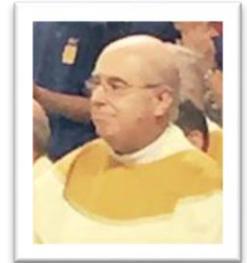


# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

## Corpus Christi

June 18, 2017



## Happy Father's Day!

As we celebrate Father's Day, we honor all fathers, living and deceased, in a special way. Being a father is a great privilege and also a great responsibility, and fathers can certainly look to Saint Joseph as their model:

*"Be close to your children, they need you. Just as Saint Joseph was close to Jesus in his physical, psychological and spiritual growth, you too must be guardians in age, wisdom and grace." All fathers should strive "to protect their children and to teach them wisdom, faith and integrity. I pray that fathers would always experience our gratitude, appreciation and support." –Pope Francis*

The following prayer, which can be used at a father's day family meal, humbly calls upon our Heavenly Father to bless and guide all fathers:

God our Father, You Govern and Protect your People  
 And Shepherd them with a Father's Love.  
 You Place a Father in a Family as a Sign  
 Of your Love, Care, and Constant Protection.  
 May Fathers Everywhere be Faithful to the  
 Example Shown in the Scriptures:  
 Steadfast in Love, Forgiving Transgressions,  
 Sustaining the Family, Caring for Those in Need.  
 Give your Wisdom to Fathers  
 That they may Encourage and Guide their Children.  
 Keep them Healthy as they may Support a Family.  
 Guide every Father with the Spirit of your Love  
 That they may Grow in Holiness  
 And Draw their Family ever Closer to you. Amen. *Author Unknown*

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, June 19**

2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42

7:00 AM Lena and Steve Najger

12:00 PM John Francis McNulty

**TUESDAY, June 20**

2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Irene Gilchrist

**WEDNESDAY, June 21**

2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 AM Brian Hackett

12:00 PM Eleanor Davol

**THURSDAY, June 22**

2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15

7:00 AM Ted Dankowski

12:00 PM Florence Moynihan

**FRIDAY, June 23**

Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

7:00 AM Grace Nneji

12:00 PM Patti Capilli

**SATURDAY, June 24**

Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

8:00 AM Margaret Cuiﬀo

4:30 PM Dolores Wagner

**SUNDAY, June 25**

Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Church**

7:30 AM Tom Egan

9:15 AM Dr. Amaury and Dr. Dora Menezes

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

**Hall**

10:30 AM Kazimer Tarnowski

12:00 PM Stella Oleksiak

5:00 PM Tom Glancy



**Project Rachel** - Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion experience? There is help and hope. Project Rachel is offering an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for women who are suffering from a past abortion. Please contact us at 203-416-1619 or [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 11, 2017	\$23,977	\$540,034
June 12, 2016	\$24,398	\$573,515

**This week's second collection: Hospitality House**  
**Next week's second collection: Peter's Pence**



**2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$307,367
% OF GOAL	100.78%

*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**

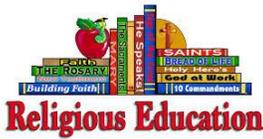
Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Sally Gagliardi, Harrison Mauldin, Jeanne Mastandrea, Barbara Ortonowska, and Madeleine Rothman.** For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>

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



**Religious Education**

**Online Registration!** Religious Education registration is now online! Visit our Parish website for the link to sign up.

**New RE Programs!** Visit our Parish website to learn about our new Religious Ed programs being offered this fall and for a video message from our Religious Ed Director, Pat Postiglione.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure, and not by love, by concern for the good of others.



...As a result, the living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom, but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death." --Pope Francis [www.smcr.org/respect-life](http://www.smcr.org/respect-life)



**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

At the annual Conference of the Academy of Catholic Theologians, Archbishop William E. Lori, asserted that *religious* institutions such as parishes, schools, and charities can no longer pretend that these are ordinary times. They must be robust in their Catholic identity and missionary zeal. He says when parishes lose their evangelizing edge or schools and charities become too much like their secular counterparts, we run the risk of surrendering, bit by bit, our religious freedom. He advises us all to build bridges, reach out in friendship to those we disagree with, but in the process let us not forget or surrender who we are. That is why our parishes and all our institutions need to undergo what Pope Francis calls "a missionary conversion." Let us pray that the revised health care mandate reinstates religious freedom.



Though Germanic tribes destroyed most of Roman civilization, the Catholic Church preserved much classical learning, especially in the monasteries during the Middle Ages.

**20th ANNIVERSARY**



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**SMS Gala was a "Roaring Good Time"**

The SMS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala was a great success! We would like to thank all of the school and parish families, local businesses, sponsors, SMS staff, administrators and gala committee members who demonstrated their support of the mission of Catholic education. Not only was it a fun, festive evening, the proceeds from the event will make a tremendous impact on our students.

Thank you!  
Tracy Hoerdemann and Stephanie Prezioso  
Gala Co-Chairs

*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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).*

**Volunteers Needed - Dorothy Day Hospitality House**

We are looking for volunteers to 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. For more information, please email [mbreilly28@gmail.com](mailto:mbreilly28@gmail.com).

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**Father's Day Proclamation**

Fathers play a unique and important role in the lives of their children. As mentor, protector, and provider, a father fundamentally influences the shape and direction of his child's character by giving love, care, discipline, and guidance. As we observe Father's Day, our nation honors fatherhood and urges fathers to commit themselves selflessly to the success and well-being of their children. And we reaffirm the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. Raising a child requires significant time, effort, and sacrifice; and it is one of the most hopeful and fulfilling experiences a man can ever know. A father can derive great joy from seeing his child grow from infancy to adulthood. As a child matures into independence and self-reliance, the value of a parent's hard work, love, and commitment comes to fruition.

Responsible fatherhood is important to a healthy and civil society. Numerous studies confirm that children whose fathers are present and involved in their lives are more likely to develop into prosperous and healthy adults. Children learn by example; and they need their father's presence as examples of virtue in their daily lives. A child's sense of security can be greatly enhanced by seeing his parents in a loving and faithful marriage." --George W. Bush President, USA

**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](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, 203-894-1341.



**Church Bells will Ring on July 4<sup>th</sup>!**



On Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP'S MISSION TRIP!**

Our youth will be working in the Groton, MA area from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup>. They will join roughly 200 other Catholic teens from around the country to complete 90-plus service projects, ranging from helping local residents in need of lawn and home repairs to helping summer camps for underprivileged youth. In addition to logging close to 10,000 service hours, the teens learn lessons about how service is a vital part of our Catholic faith and attend daily Mass and talks that strengthen their relationship with Christ. The link to our GoFundMe page is @ [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org).

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



*Praise the Lord! This Corpus Christi we celebrate 23 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary! We are so blessed to have the True 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
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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!