

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017



More Racist Graffiti in Ballard Park

I was saddened to learn of another discovery of anti-Semitic graffiti in Ballard Park. Below are excerpts from Rabbi David L. Reiner' message to the Temple Shir Shalom Congregation:

“ ...As I think about this latest incident I am sad but not scared, upset but not pained. This is hurtful and offensive, but it will not keep me away Ballard Park this summer, where I will enjoy CHIRP concerts and play with our toddler. Whether the graffiti was motivated by ignorance, arrogance, or animus, I remain hopeful for a brighter future....Ignoring this incident or dismissing it with the rationalization that “kids will be kids” will permit bigotry, hatred, ignorance, and intolerance to fester in our midst....We must hope and work for a brighter future when ignorance has been replaced by knowledge, bigotry replaced by love and caring.

...Following the swastika graffiti in Ballard Park in November, many came together to reclaim that space and fill the sidewalks with symbols of love and peace that endured far longer than a swastika quickly washed away. This summer let us come together in Ballard Park and again reclaim that space, confronting bigotry and intolerance with our presence, celebrating life and filling the park with joy and hope for a brighter future.”

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 26

Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

7:00 AM Joan Ryff

12:00 PM Marietta Comunale and Joey Comunate

TUESDAY, June 27

Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

7:00 AM Ted O'Rourke

12:00 PM Vivienne Dalton

WEDNESDAY, June 28

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

7:00 AM Delphine Pierandri

12:00 PM Jane Panzeca -1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, June 29

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts

12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

7:00 AM Grace Nneji

12:00 PM Lorraine Perrotta

FRIDAY, June 30

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

7:00 AM Carl Carlson

12:00 PM Patti Capilli

SATURDAY, July 1

Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

8:00 AM John LaTerra

4:30 PM Annette Mary Artim - Anniversary in

SUNDAY, July 2

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM George Hughes

11:15 AM Florence Szilagyi

Hall

10:30 AM Marion Anne Side

12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish

5:00 PM Sean Donovan



Project Rachel - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? Project Rachel is offering an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Sat., July 15th for women who are suffering from a past abortion. Please contact us at 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org for more information or confidential registration.

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., July 12th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

June 18, 2017	\$20,522	\$560,556
June 19, 2016	\$22,476	\$595,991
Hospitality House	\$4,670	

This week's second collection: Peter's Pence
Next week's second collection: Facilities Repair

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.

TEXT TO DONATE!

Did you know you can now make a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal on your smart phone or device by texting the word, Sharing to 50555. It's fast, easy and secure and supports diocesan programs on a larger scale. When you give a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we continue the Gospel message and make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Sally Gagliardi, Harrison Mauldin, Jeanne Mastandrea, Barbara Ortonowska, 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 **Jane Panzeca**

Two Church Altar Candles are Burning in Loving Memory of **Jane Panzeca**





Religious Education

Congratulations and God's blessings on our high school graduates who have served so faithfully as Peer Witnesses in our Faith Formation Program! We are so grateful for your time and dedication to be a true witness of our Catholic faith for the children of our Parish and their families! May you go off to college with our prayers and support and always know that you are missed and welcomed when you come to visit! St. Mary Parish is very proud of you and all you have accomplished!

Caroline Lanzarone, Myles Peckham, Liam & Helen Redmond, Elena Dapkus, Michael DelGiudice, Natalie Whitton, Elizabeth Sacchi, Christopher Sacchi, Allie Gonley, Lucy Briody, Ava & Margaux Kelley, Julia Sorgie and Anna Fernandez

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

All life has inestimable value, even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect. --Pope Francis
www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

According to Pope Francis, "Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life." Let us pray that when the health care mandate is revised that it will safeguard our religious freedom.



The "Devil's Advocate" or *Advocate Diaboli*, is a real position within the Catholic Church.

Our **HOMILY SURVEY** link is @ www.smcr.org. We appreciate and value your feedback!

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

School Play "Arf"

Saint Mary School students in grades 3-5 performed a musical entitled "Arf - A Canine Musical Of Kindness, Courage And Calamity." The setting is Doggie Town, and Judges from the famous Wurstchester Dog Show are coming to spot new talent, and everyone is busy rehearsing for the big show. General German Shepherd is drilling on proper etiquette and discipline, the singing Dalmatians are connecting the dots, the Boxers are toning and getting in shape. But why is Rover the mutt so sad? The message of the play is that outside appearances do not matter, what is in your heart is what is important. Congratulations to all of our stars for a heartwarming performance.

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2017-2018 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.

Volunteers Needed - Dorothy Day Hospitality House

Can you make mixed green salads the third Sunday of each month? We also need occasional help preparing the main meal. Great opportunity for students that need service hours. More info, email mbreilly28@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



The Best Thing You Can Do For Your Kids

Research demonstrates that a family's religious involvement directly benefits children, teens, and adults in a variety of very significant ways:

- Divorce rates are lower and marital satisfaction and quality scores highest among religiously involved couples.
- Religious practices are linked with family satisfaction, closer father-child relationships, and closer parent-child relationships.
- There is less domestic violence among more religious couples, and religious parents are less likely to abuse or yell at their children.
- Religious involvement promotes involved and responsible fathering and is associated with more involved mothering.
- Greater religiosity in parents and youth is associated with a variety of protective factors for adolescents. Adolescent religiosity is inversely related with many high-risk behaviors, all of which have potential to greatly influence the adolescents' current and future family relationship.

"Since many studies now show the beneficial consequences of religious belief, practice, and community support on health, mental health, and relationships, it appears that one of the most important things parents can do for their children is spiritual and religious experience and community" (Research of Dollahite and Thatcher)

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In in the month of June, collected food will go to the St. Joseph Parenting Center. 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 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.

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, 203-894-1341.



Church Bells will Ring July 4th!

This July 4th at 2pm, our Church will ring its bells along with churches of the Greater Danbury area. We will all "Ring the Bells" 13 times in honor of our freedom and the original 13 Colonies of the United States.



WHO MIGHT CONSIDER RCIA?

Adults who have never been baptized. **Adults** who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. **Adults** who were baptized

Catholic as infants, but who have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and /or Holy Eucharist. RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a

- Journey of personal growth
- Personal spiritual journey
- Time for discernment & reflection
- Place for sharing & questioning
- Time to learn about Catholicism and its Liturgy

RCIA is the Church's way of helping people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is concerned with the formation of a person into a fuller understanding of our Catholic faith, so that he or she can comfortably pray and serve within our Church. Contact RE Director, Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Praise the Lord! On Corpus Christi we celebrated 23 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary! We are so blessed to have the exposed Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ, 24 hours each day, 7 days a week in our Adoration Chapel. Jesus is the One who loves, forgives, comforts, encourages, strengthens, nourishes, sustains & heals us. Sign up for your hour. Call Bill/Monica @ (914) 533-2832. God bless!

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.

O=permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed. X=1 additional adorer needed. Blank boxes=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	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
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

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!



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!**