Refreshments will be served. Bring your cell phone, get a list, make some phone calls and enjoy Christmas community with your fellow Parishioners. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19



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!

EUCCHARISTIC 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	X	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
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

Another Thanksgiving is around the corner with all its pleasant & happy memories. Let us all remember to be grateful & thankful to Jesus for all His many blessings to us & our families. Please consider taking a scheduled hour in our Parish Adoration Chapel in thanksgiving to Him & to help strengthen our spiritual lives. To sign up for an hour or as a substitute call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. 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 are sung and prayed. Please join us!



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.