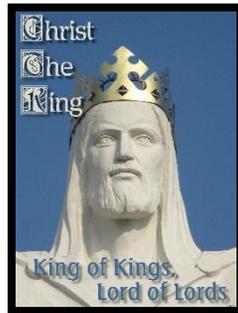
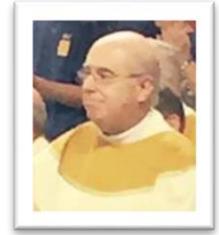


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2017



Thank you from Dorothy Day Hospitality House

Dorothy Day House would like to thank all of the volunteers, and donors, who have helped feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in our community this past year. With no paid staff, this mission has continued for 35 years thanks to the 300+ volunteers from throughout the greater Danbury area.

On Spring St: We served 24,629 people (68 per day) at our daily afternoon meals. Our shelter provided 5,108 bed-nights, 11 months/year. The Morning Glory program, run by Catholic Charities, also served breakfast in our kitchen each morning.

During the 5 winter months, the Overflow Shelter we managed at the First Congregational Church of Danbury provided 2,520 bed nights of shelter. Our Evening Out of the Cold program at St James AME Church (Williams St) had 5,017 visits and provided a safe, warm refuge every evening for those waiting to enter the 4 shelters.

New volunteers are needed every year to continue this mission. Most volunteers serve 1 day/month. Currently, we are most in need of volunteers for the weekday afternoon meal, and for the overnight shelters.

For information on volunteering, please visit the Dorothy Day web site at <http://www.dorothydaydanbury.org/volunteer.htm> .

Again, we are very grateful for the countless hours of volunteer support, and the generosity of our community.

Our Parish offers opportunities to volunteer at Dorothy Day. Go to our website to learn more!



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, November 27

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

7:00 AM Robert E. Martin

12:00 PM Peter LaForte

TUESDAY, November 28

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

7:00 AM Eileen Karwoski

12:00 PM Thomas Porter (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, November 29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

7:00 AM Dina Casavecchia

12:00 PM Michael Ceponis

THURSDAY, November 30

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

7:00 AM Nancy and John Kearns

12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

FRIDAY, December 1

Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

7:00 AM Patrick O'Connell - 50th Anniversary

9:00 AM Mary Presnell

12:00 PM John G. Gilchrist

SATURDAY, December 2

Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

8:00 AM Audrey Currie

4:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 3

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM Anand Kulangara - 15th Anniversary

11:15 AM James J. Cally

Hall

10:30 AM Patti Capilli

12:00 PM Bert Gaster

5:00 PM Dec. Members of the Flattery and Slevin Families



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Updated offertory numbers were unavailable at the time of printing due to the Thanksgiving holiday schedule. November 19th and November 26th offertory numbers will be reported in the December 3rd Bulletin.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Fr. John Baran, Josie Connelly, Lee & Scott McCaughey, Jennie Palmieri and Pat Ruhl.**



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
Dolores Wagner

BAPTISMS



We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Kaylee Marie Extance, Genevieve Eileen Mack, Declan Santangelo Rodriguez and Nico Gavin Sergi**

who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

Pre-purchase St. Mary Cemetery Space

"I felt good knowing I was sparing my family the burden of making this decision at a difficult time in their lives."



Secure your family heritage at St. Mary Parish. Visit www.smcr.org for more info and FAQs or call Donna Barber at the cemetery office, 203-438-3606.

EVENT RENTAL SPACE

Need a place to gather after a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding Rehearsal? St. Mary Parish offers a variety of venues for social events and meetings, including our Parish Barn for smaller groups and our Parish Hall for larger groups, up to 250. Dance floor, free parking and on-site caterer available. Please contact the Parish Office, 203-438-6538, for more information.



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.

Contact Manette Hutchings at mejch226@hotmail.com

MASS CARD INTENTIONS

The book for Mass Intentions for November 2018 will open December 1st. Mass cards may be obtained at the Parish Office, with a suggested donation of \$10 for announced Masses and \$5 for unannounced Masses.

Religious Education



Catechists and volunteers needed! If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catechist or volunteering, please call our Religious Education Office at 203 438 7335.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Praise and Thanksgiving

The entire SMS community paused to celebrate Thanksgiving in our annual "Praise and Thanksgiving" assembly where students expressed gratitude through prayer, song, and prose. This year, students reflected on the lyrics to the song "Let there be Peace on Earth" and considered what we as individuals can do to foster peace.

