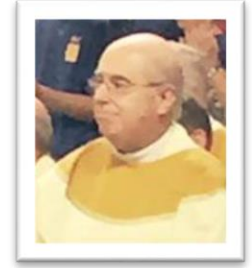


Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017



As We Remember the Fallen!

This Monday, Memorial Day, we remember in a special way all of those men and women of our armed forces who, during the course of our nation's history, offered their lives in defence of our nation. Some were drafted into military service while others volunteered. Most died in wars, many in police actions or in terrorist attacks. We pray for the repose of their souls. They sacrificed their lives for our freedom. On Memorial Day, a very grateful nation remembers what they did for all of us and pays them homage.

This Monday as we make time for picnics and relaxation, let us make time for prayer and join the multitude of our brother and sister Americans to pray in gratitude for the inspiring example of these men and women who have gone before us and for the consolation of their family members and friends.

The following is a beautiful Memorial Day prayer prepared by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence:

HEAVENLY FATHER:

ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO COURAGEOUSLY
LAI D DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

MAY THE EXAMPLES OF THEIR SACRIFICE INSPIRE IN US
THE SELFLESS LOVE OF YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

BLESS THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN TROOPS,
AND FILL THEIR HOMES AND THEIR LIVES WITH YOUR STRENGTH AND PEACE.

IN UNION WITH PEOPLE OF GOODWILL OF EVERY NATION,
EMBOLDEN US TO ANSWER THE CALL TO WORK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE,
AND THUS SEEK AN END TO VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT AROUND THE GLOBE.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.

As we honor our deceased veterans, let us pray for peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 29

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

9:00 AM Col. Louis D. Conley, W. Bingham & Mrs. Cox

TUESDAY, May 30

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

7:00 AM Charlotte O'Donnell
12:00 PM Madeline Costa

WEDNESDAY, May 31

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

7:00 AM Timothy Ferrandino
12:00 PM Charles Sullivan

THURSDAY, June 1

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

7:00 AM Ted O'Rourke
12:00 PM Mike Jenkins, Jr. & Rick Ligi, Jr.

FRIDAY, June 2

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

7:00 AM Imelda Attridge - 10th Anniversary
9:00 AM Fire Capt. Jack Sullivan
12:00 PM Les DiLisio

SATURDAY, June 3

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

8:00 AM Robert VanTassel
4:30 PM Sister Mary Dorena, C.S.J.

SUNDAY, June 4

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil, Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg
9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish
11:15 AM Francis J. Healey

Hall

10:30 AM J. Brayton Fogerty
12:00 PM Edward Ryan, Jr.
5:00 PM Daniel Michael Culhane

BAPTISMS



We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family *Isla Catherine Avery, Rylee Ezaura Malatestinic, Camila Eugenia Pullen, and Nathan James Seidler* who were was baptized last weekend in our Church.

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



WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

May 21, 2017	\$22,275	\$473,777
May 23, 2016	\$23,310	\$505,015
Trinity Dome	\$2,630	



2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$300,517
% OF GOAL	98.53%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 Connolly, Sally Gagliardi, Harrison Mauldin, 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.



Candle Intentions

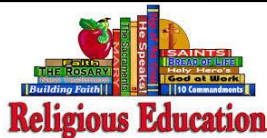
Church Sanctuary Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Felix Lizzul

A Church Altar Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Ersilia Serfilippi

A Church Altar Candle
is Burning in Loving Memory of
Vincenzina Buccitti



Michelangelo is arguably the most famous and most accomplished Catholic artist in history. He created the Pietà, the sculptures of David and Moses, the frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, and the designs for St. Peter's Basilica.



Religious Education

Online Registration is Coming Soon! Religious Education registration is going online! Stay tuned for the registration link which will soon be available via our Parish website.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Each year the members of the 8th grade class participate in the Knights of Columbus essay contest. The theme of the essay is "The Importance of Religious Freedom." Over recent years, Saint Mary School students have had great success in this competition. The Grand Knight of the Marquette Council as well as the chairman of the essay contest committee visited the 8th grade ELA class to award winners. This year the regional winners, as determined by the Knights of Columbus, are Aidan Luzarraga and Aleksandra Box. The winners each received a certificate and a cash prize. The Knights of Columbus also choose one essay from the region to continue on to the state level. Aidan Luzarraga was chosen and took 1st place among the state competition. Aidan was honored by the Knights of Columbus, and was awarded further prizes. Congratulations to all members of the 8th grade class who received certificates from the Knights of Columbus and special congratulations to Aidan and Aleksandra.

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."
– Thomas Jefferson

www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

In recent years, people of faith have experienced pressing restrictions on religious freedom from both the federal government and state governments that receive federal funding. For example, in areas as diverse as adoption, education, healthcare, and other social services, widely held moral and religious beliefs, especially regarding the protection of human life as well as preserving marriage and family, have been maligned in recent years as bigotry or hostility — and penalized accordingly. But disagreement on moral and religious issues is not discrimination; instead, it is the inevitable and desirable fruit of a free, civil society marked by genuine religious diversity.

Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

DVD Drive!

Girl Scouts Collecting Used DVDs/CDs

To support their efforts to raise awareness for people with disabilities, Troop 51168 are collecting DVD/CD's in any condition for the benefit of The Prospecter Theater, to be used for their murals on the lower level. Collection bins are at St. Mary Parish Hall, located in the elementary entrance on 183 High Ridge Ave. and at Ridgefield Parks and Rec, 195 Danbury Rd, until 5/30.



MASS CARD INTENTIONS

The book for Mass Intentions for May 2018 will open on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Mass cards may be obtained at the Parish Office, with a suggested donation of \$10 for announced Masses and \$5 for unannounced Masses.



Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day. 9am Mass only at our Cemetery (in our Church, if it rains).

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Sacrifice is More than Suffering

One definition of *sacrifice* is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is *not* sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from His perfect example of sacrifice.

CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEER NEEDED, CONGREGATE HOUSING



Bingo Calling - Wednesdays, 1-2:30pm. The commitment is usually once a month. Please contact Suzanne MacAvoy for more info at sdmacavoy@hotmail.com or 203 438-7056.

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In 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 at 203-894-1341.



Church Bells will Ring on July 4th!



On Tuesday, July 4th, 2017 at 2pm, our Church will ring its bells along with the 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 of America.

In 1963, Congress authorized "Let Freedom Ring" where bells all around the Nation would ring 13 times as we honor our Nation's Founding and recall the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

MISSION TRIP 2017! Please help support our Youth Group's 2017 Mission Trip! A link to their GoFundMe page is at www.smcr.org. Please consider donating and spreading the word to your friends and family. ☺

EUCHARISTIC 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 call Bill or 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**

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
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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

Jesus ascended into heaven but, at the same time is always with us. He is the center of all we do, say, think & feel. Jesus glorified God while on earth by accomplishing the work God gave Him to do. Now Jesus, God's Son, is glorified by having gone back to the Father in heaven. Jesus always hears our prayers. Come to our Chapel & pray.

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!**