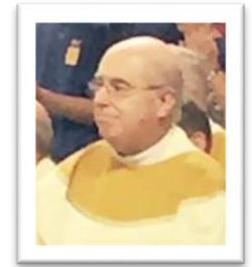


# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016



## Day 3-4 World Youth Day Poland 2016

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*I hope you will enjoy more excerpts from emails I received from Brenner LeCompte, our Parish Youth Minister, reflecting on the Pilgrimage to Poland of our Diocesan delegation for WYD 2016.*

"Today we traveled from Warsaw 400 miles south to Kraków with a stop in Czestochowa on the way. Much of the country is rolling hills or farm land....we began to feel a bit more like pilgrims. The journey of the pilgrim is not always easy. In fact most of the time it is tiring and hard. But it's a metaphor for life. Many times we have to travel and endure hardship if we want to achieve something greater than what we have.

A stop in Jasna Gora (in Polish, the Light On the Hill) is home to one of the most popular pilgrim sites in the Western World since the 13th century. There is a beautiful story about the miracle attributed to the image of our Lady of Czestochowa, which you can find by Googling it. The image is referred to as the Black Madonna, due to the dark pigmentation of the skin from all the votive candles that have been placed before the image over the centuries. These candles were the expression of the prayers of the people and their faith in God.

It now really feels like World Youth Day. There are groups of people from what seems like every nation walking through the street, dancing and singing in their native language. Everyone greets you as you pass. Security has been on everyone's minds but also very present. From policy to military personnel, they are very present. We even encountered a group of them at a rest stop on the way down to Kraków.

Tomorrow we travel to Auschwitz. There we will pray for peace. Peace in our world, peace in our families and peace in ourselves. Day 4 we began the day by visiting the sites of Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II–Birkenau, home to largest genocide in human history. More than a million people, 90% of them Jews died in these two concentration camps. The atmosphere was very somber and I thought a lot about the meaning of suffering and how we as humans confront it. There seems to be two reactions to such horrors. One is to question the goodness of a supreme being and fall into despair and depression. The other is to, in the words of Victor Frankl, seek meaning in such suffering. Meaning that for him was found in a faith that God does not leave us in these moments but helps us to focus on a higher motivation. A motivation or ideals that are stronger than death itself.

From Auschwitz we traveled to the shrine of Divine Mercy where a shrine dedicated to God's mercy and the legacy of JP II's fight against such atrocities reminded us that life & hope can be found when we seek meaning outside of this life.

We concluded the day with a Mass celebrated by Cardinal O'Malley of Boston, 9 other bishops from the US, many priests and a few thousand youth from America. We then had dinner and a quick walk through old Kraków. The city is starting to fill up as we kick off tomorrow the main events of World Youth Day. Photos and video on Facebook- enjoy!"

*Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz*

*Pastor*



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, August 8**

*Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27*

7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish  
12:00 PM Patricia E. Giorgio

**TUESDAY, August 9**

*Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*

7:00 AM Anna Tarantino-10th Anniversary  
12:00 PM Z. Joseph Dragicevich

**WEDNESDAY, August 10**

*2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26*

7:00 AM Margaret Ruland & Joseph Bonassar  
12:00 PM John Kearns

**THURSDAY, August 11**

*Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1*

7:00 AM Josephine Egan  
12:00 PM James Flattery

**FRIDAY, August 12**

*Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12*

7:00 AM Doris M. Lyons  
12:00 PM Ruth G. Karl

**SATURDAY, August 13**

*Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15*

8:00 AM Frank Collin  
4:30 PM Jack Brady

**SUNDAY, August 14**

*Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53*

**Church**

7:30 AM Geno Tarsi  
9:15 AM William May  
11:15 AM Justin Langlois

**Hall**

10:30 AM Theresa Collins  
12:00 PM Roger & Johanna Dwyer  
5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 7:00am and noon daily Masses (M-F) will be held in the Parish Hall 8/8-8/12 due to Church maintenance (painting/staining/varnishing).

**2017 MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions for our Parish Calendar Year 2017 will be accepted beginning **August 30<sup>th</sup>** 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

July 31, 2016	\$22,048	\$735,858
Aug 2, 2015	\$21,628	\$712,560

*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](http://www.smcr.org) and click on the *Online Giving* link.



**Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, and James Carpenter, 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.)



*Wedding Banns II. Thomas Kenneth Shaw- Jennifer Lynn Salzbrunn*

**Candle Intentions**

*Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Peter O'Rourke*



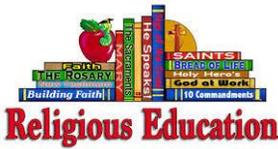
*A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Anna Iannarella*

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Richard James Searles**, who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Religious Education

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

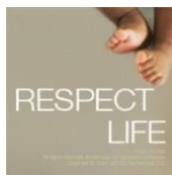
You are invited to join an amazing team of fellow Christians who want to share their love for God and be part of this wonderful and important ministry. Please consider becoming a Catechist. It will be a one hour a week commitment to bring the joy of the Gospel to our children. Please call or email the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

## RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

*"The fight against abortion is "part of the battle in favor of life from the moment of conception until a dignified, natural end. This includes the care of the mother during pregnancy, the existence of laws to protect the mother postpartum, and the need to ensure that children receive enough food, as well as providing healthcare throughout the whole length of life..."*

—Cardinal Bergoglio

For more info visit [www.smcr.org/respect-life](http://www.smcr.org/respect-life)



## 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 info, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit [www.smsridgefield.org](http://www.smsridgefield.org)



## PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

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., August 10<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Call our Parish Office to register.



## Defending Our Religious Liberty

On May 16th, the Supreme Court in a unanimous ruling sent the contraceptive mandate legal challenges back to the lower courts, vacated earlier judgments against those parties opposing the mandate, and encouraged the two sides to resolve their differences. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are hopeful that a compromise will be able to be reached in these cases.

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.

## 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 [meich226@hotmail.com](mailto:meich226@hotmail.com). We are also looking for a drummer, violinist and flutist for our children's choir. The time commitment is minimal and music is simple...if you have been so gifted by the Lord, please consider lending us your talent!



## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Adults need "to acquire an attitude of *conversion to the Lord*." This attitude fosters a baptismal spirituality for adults. It leads them to recognize and repent of sin in their hearts and lives, to seek reconciliation through the sacraments, and to embrace the invitation and challenge of an ever deepening faith in Jesus. It means putting on the mind of Christ, trusting in the Father's love, obeying God's will, seeking holiness of life, and growing in love for others. *Deepening personal prayer is a significant means toward growth in holiness in daily life.* --Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States

### 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](mailto:sdmacavoy@hotmail.com) or 203 438-7056

**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. While this group is Catholic in practice and nature, **all faiths are welcome**. **The next meeting will be August 14, 7:30-9:00PM** in our St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to the Church). For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, [jamesorkin@gmail.com](mailto:jamesorkin@gmail.com).



### Knights of Columbus Hon. W. Patrick Donlin Assembly #2459

Presents the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** to benefit Veteran & Military programs & other charitable causes. **SUNDAY SEPT. 11, COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE, 50 Woodfield Road, Woodbridge, CT.** Noon registration & lunch 1pm shotgun start. Reception dinner following play. **\$150 per golfer. Non golfer dinner \$50 donation.** Featured prizes include **\$25,000 Hole-in-one prize 1 free club per golfer**, plus other gifts & prizes and a fabulous raffle. For more information, contact Ric Raffone (203)-640-6482, [rrafone@harty.net](mailto:rrafone@harty.net).

### PILGRIM VIRGIN

Summer vacation is here! Why not take the opportunity to spend some family time in prayer. Teach our children the Rosary and pray together as our Lady of Fatima has requested for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To arrange for a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



### EUCHARISTIC 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
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11pm-12M	X				X	X	X

The summer months are rapidly passing, so don't miss the opportunity to tell Jesus how much He means to you today & always. Sign up for a scheduled hour at chapel or be a substitute. Remember adorers are desperately needed these summer months. Please call Bill/ Monica to sign up @ 914-533-2832. God bless. Needed hours: Sun-2,3,4:00am; Mon-1:00am,2:00pm; 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](http://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](mailto:jmpmcnich@yahoo.com) or visit [www.kofc245.org](http://www.kofc245.org) for more info.