

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 5, 2016



The Source of All Consolation!

There are times in our lives and in the life of our world when tragic events seem overwhelming. So many people have suffered so very much and continue to suffer.

We look for consolation. In any and every direction. Today's Word of God breaks through the cloud of tragedies that our world, our nation and so many families have experienced. With the help of two widows who lived a very long time ago, at different times and places. Two ladies who lost not only their husbands but also their sons. The first in days of Elijah the Prophet, the second in 1st century Israel, during the public ministry of Jesus. In the ancient world losing a husband often led widows into poverty. To also lose a son meant losing the only remaining source of emotional and financial support.

So what does Elijah do? "Let the life breath return to the body of this child," he prays. God hears his prayer, and life returns to the body of the child. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus himself tells the dead son of the widow of Naim to get up, and he did.

So today, we celebrate new life, new hope. The cloud of tragedy cannot overwhelm us if we really believe that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead. And told all of us who follow him that we too will have the same experience.

I hope that when we see new life and hope happening in lives devastated by tragedy, we see the love of God, the compassion of Jesus Christ. I also hope that we take to heart the example of Jesus in our Gospel. No, we cannot raise the dead to new life, but through our own acts of compassion and kindness and mercy, we can reach out to help those in need. We can bring new life and hope to other lives. Never underestimate the power of a kind word, or an offer of help which can take many forms.

In the coming week, let's resolve to say something or do something that will even in a small way help another person, whether you know them or not.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 6

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12

- 7:00 AM Ida Buck
- 12:00 PM The Mallucci Family

TUESDAY, June 7

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16

- 7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Iwinski Family
- 12:00 PM Vincent J. Lewis

WEDNESDAY, June 8

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19

- 7:00 AM Louise Serfilippi
- 12:00 PM Malvern Sullivan

THURSDAY, June 9

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26

- 7:00 AM Karen Borrello
- 12:00 PM Irene Mackin

FRIDAY, June 10

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32

- 7:00 AM Members of the Calise Family
- 12:00 PM Marilyn Rainville

SATURDAY, June 11

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Mt 5:33-37

- 8:00 AM Timmy Heim
- 4:30 PM Helen M. Rella

SUNDAY, June 12

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36—8:3 or 7:36-50

CHURCH

- 7:30 AM Susan Soldano
- 9:15 AM Helen Hyland
- 11:15 AM Les DiLisio

HALL

- 10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish
- 12:00 PM Barbara Ruschil
- 5:00 PM Albert Torres

Please remember our sick in your prayers; especially Mary Jo Calamai, and Rita Comas.

(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.)



FATHER'S DAY CARDS are available in the back of our Church, Parish Hall and in our Parish Office. The Father's Day donation envelope may be placed in the offertory basket or mailed directly to our Parish Office.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

May 29, 2016	\$TBD	\$512,659
May 31, 2015	\$TBD	\$491,926

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!"



2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$240,424
% OF GOAL	78.83 %

PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year is the 99th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Lucia Santos, Francesco and Jacinta Marto. Her message was to devote themselves God and pray the rosary every day for peace and the conversion of sinners. This message from heaven is now more urgent than ever. to invite the Pilgrim Virgin into your home, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



Candle Intentions

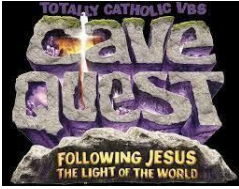
A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Ersclia & Alexander

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Vincenzina & Enrico



III. Artis Bergman-Krista Diane Pietrangelo

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School 2016: CAVE QUEST!!!

**PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR
FOR A FUN ADVENTURE
WITH CHRIST!**

WHEN: July 18-22 2016

TIME: 8:45-12:45

We are Currently Looking for Adult and Youth Volunteers to help with this! Please go to our Parish Website to volunteer or register your child!

Registrations for Grades 1-9 for next year's Religious Education classes will be sent the last week of June.

Students NEW to our Religious Education Program: Parents please stop by our Office to fill out a record card, so that we may put your child in the computer system. If your child was baptized out of parish, please bring a Baptismal certificate.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

A Pre-Baptism class is required for parents who have not taken a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized. Pre-Baptism Class is offered on the **second** Wednesday of every **other** month from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, June 8th. Please call our Parish Office to register.



Defending Our Religious Liberty

The United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is proud to announce the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom," beginning on June 21 through July 4th. This year's theme is "Witnesses to Freedom" which will put the spotlight on the many people who have been witness to religious freedom including the "Little Sisters of the Poor," who continue their valiant fight to protect the First Amendment right to religious freedom, for all of us. For more information, visit: www.Fortnight4Freedom.org.

