Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

LENTEN FISH FRIDAY THANKS!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Parish Social Events Committee and all those who worked so hard to help make our Lenten Fish Friday a success! In particular, we would like to thank Paula and Dan Molloy, Phil DelGuidice, our "always willing to help" Men's Ministry, Bob Iseley, our expert "Fishman," our gourmet chefs and award-winning kitchen crew, our wonderful 7th graders, 8th and 9th grade Confirmation candidates, and of course our Parish Staff - Liz Zaglauer, Marcia Giorgio, Phil Franceschini, Seth Taylor and Jim McElroy!

Thanks to all who supported our 50/50 raffle! Congratulations to our winners, Bessie Krysiewich and Veronica Haley.

A great time was had by all. Events like this happen can't happen without our dedicated volunteers!!!!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 29
2kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
7:00 AM Dennis A. Weigert
12:00 PM Ryan Meegan

TUESDAY, March 1
Dn 3:25,34-43; Mt 18:21-35
7:00 AM Mary Clare Seechock
12:00 PM Patsy Filippone

WEDNESDAY, March 2
Dt 4:1,5-9; Mt 5:17-19
7:00 AM Ryan Adams
12:00 PM Carey Depuy

THURSDAY, March 3
Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
7:00 AM Ceil Streck
12:00 PM Marie Fronzi

FRIDAY, March 4
Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
7:00 AM Anthony Perretti
9:00 AM Coach Michael Quinn
12:00 PM Kazimierz Rzeczycki

SATURDAY, March 5
Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
8:00 AM Dan Perry
4:00 PM Michael Mentasti
5:30 PM Muriel Mertins

SUNDAY, March 6
1Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

CHURCH
7:00 AM Giardini and Pierandri Families
9:15 AM Maureen Hyland
11:15 AM Victor N. Sanchez, Sr. - In Loving Memory From His Family

HALL
8:00 AM Paul & Rosaria Buttigieg
10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish
12:00 PM Anthony, Hazel and David Cally and Jordan Stroud
5:00 PM Ryan Adams

In addition to our Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm Confessions **AND** Diocesan Center of Mercy Confessions**,** **CONFESSIONS** will also be heard each Lenten Friday evening from 7:00-7:30 pm, before **STATIONS OF THE CROSS at** 7:30 pm, as well as afterward, until 8 PM.

Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially, Joseph Barone, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Joseph Fenton and Margaret Mulligan. (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.)

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

	WEEKLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
February 21, 2016	$25,048	$191,481
February 22, 2015	$22,237	$180,998

Lent Offering

2016	$ 4,946
2015	$ 5,710

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

Commitment Weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal will take place March 12-13. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a Catholic Family of Faith to support our Diocesan ministries and services which no single parish could provide.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Gisella Harlow Dahlgren,** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of John T. Ferraris

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS

Join Girl Scouts of all ages for our annual Girl Scout Sunday Mass on Sunday, March 6th at 10:30 a.m in our Parish Hall. All girls will be seated together - so please wear your Girl Scout uniform, and earn the 2016 Girl Scout Sunday Patch! Please RSVP to organizer Rich Hanel at rhanel@itdifference.com.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

SAINT MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Priests will be hearing your children's confessions during class time throughout Lent. Please review the Act of Contrition at home with your child.

Our Grade 6 Seder will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at 6:00pm in our Parish Hall.

Our First Penance Ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, March 7, Wednesday, March 9, and Monday, March 14, at 6:30pm in our Church. A reception will follow in the Barn; we are asking all families to drop off a dessert/beverage to our Religious Ed Office the day before, or the day of your child's scheduled ceremony.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious freedom is a God-given right. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution, which dates back to Dec. 15, 1791. Our Federal Government should not be allowed to force people or groups to violate their most deeply held religious convictions.

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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Our next monthly Parish Respect Life Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 pm in our School Library. For more info visit http://www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life

BEST LENT EVER

We invite you and your entire family to join Mathew Kelly for Best Lent Ever: ***Rediscover Jesus,*** a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourselves—in a deeply personal way. Go to http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/ to sign up to receive a daily e-mail with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic team.

Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Foreign Language at Saint Mary School

Did you know that research shows that elementary school students who learn a second language have improved test scores, better musical skills, better attention skills, and a higher level of proficiency in reading, writing and speaking compared to those who started in middle school or high school?

Students of all ages are learning languages at SMS! Our Preschool 3's and 4's and TK students take Spanish each week. Students in Kindergarten-Grade 5 take Spanish and French each week, and Middle School students pick either Spanish or French, and take it daily. In addition, the K-8 students participate in a World Language Expo each year, which features songs, food, dress, and booths from Spanish and French speaking countries around the world.

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at 203-438-7288 or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

ST. MARY 'DISCIPLES 4 LIFE' PARISH RETREAT

Date: Friday, April 8th - Sunday, April 10th
Location: Seton-Neumann Center, Danbury

Come and be part of the Disciples 4 Life parish retreat! This is a personal retreat, open to all adult men and women, focused on discipleship. It is an opportunity for you to spend some time away with God and to explore why we are called and how to live out our discipleship.

We'll talk about:

***Discipleship** ***Forgiveness** ***Trust**
***Control** ***Prayer** ***The Holy Spirit**

Reservations are limited. Cost is $150 per person. Applications are available on the Parish website, in the Parish office and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information or to request an application via email, please call or email: Marilyn Kain (203-994-7808) kainm@wcsu.edu

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world.
–Pope John Paul II

Lifelong Faith Formation

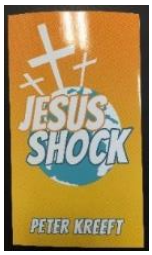
CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: Food Pantries **On-going**

During the month of February all food collected will go to Ridgefield Food Pantry. The following are some suggested food items: Canned fruit, hearty soups (like Progresso), cereal, coffee, rice mixes (like Rice a Roni) canned tuna or Salmon, canned meats (chicken or spam), jelly but not grape. Please no green beans or pasta at this time.

VOLUNTEER: Congregate Housing **On-going**

Bingo Calling - 1 or 2 volunteers needed; Wednesdays, 1-2:30 - once a month. Responsibility - set up, call numbers, collect/distribute cards etc.
Contact: Suzanne MacAvoy for more information and/or details, at 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com, if interested.



"Jesus Shock" by Dr. Peter Kreeft was our Christmas gift to you. We hope you are enjoying it. To explore the ideas presented in the book in more depth, please join our casual book discussion on **Monday evening, February 29, from 7-8 PM, in our Barn, next to our Church.** Please invite family and friends who may have attended Christmas Mass with you to come also. **Dr. Kreeft will be at St. Mary on Saturday, March 19, in our Parish Hall from 1:00–3:00 pm for discussion and Q&A.**

FALL FAIR ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD

ST. MARY PARISH FAIR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Barn we will be discussing **important topics related to the Parish Fair**. Please join us if at all possible. RSVP to John Spera at johnspera57@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

O= permanent or sub urgently needed. X=1 add is needed. 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	O	X	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	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
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	
8am-9am			X		X		X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X	X	X			X	X
11am-12N	X		X	X	X		X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X		X	X	X	X
2pm-3pm			X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X	X	X	X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X		X		X
6pm-7pm	O		X		X		X
7pm-8pm	X			X		X	X
8pm-9pm			X			X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X				X	X
10pm-11pm		X			X	X	X
11pm-12M	X	X	X		X	X	X

Time spent in our Adoration Chapel is a time for private prayer with God, listening to Him & detaching ourselves from everyday commotion. Please consider taking one of the 0 hours listed in the table for Lent. Call Bill or Monica @ (914)533-2832 to sign up. God bless us all.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9:00 pm, 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

To paraphrase Paul, one of our founders: *We come to MM to be fed in our faith. We come to build fellowship. We strive to be better fathers, friends and coworkers. We have each other's back in good times and in bad; and we always leave our egos at the door* .Come any Saturday@6:30 in the Hall and check it out for yourself. Go to Stmmm.org for more info.

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.