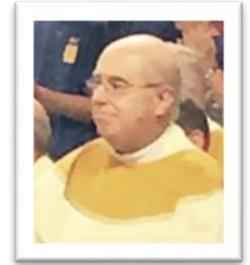


Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016



Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Dear friends in Christ,

With only three months until the close of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, which will conclude on Nov. 20, 2016, I would like to ask each of you – have God's mercy, compassion and love become stronger in your lives?

During this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wanted to see not only Catholics but all people of good will become more merciful in their own lives, expressing God's mercy each and every day. He stated:

“It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy....to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty...let us enter more deeply into the heart of the gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy...so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill and pray for the living and the dead.”

Pope Francis also stated that the Jubilee Year will be “dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort.”

As we continue to enjoy this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, I hope you are taking advantage of this special year and trying your best to bring God's mercy to those around you. What a great gift to God and to ourselves!

There are additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Centers of Mercy in Fairfield County and special events during this special Jubilee year. Please see our Parish website for links to more information.

May the next few months, and beyond, be filled with God's mercy and peace for you, your family and our entire Saint Mary Parish Community!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 29

1 Cor 2:1-5 (431)/Mk 6:17-29

7:00 AM Rob Ayotte
12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

TUESDAY, August 30

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

7:00 AM Genevieve Sturz
12:00 PM Helen Shelava

WEDNESDAY, August 31

1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

7:00 AM Frank Paoletti, Sr.
12:00 PM Frances Pizzitola

THURSDAY, September 1

1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

7:00 AM Tillie Rawald
12:00 PM Conrado Cruz, Jr.

FRIDAY, September 2

1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

7:00 AM Maurice Quaide
9:00 AM Chris Manno
12:00 PM Marie Weigand

SATURDAY, September 3

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM Margaret & Irene Morrisroe
4:30 PM Aldo Fronzi

SUNDAY, September 4

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Church

7:30 AM Captain Charles F. Rogers, Sr.
9:15 AM Robert DeSpirito
11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

Hall

10:30 AM Ellen Flynn
12:00 PM Jack Maguire - 3rd Anniversary
5:00 PM Ante and Maria Fatovich



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 21, 2016	\$24,054	\$802,045
August 23, 2015	\$24,460	\$780,228

Feast of the Assumption

August 2016	\$2,267
August 2015	\$3,457

*This week's 2nd collection: Hospitality House
Next week's 2nd collection: Catholic Universities*

We're still here while you're on vacation! Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org.



Please remember our sick in your prayers, Especially Jillian & Olivia Abate, Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Donald Drislane and Jean Mastandrea. (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 II. Ryan Taylor Allen -- Cristina Marie Accorsini

Candle Intentions



Church Sanctuary Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of Ellen Flynn

Adoration Tabernacle Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of Mary O'Hagan

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Angel Corichi, Andrew Dominguez, Wyatt Joseph Pouliot**, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



2017 MASS INTENTIONS OPEN THIS WEEK!

Mass intentions for our Parish Calendar Year **2017** will be accepted beginning this **Tuesday, August 30th** at our Parish Office, 9:00am-5:00pm weekdays. The customary offering for an announced Mass is \$10. Masses must be scheduled in person, not by telephone or email. Please see the new guidelines on our website. Thank you for your cooperation.

CATHOLIC ACTION



Walk 4 Water
2016

SAVE THE DATE: October 15, 2016
9am – noon (plus lunch)
 Join us for our annual community event,
Walk 4 Water, benefitting the
Guatemala Water Filter Project!

Saint Mary Parish will walk again to raise awareness about the global water crisis. Over a billion people worldwide lack access to clean drinking water. Parishioner Analise Giobbi began this funding campaign in 2012 as a high school student with the goal of providing portable water filters to a rural village in Guatemala. Last year our efforts helped **1,850 people get clean drinking water** in their homes!

Join us for five laps through town, culminating in a Guatemalan-style lunch with music and dance with our sister parish, Saint Peter Parish of Bridgeport. Register or donate at www.smcr.org. For more info contact Maura O'Connor, mauratub05@sbcglobal.net.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.
 X = 1 additional adorer 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	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	O	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		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		O		X	X	X

From Scripture we know that God calls us each by name to Himself. So why are we here? We all know we are here to know, love & serve God & to be happy with Him forever in the life to come. Let us take advantage of our earthly opportunities & spend that extra time with Him in the Adoration Chapel in prayer. To sign up for an hour please call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless. See below for hours needing adorers: Sun-2,3,4am; Mon-1am,2pm; Tues-1am,11pm; Wed/Th-1am; Sat-5pm.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7:00-9:00pm, 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.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP



If you are divorced, in the process of divorcing, or separated, come join our friendly, safe, confidential and uplifting support group that focuses on spiritual and emotional healing. While this group is Catholic in practice and nature, **all faiths are welcome.** **The next meeting will be on September 11th, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM** in our St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to our Church). For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.

"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Friday September 30th 12 NOON to 5 PM
 Saturday October 1st 10 AM to 4 PM
 Sunday October 2nd 8 AM to 4 PM

60% of profits donated in your name to ST. MARY CHURCH
 Mention Monsignor's name to receive an additional 15%.

St. Mary School conference room Questions? bob@libertygoldct.com

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima? Our Lady reverses the process and becomes the Pilgrim to visit you. This honored tradition is a wonderful way to bring devotion to your family and home. To invite Our Lady into your home or for more info contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

