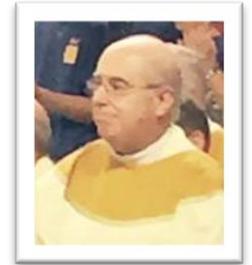


Eighteen Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016



Day 2 of World Youth Day Poland 2016!

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you enjoy reading the email below that I received from Brenner LeCompte, our Parish Youth Minister, reflecting on the arrival in Poland of our Diocesan delegation for World Youth Day 2016.

“Today was dedicated, as Bishop Caggiano invited us, to prayer and reflection as we prepared to make our way down to Kraków tomorrow. The day began with Mass and then a retreat, or series of talks, on how we are called to a greater spirit of mercy in our lives. Before we can receive and give mercy we must first look into our souls and understand who we are. What are our deepest desires and fears? This can be scary. But we are not alone in the quest for self-knowledge. Christ accompanies us and through studying and meditating on his life we come to understand who we are. Very much like a work of art is more fully understood the more you get to know the artist.

We also had the opportunity to get to know a little about the history of Poland. It is a story filled with tears but tears of heroes. It's a country that has suffered so much and yet never gave into their fears. I was struck by the fact that they choose to keep so many signs of their Soviet oppressors. It's as if they stand as scars that they endured and that made them stronger. I think that we have a lot to learn from the Polish people about standing firm in the face of evil and conquering fear with love. At the end of the day we gathered with 2,000 other pilgrims from the US and enjoyed a BBQ followed by a time of prayer, adoration and reconciliation in a church next door to our hotel.

Tomorrow will be an early morning as we head to Kraków with a very special stop on the way to visit Czestochowa (more on that tomorrow). I posted photos from the day on Facebook and a collection of videos I shot from Snapchat as well. Feel free to follow me on Facebook and Snapchat to check these out.”

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 1

Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

7:00 AM Francis Collins

12:00 PM Gunter Roller

TUESDAY, August 2

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

7:00 AM Thomas P. Doty

12:00 PM Dennis & Nora Toomey

WEDNESDAY, August 3

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

7:00 AM Adele M. Brown & Adele M. Kasmire

12:00 PM Hedwig Novak

THURSDAY, August 4

Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

7:00 AM Maria Giammarella

12:00 PM Carmen Camuso

FRIDAY, August 5

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28

7:00 AM Oliver Edson

12:00 PM James D. DePatie

SATURDAY, August 6

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

8:00 AM Thomas F. McGrath

4:30 PM Dec Members of McAllister & Toner Families

SUNDAY, August 7

Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk

12:32-48 or 12:35-40

CHURCH

7:30 AM Mary and Conrad Sponberg

9:15 AM Michael Edward Mezzapelle

11:15 AM Lorraine Perrotta

HALL

10:30 AM Clarence & Elsie Stephenson

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Paul and Ana Lizzul

PLEASE NOTE: The 7:00am and noon daily Masses (M-F) will be held in the Parish Hall 8/1-8/5 and 8/8-8/12 due to Church maintenance.

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 our new guidelines on our Parish website. Thank you for your cooperation.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

July 24, 2016	\$23,483	\$713,810
July 26, 2015	\$20,449	\$690,932

Hospitality

July 2016	\$5,788
July 2015	\$5,045

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. It's quick and easy. Your support during summer months helps sustain our Parish.



Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Mary Clark, Kenneth Gorecki, Bill Iannuccilli, Jeanne Mastandrea, Peter Roux, Anthony Saracini, 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.)

Candle Intentions

Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Jack Lavelle - 11th Anniversary



BAPTISMS

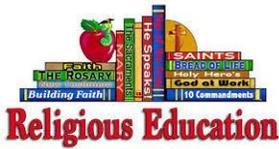
We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Thea Noelle Freyer**, who was baptized in our Church last weekend.



Wedding Banns

I. Thomas Kenneth Shaw- Jennifer Lynn Salzbrunn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



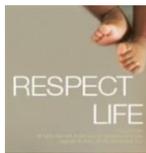
Religious Education

Become a Catechist!

You are invited to join an amazing team of fellow Catholics 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 next monthly Respect Life Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4th at 7:00pm in the School Library.

Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it."

—Cardinal Bergoglio

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



Defending Our Religious Liberty

At the closing Mass of Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop David Zubik noted that the Little Sisters of the Poor in their service to the elderly poor and in their stand for religious freedom "are carrying the banner that we will not back off the truth that is Jesus Christ." He noted that the nation's forefathers put forth religious liberty as the first freedom in the Constitution's Bill of Rights, giving people the freedom "to worship our God as the source of our strength," and also to "live our faith outside our churches, synagogues and mosques."

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.



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

Substitute Teachers Needed

Saint Mary School is seeking Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Candidates must have a college degree. Teaching certification is preferred. Openings are available for all levels, Preschool – Grade 8. Come experience teaching in an environment where the focus truly is the **whole** child. For more information, contact the Main Office. If you are interested, please complete an online application via the Diocese of Bridgeport at: <http://www.applitrack.com/diobpt/onlineapp/>

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades 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.



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, **August 10**. Please call our Parish Office to register.

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 am or 12 pm 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 flute 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!

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

FAITH-BUILDING DREAMS

When God wants to work in your life, God always gives you a dream — about yourself, about what God wants you to do, about how God will use your life to impact the world. How do you know when a dream is from God? If a dream comes from God, it will be so big that you can't do it on your own. If you could do it on your own, you wouldn't need faith. —R. Warren



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 **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.

Midnight Run Backpack Project



Attention all students needing service hours or a project to do. The Midnight Run is always in need of backpacks. Collect used ones from your friends and

classmates for donation. If interested contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or lstoveken@comcast.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 sub **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
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9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
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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

Mary's Son, Jesus, is present in the Eucharist exposed in our Adoration Chapel 24/7. Our Lord loves us, cares for us and supports, comforts, refreshes & strengthens us daily. Come to our Adoration Chapel to be uplifted by your time of prayer. **Please sign up this summer to help out with several hours that need substitutes due to vacations, moves, etc.** Call Bill/ Monica to sign up, 914-533-2832. Needed hours: Sun-2am, 3am, 4am; Mon-1am, 1pm, 2pm; Tues/Wed/Thurs-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

No invitation necessary. COME ONE COME ALL. It will put a smile above your chin. New members invigorate our 150-strong group as we support each other and our families. Experienced men and thoughtful presentations provide us the advice to meet challenges we all face as Catholic husbands, fathers and businessmen. A little sleep time is the only sacrifice- but rewards will be 10-fold. Ask about us. Meetings on Saturdays in the Hall 6:30am. 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.