

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017



## TRINITY DOME

AT AMERICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time in-pew second collection to take place in Parishes across the Nation in May to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome, the crowning jewel of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The National Shrine, also known as America's Catholic Church, has been a century in the making since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States!

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mother under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly on hundred years ago.

Mary's Shrine is an authentic reflection of the diversity of the cultures and ethnicities of the United States and the unity and universality for the Catholic Church as evidenced in the more than 80 chapels and oratories dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

This national collection for the Trinity Dome offers the faithful an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by honoring their Catholic heritage and entrusting themselves and their families to the Mother of God.

Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative to help complete America's Catholic Church in advance of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will be taking up the collection the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz".

Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, May 8**

*Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18*

7:00 AM Alice & Goerge Besse

12:00 PM Henry James Kozlark

**TUESDAY, May 9**

*Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30*

7:00 AM Ginny Tango

12:00 PM Rudy DeDivitis

**WEDNESDAY, May 10**

*Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50*

7:00 AM William Henry Masters

12:00 PM Michael Edward Mezzapelle

**THURSDAY, May 11**

*Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20*

7:00 AM Ted O'Rourke

12:00 PM Lorraine Perrotta

**FRIDAY, May 12**

*Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6*

7:00 AM Blanche Nirrengarten

12:00 PM Intentions of the Miltenis Family

**SATURDAY, May 13**

*Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14*

8:00 AM Andy Murphy

4:30 PM Sam & Wanda Angeleri

**SUNDAY, May 14**

*Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12*

**Church**

7:30 AM Robert Lockwood

9:15 AM Ruth G. Karl

11:15 AM Vivienne Dalton

**Hall**

10:30 AM Lisa Cataldo

12:00 PM Brother James Kearney FMS

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



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



**Are You the Face of Prayer?**

Are you willing to pray with Bishop Caggiano every day? Join the movement. Text a selfie, your prayer intention, or simply the word "pray" to 55778 and join in the journey as we learn more about the power of prayer.



WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

<b>April 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$19,166</b>	<b>\$408,431</b>
May 1, 2016	\$23,890	\$434,472

**Facilities & Repair**

2017	\$4,735
2016	\$4,516

*This week's 1st collection: Facilities Repair  
Next week's 2nd collection: Hospitality House*

*Prayers for the Sick*

*Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Sally Gagliardi, Jeanne Mastandrea and Barbara Ortonowska.** 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. Michael Thomas O'Neil - Janna Kathleen Hebert*

**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Jake Ryder Arnold, Marlo Elizabeth Brown and Beckett William Leibrock** who were recently baptized in our Church.



Candle Intentions

*Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of John and Dolores Wagner*

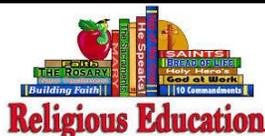
*A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Peter O'Rourke*



**SAVE THE DATE!** This year's Praise & Worship will be Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. In addition to music featured by the Hall Music Ministry, this year's event will highlight God's message

conveyed through the music of Broadway. We hope you can join us!

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



### Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults is offered for anyone who has received the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, is over the age of 18 and has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held weekly until Pentecost Sunday on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call Pat Postiglione if you are interested or would like additional information!

**Congratulations to our 2017 First Communion Class**, who have received the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"Give that child to me. I want it. I will care for it. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child and be loved by the child."

--Mother Teresa



[www.smcr.org/respect-life](http://www.smcr.org/respect-life)



### DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious liberty is not an eccentric uncle of the human rights family. It is as real as our Constitution. It is very real to our Catholic ministries, to the people that the Catholic Church serves, and to all Americans. Catholic organizations will have to face exorbitant penalties amounting to tens of millions of dollars, or shut down, if the federal healthcare mandate is not revised.

### Teaching Mass

*Join Us for an Illuminative Evening!*

The Knights of Columbus, Marquette Council, invites you to a very special event at our Parish. Msgr. Bronkiewicz will be offering a "teaching" Mass at 6:30 PM on June 3, 2017 in our Church. Its purpose is to explain the what and why (with a little bit of who and when) of the Sunday Mass, the focal point of our Catholic worship. Please note that this will not be a real Sunday Mass – it will be instructional, an opportunity for both frequent and occasional Mass attendees to gain a better understanding of the most important prayer we pray as Catholics.

Please go to <http://bit.ly/Teaching-Mass> or call our Parish Office to RSVP to what promises to be an illuminative hour and a chance to appreciate the Mass in a new, and hopefully more meaningful, light.

**There will be NO CONFESSIONS May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

### Grade 5 Living Wax Museum

Ms. Richards' Grade 5 students amazed the SMS community with their Living Wax Museum. Each student researched and wrote a report on a figure from early American history. They created backdrops with fun facts and depictions of their figure, and dressed in period costumes. Students themselves came to life in character and presented one-minute depiction of their figure from memory, and the whole class presented a song and skit. It was a creative, interactive way to present important historical figures. The entire school community had the opportunity to visit the "museum".

*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).*

**MASS INTENTIONS: The April 2018 calendar for Mass Intentions opened on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Virgin Mary's Special Role in Helping Us



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Mary embraced God's will and freely chose to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed."<sup>33</sup> The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf. [www.ussb.org](http://www.ussb.org)

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**MIDNIGHT RUN: MAY 13**

The next scheduled Midnight Run is May 13. Needed Items: medium to lightweight jackets, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, new underwear (M-XL), socks, blankets, backpacks, lightly used sneakers and shoes, toothbrushes, and travel size toiletries including mouthwash and toothpaste. Drop off your donation at the Barn from 7:30am to 3:30pm, May 8 to 12. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the Run. To volunteer, call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.

**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

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



**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**

This year we celebrate 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 at 203-894-1341.



If you know of someone who is hurting, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. They can talk to you about connecting that person with one of our Stephen Ministers, who are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

**Mother's Day cards** are available at the entrances of the Church/Hall and at the Parish office for a suggested donation of \$10 each.



**Senior Citizens Luncheon this Tuesday, May 9th!** Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30am, followed by Mass at 12:00pm and the luncheon. Call our School Office to RSVP by Monday May 8th, 203-438-7288.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Eucharistic Adoration gives us the opportunity to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and another way to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Our Parish Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut (beginning in 1994), is open 24/7. The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or 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** 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	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	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	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

As our Holy Father has stated, "The Eucharist is a cosmic act, uniting heaven with earth & permeating all creation." Our calling in this life is to follow Christ & His teachings no matter what society dictates & no matter how others may disagree with our beliefs. In essence we must be good examples to others, especially our children. Please spend time in our Adoration Chapel with Jesus & sign up for your own hour by calling Monica & Bill at 914-533-2832. 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 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!**