We are so thankful for the blessing of Saint Mary School, and the support of our parish, families, alumni and friends who allow us to pursue our mission of academic excellence, a strong faith based education, and a nurturing environment where students thrive intellectually, spiritually, and socially.

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades of Preschool through Grade 8 for the 2017-2018 school year, as well as accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

NATIVITY PAGEANT! Our Religious Education Nativity Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 17, at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Join us!



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



"Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as

'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity."

—Pope Francis, 2014

Join us for our next Respect Life meeting on Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm in the Day Chapel.

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth," says Pope Francis. This is why it is important that our lawmakers protect the rights of the Church and its ministries and organizations when considering the changes to the current healthcare mandate.



As of 2014, there were 38,275 priests in the U.S. alone. The Pope is the successor of St. Peter, the Vicar of Christ. Priests (and Catholics) look to the Holy Father as the head of the Church.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Being Thankful



During this season of Thanksgiving, let's take into consideration all that God has done for us. He loves us unconditionally. We have the Catholic Church, the Bible and the Sacraments. God gives us His peace, grace and protection. All that is good comes from God. We have received so much. The virtue of gratitude is very important. However, it is equally important that we serve others with a spirit of detachment. We must not look for recognition or earthly glory. We must continue to love others without seeking anything in return. Let us remember what Jesus teaches us in the Sermon on the Mount: "your left hand must not know what your right hand is doing" (Matthew 6: 3). How many people thank those who give of themselves unconditionally? Parents, teachers, clergy, police, firefighters, doctors and nurses many times live thankless lives. Nevertheless, the Gospel calls us to give of ourselves unconditionally and seek as our only reward eternal life in heaven. This is true Christianity.



GIVING TREE!! If you haven't done so already, please pick up an ornament from our **Giving Tree** to help a local needy family during the holidays. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Giving Tree program and the Club's other charitable activities. **Gifts are due back next Monday, December 4th.**

2018 CALENDARS are now available at the back of the Church and Hall.

CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEERS: LUNCH & BINGO

Two or three volunteers needed to serve lunch. Commitment is appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. ALSO needed: 2 Bingo Callers. Wednesdays 1-2:30. Commitment - 1 hour a month. Where: Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com



DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In the month of December, collected food goes to the Ridgefield Food Pantry. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or sign up for an hour:

O means permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed. **X** means **1 additional** adorer is needed.

Blank boxes mean **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	X	X	O	X	X
2am-3am	X	X	X	O	X	X	X
3am-4am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
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	X	X	X	X	X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X					X	X
11am-12N	X		O				X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	O	X	X	O	X	X	O
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X			X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X	X		X	X	X	O
7pm-8pm	X					X	X
8pm-9pm		X				X	X
9pm-10pm	O	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X		X	X	X	X	X

Life can get hard. Refresh yourself by stopping into our Adoration Chapel. Spend some time in prayer. Absorb his peace, get that gentle nudge when you're in need of direction, receive heart rest. He always has the answer and waits patiently for us. To sign up to become an Adorer, call either Bill or Monica @914-533-2832 or go online to our website. God bless!

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary sung and prayed. Please join us!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our order was founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Marquette Council's activities started here at St. Mary Parish in 1894 and have continued uninterrupted for over 120 years. Our goal is to offer our members and their families an opportunity to share God's love through service to our Priests, Parish and community. Want to enrich your faith & model strong values for your family? Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

This year we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady's message to the world: Do penance, amend your life, offend God no more and pray the Rosary daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue into your home. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken, 203-894-1341.



RCIA
 RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will continue this year, leading to the Easter Vigil and Feast of Pentecost! **Upcoming gatherings are on November 28, December 3 (Rite of Welcoming), December 5, December 12, and December 19.** If you are a Baptized Catholic who has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist, or if you are someone curious about the Catholic faith, **Come and See** what our Catholic faith has to offer! All are invited, bring a friend! For more info, call Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or ppostiglione@smcr.org



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Take an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord - along with 50 to 60 other like-minded men. How about spending a weekly hour and half experiencing our Men's Ministry on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:00AM? Besides having a great and welcoming community, we also serve bagels, coffee & OJ each week to ease the pain of a **very worthwhile wakeup call!**



PRAY TO OUR MOTHER

Whether we are a child asking for help in school or a sick or elderly person "at the hour of our death," Mary hears our prayer, and prays for us.