



# Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017



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## Holy Week Begins

Today, the Church is transported through her living memory to the culmination of the public ministry of our Lord, His triumphal entrance into the Holy City. Within this holiest of weeks, the Church will remember how Jesus, the Healer, the Rabbi, the Friend of the poor became the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the Passover Lamb of sacrifice.

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Today we will listen once again to the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord which never grows old. When we go home, we will perhaps place our palms behind the crucifix in our homes or in some other honored place to remind us that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God, the Son of David, the King, beginning his final week of earthly life in the Holy City.

Join us here at Saint Mary Church for the following:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM Holy Thursday, followed by the procession to our Parish Hall and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11PM.

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at Noon in our Church, with the 3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion, and Tenebrae (a Good Friday Prayer Service that reminds us of our Lord's death and Burial) at 8PM.

Holy Saturday Easter food blessing in our Church at 10:30AM.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and First Celebration of our Lord's Resurrection at 8PM in our Church and Easter Sunday Mass (see Easter Schedule for a variety of Mass times).

God bless our Saint Mary Parish Family as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with our worldwide Family of Faith.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



## MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, April 10

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

7:00 AM Marian & Michael Tomasulo

12:00 PM Digby Barrios

### TUESDAY, April 11

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family

12:00 PM Patricia E. Murphy

### WEDNESDAY, April 12

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

7:00 AM Sarah Newby

12:00 PM Cynthia Purdy

### THURSDAY, April 13

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21, Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

7:30 PM Solemn Eve Mass of the Lord's Supper

### FRIDAY, April 14

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8:00 PM Tenebrae

### SATURDAY, April 15

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

10:30 AM Traditional Easter Food Blessing

8:00 PM Dottie McDonald

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

#### Church

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

9:00 AM Enzo & Elsie Bartolucci

10:15 AM Irene & Laurent Voghel

#### Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center

8:00 AM Allegrina & Alcide Ligi

9:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

11:00 AM Les DiLisio

12:30 PM Desmond Reilly



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



## Baptisms

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Anna Christine Jedlicka** and **Abigail Mary Wronski** who were recently baptized in our Church.



## GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

### WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

April 2, 2017	\$22,733	\$318,675
April 3, 2016	\$24,396	\$338,531

### Easter Flower Offering

2017	\$4,355
2016	\$6,129

*This week's 2nd collection: Hospitality House*

*Next week's 2nd collection: Holy Land/Good Friday*

## Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Bill Casey, Jeanne Mastandrea, Tom McCarthy, Jay McMahon, Barbara Ortonowska, Eileen Profeta and Madeleine Rothman.** 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 Kenneth Waters*

*A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Alice Geraldine McConnell*

*A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Kathleen Jennings*

## REMEMBER SOMEONE



Remember a friend or loved one with a candle lit in their name. **Candle Intention option**



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

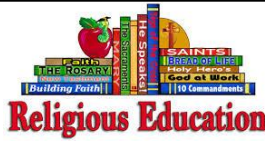
Hall Sanctuary Candle - \$20 donation, burns at Sunday Mass

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.



## Wedding Banns

Zachary Anthony Ford & Madelaine Hutchings




**Religious Education**  
**Vacation Bible School!**

Our Parish Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of July 24 to July 28. We are looking for adult volunteers. If you are interested, please contact our Religious Education Office.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

It is necessary to raise awareness and form the lay faithful, in whatever state, especially those engaged in the field of politics, so that they may think in accord with the Gospel and the social doctrine of the church and act consistently by dialoguing and collaborating with those who, in sincerity and intellectual honesty, share — if not the faith — at least a similar vision of mankind and society and its ethical consequences. — Pope Francis  
[www.smcr.org/respect-life](http://www.smcr.org/respect-life)





**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

In the Church's opposition to the federal health care mandate, the issue is our compliance with provisions that are contrary to our religious beliefs. Historically, the Church has delivered quality health care to all people who need it through our Catholic hospitals and social service programs. What we oppose is authorizing or paying for the procedures that violate Catholic teaching. Pray that the new administration, when amending the mandate, protects religious freedom.

**Lenten Regulations**

**Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Limit one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59. All Fridays of Lent are day of abstinence. All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.**

Our Homily Survey link is @ [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org). We appreciate and value your feedback!

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**There are no Confessions on Holy Saturday, 4/15.**

20th ANNIVERSARY




Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**Read Across America**

Saint Mary School students and staff recently celebrated "Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a week-long celebration of reading:


- The whole school enjoyed daily Dr. Seuss trivia
- PK-Grade 8 students had "Fox in Socks Day" wearing crazy socks, and "Dress as your favorite Character" day
- K-8 Students had a "Oh the Places You'll Go" day and pinned where they would like to read a book on a world map
- PK-8 students got to dress as their favorite book character
- Community guests, including First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Msgr. Bronkiewicz, Fr. Sean, and Ridgefield Library Children's Services Assistant Sonta Frindt, read to students
- All students took the "Readers' Oath" and read together as a group in a culminating assembly

*Saint Mary School is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).*



The Catholic Church was responsible for the birth of both the education system and the healthcare system that stand as pillars in our modern society. Throughout the centuries, the Church has also been the largest benefactor of the arts, nurturing these elements of cultural life that have the ability to elevate the human heart, mind and spirit so effortlessly to the things of God.  
*Rediscovering Catholicism –Matthew Kelly*

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**Let Your Life Speak**

Your future, my future, and the future of the Church are all intimately related to one another. It is people like you and me who make up the Church. If the Church is not thriving, it is because you and I are not thriving. The mission of the Church in this age is to share the gift of the Gospel with the people of this time in history. This is your mission. This is my mission. This is our mission together. We are the Church. The best way for us to fulfill this mission is to allow the values and principles of the Gospel to transform our own lives. The most effective messenger is the one who lives the message. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times, and only when necessary use words. Our culture is hungry for authentic lives. Let your life speak."  
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### 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.

### PILGRIM VIRGIN

Lent is a time for extra prayer, sacrifice and penance. Our Lady of Fatima'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. To better prepare ourselves during Lent, invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue into your home. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



**2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass**

On Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:30pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass, for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries! This will be the only Wedding Jubilee Mass for 2017. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. To register to attend, please contact our Parish office or visit: <http://x.co/diobpt> Please RSVP before April 24<sup>th</sup>. Questions contact Kim Quatela at (203) 416-1334 or [kquatela@diobpt.org](mailto:kquatela@diobpt.org)



### Love One Another as I have Loved You

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus has called us all to do. In Stephen Ministry, people with special gifts for caring put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who need it most. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut (beginning in 1994), is open 24/7. Stop by anytime or call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832 to sign up for a needed hour: **SUN: 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 1-2pm; MON: 1-2am; THURS: 1-2am; FRI: 3-4am.**

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	X	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	X	X		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	O	X	X	O	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	X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X		X		X	X	X

Life passes very quickly. During our lifetime attitudes change very dramatically & rapidly. One minute we may be loved & the next rejected. This happened to Jesus as during his final week in Jerusalem. The Jesus to whom we pray is the same Jesus who entered Jerusalem on the First Palm Sunday. Come to our Adoration Chapel for some private moments with Jesus. To sign up for an hour, please call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832. God bless us all.

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

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!**