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

On June 3rd, the twelfth and largest class of Eighth Grade students graduated from Saint Mary School. Thank you to the entire Saint Mary Community for all that you do to make our school what it is today; a Blue Ribbon winning, Catholic faith filled environment in which boys and girls from pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 learn with enthusiasm and excitement. Congratulations to this year's Graduates and their families: *Matthew Ambrosio, Laura Anandappa, Helen Bruce, Alissa Brugnattelli, Isabella Carrozza, Adam Chain, Gillian Chapleau, Benedict Crowley, Carolyn Donovan, Brian Douglas, Dennis Dowding, Isabella Eckardt, Andrew Edwardson, Theresa Galban, Alison Harco, Olivia Hynes, Karina Kaplan, Kyra Linekin, Aiden McDermott, Kevin McNicholas, Caitlyn Mitchell, Liam Mullins, Deziree Rendon, Sean Rogers, Andrew Simoneau, Anna Singer, Kyle Singer and Charles Stuhr.*

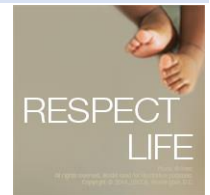
Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at 203-438-7288 or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Respect Life Meeting

The next monthly Respect Life Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 2 at 7:00 pm** in the School Library.

For more information go to <http://www.stmarysridgefield.org/respect-life>



"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" VIRTUS TRAINING

If you are planning to **volunteer in any capacity**, **Virtus Training** is required by our Diocesan Safe Environments Policy. This includes **ALL** of our ministries, clubs, retreats and upcoming Fall Fair. **TWO** training sessions will be offered here in our **Parish Hall**; one on **Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm** and **Friday, June 24 at 9:00 am**. You may register for either class by going to www.virtus.org, select the "First Time Registrant" Link and "Begin the registration process." This is the preferred method of registration. If you have any problems, contact our Parish Office at 203-438-6538.

CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Congregate Housing On-going

Congregate Housing, Prospect Ridge is looking for:
A. BINGO CALLERS: 1 volunteer needed. Wednesdays 1-2:30.
 Commitment - 1x/month appx

B. LUNCH SERVING: 3 or 4 volunteers needed. Weekdays 11:45-1:00 pm. Commitment - 2x/month appx.

Contact Suzanne MacAvoy with questions and/or to volunteer. sdmacavoy@hotmail.com or 203 438-7056

DONATE: Food Pantries On-going

During the month of June all food collected will go to **The 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.

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP

Forgiveness

Our Divorced and Separated Group is pleased to announce that Msgr. Bronkiewicz, our Pastor, will be discussing the topic of forgiveness. Regardless of where you are in this painful process of separation or divorce, forgiving is an important contributor to the healing process. Monsignor will reflect on forgiveness from a unique and enlightening prospective. Please join us on **Sunday, June 12th 7:30 PM in our Barn**; all are welcome. For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.



~Fall Fair Bulletin Board~

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ST. MARY PARISH FAIR SEPTEMBER 10th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

• Vendor Opportunity

The Saint Mary Fair is looking for local vendors to sell their products on Saturday, September 10. Please contact Lisa DelGiudice at lisadel1@comcast.net by **June 15** for more details and to sign up. (Spots to sell Jewelry, t shirts, doll clothes, and books are already spoken for).



• Continue to look through your closets, drawers, and boxes for any unwanted jewelry, jewelry boxes, accessories, etc. Our Jewelry Boutique needs your help with these donations. All donations may be brought to our Parish Office to Marcia Giorgio or to Ruth VDN at 52 Ramapoo Road (1/2 mile from church). All proceeds from the sale go to funding our Fair expenses and Parish activities. Thank you in advance for your help and donations!!!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O= permanent or sub urgently needed. X=1 add is needed.

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

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let us take to heart the words of St. Augustine, "Two works of mercy set a person free. Forgive & you will be forgiven, give & you will receive. Come to our Adoration Chapel & pray for these graces. To sign up for an hour in chapel, please call Bill or Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless!

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

In addition to our 50-strong, Saturday meetings at 6:30 am, the MM has planned:

- **June 5** : Coffee on Lawn after Masses
- **June 12**: Beer and Brats/ Softball and speaker at St. Theresa's in Trumbull
- **June 19**: Father's Day breakfast in NBRC Bounce House for kids
Come one. Come all. All are invited!
See 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.