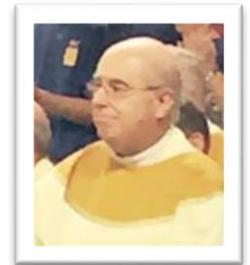
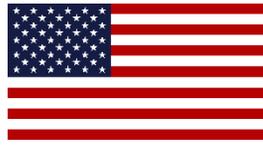


## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017



### Presidents' Day Prayer

*O God, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our nation, that through the wisdom of tis leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

*(Roman Missal, Votive Mass for Civil Needs, p. 1131)*

### Presidential Quotes

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible. –George Washington

I believe with all my heart that standing up for America means standing up for the God who has so blessed our land. We need God's help to guide our nation through stormy seas. But we can't expect Him to protect America in a crisis if we just leave Him on the shelf in our day-to-day living. –Ronald Reagan

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on my side; my greater concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right. –Abraham Lincoln

There is no greater peace than that which comes from prayer and no greater fellowship than to join in prayer with others. –George H.W. Bush

There is no security, no safety, in the appeasement of evil. –Ronald Reagan

In our home there was always prayer –aloud, proud and unapologetic. –Lyndon B. Johnston

I have been many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for the day. –Abraham Lincoln

What are the things that you can't see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love. You can't see any of those, but they're the guiding lights of a life. –Jimmy Carter

If we ever forget we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. –Ronald Reagan

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good of the Savior of the world is communicated to us through the Book. –Abraham Lincoln



## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, February 20

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

9:00 AM Whalen, Fahey & Domeico Families

### TUESDAY, February 21

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

7:00 AM Virginia DeSerio

12:00 PM Anne, Ed and Hugh Coile

### WEDNESDAY, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

7:00 AM Rose Calise

12:00 PM Marjorie Remza - 9th Anniversary

### THURSDAY, February 23

Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

7:00 AM Boland, Joseph & Florence

12:00 PM Frank Rowella, Sr.

### FRIDAY, February 24

Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

7:00 AM Andrew Nirrengarten

12:00 PM Irene C. Mackin

### SATURDAY, February 25

Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

8:00 AM Jack Maguire

4:30 PM Judy Thompson

### SUNDAY, February 26

Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

#### **Church**

7:30 AM James Whitton

9:15 AM Joseph Fenton

11:15 AM Ann Friedmann

#### **Hall**

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM Dan McCarthy

5:00 PM Dec. Members of the Rosin Family

## Volunteers Needed- Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality needs volunteers to make mixed salads the third Sunday of each month. Students that need service hours are welcome. For more information, please email [mbreilly28@gmail.com](mailto:mbreilly28@gmail.com).

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



## GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

	WEEKLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
February 12, 2017	\$18,109	\$153,720
February 14, 2016	\$22,515	\$163,090

### Immaculate High School

2017 \$1,915

2016 \$3,121

Next week's 2nd collection is for Diocesan Hospitality Hse



## Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Patti Capilli, Bill Casey, Jeanne Mastandrea, Tom McCarthy, 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.

## ATTENTION SENIORS—Free Transportation!

The Town/Sphere Bus is offering free transportation to the elderly and disabled every Wednesday. A bus with a wheelchair lift will make morning and afternoon loops through town stopping at stores, the library and other places as requested by riders. Passengers will be picked up and dropped off at various locations, including Ballard Green and Congregate Housing. Call the Town Hall front desk, (203) 431, 2700, for schedule details.



## Candle Intentions



Remember a friend or loved one with a candle lit in their name. Candle Intention options:

Adoration Chapel Tabernacle Candle - \$40 donation, for one week

Church Sanctuary Candle - \$40 donation, for one week

Church Altar Candles - \$20 donation each, for one week

Hall Sanctuary Candle - \$20 donation, burns at Sunday Mass

All intentions will be noted in our Bulletin during the week requested and each Candle Intention purchased includes a card with envelope. Please purchase at our Parish Office.



**PLEASE NOTE:** On President's Day, Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be only one Mass at 9am in the Church. Our Parish Offices and St. Mary School will be closed. There will be no Religious Ed classes that day.

Homily Survey: Your feedback is valued & appreciated! Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for our survey link.



**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**ONGOING**

**St. Peter's Run**



This is a wonderful group activity! Please join our Catholic Action Team prepare and deliver lunches to the children of our Sister Parish, St. Peter's, Bridgeport on Saturdays. As there are no soup kitchens open in Bridgeport on the weekends, food support is greatly needed for the families of our Sister parish, especially during the winter months. We ask that you consider providing a bag lunch meal to about 200 children of St. Peter's who are enrolled in their Religious Ed program. Reimbursement for the cost is available. Thank you for considering serving Christ through the poor. Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for more info or to sign up.

**DONATE: Food Pantries**

During the month of February, collected food goes to the St. Joseph Parenting Center, whose mission is to strengthen families that are at risk of child abuse and neglect by providing free parenting education and support. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall.

**Important Notice - Cemetery Clean-up**

February 1st through March 1st, weather-permitting, is traditionally used by the Cemetery to clean up the grounds for the coming spring. All fall and winter decorations will be removed during this period. If at all possible, please refrain from placing any new decorations during this clean up period.



**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Special Needs Seminars:** Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, Greenwich & Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, St. Pius Community Room, Fairfield. More details coming soon!



**PILGRIM VIRGIN**

To honor the Mother of Jesus, consider inviting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima to your home to pray the Rosary daily, a wonderful Marian devotion. The message from heaven for us is more urgent than ever to pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To invite the Pilgrim Virgin to your home contact Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.  
X = 1 additional adorer needed.  
Empty 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	X	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	O	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	O	X		X	O	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	O	O	X	O	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X		X	X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
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	O	X	X
11pm-12M	X		X		X	X	X

As we celebrate Ash Wednesday and begin the Lenten Season, let's focus on the wonderful opportunity Lent gives us to deepen our own relationship with the Lord by finding opportunities during these 6 weeks to reach out in service to those in need and by incorporating more time for private prayer into our schedules. Sign up for a scheduled hour in our Parish Adoration Chapel. To do so, please calling Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless. Consider these hours for coverage: SUN: 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 1-2pm; MON: 1-2am, 8-9am, 1-2pm; TUES: 1-2am; WED: 1-2pm; THURS: 1-2am, 10-11pm; FRI: 3-4am, 8-9am.

**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 are sung and prayed. Please join us!**



**ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY**

Here is a resolution which is sure to bring you joy. How many of you men have made New Year's resolutions? How many of you are (like me) still looking for meaningful resolutions or have already broken your resolutions? Why not make a resolution to join us once a week or once a month or whenever you feel in need of a pick me up. Christ "jump-started" his public life with His Baptism. Why not jump-start your year with God by joining us for coffee, OJ, and bagels, and learn strategies to meet life's challenges joyfully. Come get to know some other fathers, grandfathers, sons and like-minded men of St. Mary Parish. STMMM meets on Saturdays at 6:30am.