

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016



Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Dear friends in Christ,

This Monday, August 15th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary**, the principle feast of Our Lady. It marks the happy departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven. In the words of the solemn definition of the Assumption, “the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.”

The feast of the Assumption testifies to the love that Jesus had for his mother. The gift of Mary's Assumption was given to her because more than any other human being, she said “Yes” to the call to bring Christ into her ordinary world. Like Mary, saying “Yes” to the Lord may be difficult at times. It may be challenging at times. But that is what He is asking of each of us. Saying “Yes” is at the heart of our Christian faith.

This year, this feast day of Our Lady is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on the day after Sunday, but it is a holy day. As a way to honour Mary, patroness of our Church, you are invited to participate in Mass, which will be offered this Monday at 7:00am, 9:00am, noon, and 7:30pm in our Church. Perhaps in addition to Mass, you might consider saying a Rosary or offering up the works of your day to Jesus, in Mary's honour. Or simply say a Hail Mary upon awakening, acknowledging the special place Our Lady holds in our lives as Catholics and in our Parish.

As we strive for the goal that Mary has already attained, we are challenged to live the kind of life she lived. Encouraged by Mary's Assumption, we are challenged to keep our focus on loving and serving Jesus as we await His glorious return.

Mary, our Lady of Grace, intercede for us.
Mary, our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 15

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth McCoy
- 9:00 AM Mary Mangan
- 12:00 PM Neil Glasser
- 7:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

TUESDAY, August 16

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

- 7:00 AM Eugene Savio
- 12:00 PM Maria Belardinelli

WEDNESDAY, August 17

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

- 7:00 AM Patrick J. Kirby
- 12:00 PM Chris Suffaletto

THURSDAY, August 18

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

- 7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lewis Family
- 12:00 PM Sister Julia Ryan, CND

FRIDAY, August 19

Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

- 7:00 AM Graham Rode
- 12:00 PM Chris Suffaletto

SATURDAY, August 20

Ez 43:1-7a/Mt 23:1-12

- 8:00 AM Alfred Shoreys
- 4:30 PM Deceased Members of the McAllister & Toner Families

SUNDAY, August 21

Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Church

- 7:30 AM Elmilia & Antonio Torcellini
- 9:15 AM Phyllis Ruhl
- 11:15 AM Theresa Collins

Hall

- 10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Bell Family
- 12:00 PM Navio Ligi
- 5:00 PM Robert Cavalier

2017 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for our Parish Calendar Year 2017 will be accepted beginning **August 30th** at our Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm. 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.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 7, 2016	\$21,655	\$757,513
August 9, 2015	\$22,701	\$735,261

Facilities Repair

August 2016	\$3,958
August 2015	\$3,162

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!"

We're still here while you're on vacation!

Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to www.smcr.org and click on the *Online Giving* link.



Please remember our sick in your prayers, Especially Jillian & Olivia Abate, Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, and James Carpenter. (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. Thomas Kenneth Shaw--Jennifer Lynn Salzbrunn

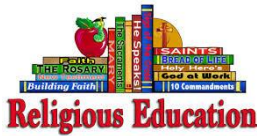
CANDLE INTENTIONS

Adoration Tabernacle Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Austin Wylie



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Caden Andres Argueta**, who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is still accepting registrations for the 2016/17 year. Please email or call the Religious Ed office to register! religioused@smcr.org.

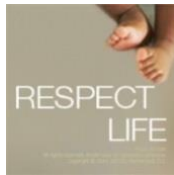
You are invited to join an amazing team of fellow Christians who want to share their love for God and be part of this wonderful and important ministry. Please consider becoming a Catechist. It will be a one hour a week commitment to bring the joy of the Gospel to our children. Please call or email the Religious Education office for more information.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.

—Pope Francis

For more info visit www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

As you assess the Presidential candidates for the United States, review their positions on safeguarding our first amendment right to religious freedom.

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. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to listen to us.

Sincerely,
Maria Zone
Director of Communications



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

While our students are enjoying the summer vacation, there is a lot happening at Saint Mary School this in preparation for the 2016-2017 School Year! Many of our classes are full, but spots remain in select grades.

Why consider Saint Mary School?

- ❖ Award winning school
- ❖ Challenging curriculum
- ❖ Advanced technology
- ❖ Dynamic preschool
- ❖ Vibrant Catholic education
- ❖ Strong values
- ❖ Positive school climate
- ❖ Diverse after-school activities
- ❖ Active parent community

We would love to tell you more about what makes Saint Mary School so special. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

A Pre-Baptism class is required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized. 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, **October 12**. Please call our Parish Office to register.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Guidelines to Becoming Better Catholics (1 of 4)

1. Pray

Prayer must be directed at developing an intimate relationship with Christ. There are many ways to pray, including the prayers of the Mass, the Rosary, the prayers we have memorized since childhood, and simply sitting down, imagining that Jesus is sitting next to you and speaking with him. St. Thérèse of Lisieux describes this sort of prayer as "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." This prayer, as is all prayer, is a response to God's love. It is most appropriate when we receive the Eucharist, our highest form of prayer. Use all forms of prayer. -- Matthew Kelly from his book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*

CATHOLIC ACTION



Walk for Water
2016

SAVE THE DATE: October 15, 2016
Join us for our annual community event, Walk for Water, benefitting the Guatemala Water Filter Project. Sign up or donate at www.smcr.org.

DONATE: Food Pantries **On-going**

During the month of **August**, all food collected will go to **Dorothy Day**. Dorothy Day's mission is to care for our brothers and sisters providing food, shelter and rest. The following are some suggested food items: cereal, pasta, rice, canned foods, vegetable oil, and baby food. Also needed: full-size toiletries. Thank you!

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. **All faiths are welcome. The next meeting will be August 14, 7:30-9:00PM** in our St. Mary Parish Barn. The topic will be, How are the Children? For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com.



ST. MARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR
is looking for new members and adults who would like to help!

We welcome all children who are in second grade or older. We sing twice per month at the 10:30 am or 12 noon mass from October through May. Minimal commitment for maximum rewards both here and in heaven! If you would like to join us in the fall please contact Manette Hutchings at mejch226@hotmail.com. We are also looking for a drummer, violinist and flutist for our children's choir. The time commitment is very minimal and music is simple...if you have been so gifted by the Lord, please consider lending us your talent!

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Many are 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.



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

In these trying times the church & world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus has said "Come to me all you who are weary & burdened & I will refresh you." The Father will lift our burdens when our faith rests in His power. Give a special assigned weekly hour in the Adoration Chapel to Him & pray for the world & yourself. Please call Bill/ Monica to sign up @ 914-533-2832. God bless you all. Needed hours: Sun-2,3,4am; Mon-1am,2pm; Tues-1am,11pm; Wed/Th-1am; Sat-5pm. Tues-1:00am,11:00pm; Wed/Th-1:00am; 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.