

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2017



Facilities Master Plan Update

Pastor Announcement Made the Weekend of June 25th

For some time, we have been talking and thinking about our historic Church, a church to which we are all very attached. During our 2010 strategic planning process the idea of expanding or building a new Church surfaced. About 3 years ago a local architectural firm helped us do more thinking and to develop several architectural options, based on a very extensive Parish Survey. Last year, as you know, we did a feasibility study. And a lot more consultation and thinking followed, including the preparation of preliminary drawings on how to accomplish our expansion goals as well as a careful and prayerful discernment process.

Recently our Parish Team and I met with Bishop Caggiano, and I informed our Bishop that we will be deferring the master plan to expand our existing Church. There are several reasons for my decision. Two of the major ones are:

- our own need to increase our Parish Offertory to help meet our operating costs
- second, and just as important, is the fact that very soon, our Diocese will be launching a major Diocesan Capital Campaign to support the Church's mission through all of its charitable and educational efforts, ministries and programs.. Some of the monies raised through the Diocesan Campaign will return to the parishes. However, as you can imagine, it would be difficult to handle two major fundraising campaigns at the same time. So we are deferring our church expansion project.

At the same time, I also want you to know that we will be moving forward to refurbish or refresh our aging Church, dedicated over 120 years ago back in 1896. To do that work, we hope to use funds from the sale of our rental properties. Given the age of our Church and the use it gets, there are many things that need to be addressed.

In the Fall, we will be scheduling an open Parish or Town Hall Meeting to talk about those items in more detail. We will also set up a link on our Parish Website to receive any suggestions you may have.

Now that the School Year is over and summer has begun, I hope we will all enjoy a relaxing summer with family and friends. God bless.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 10

Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

7:00 AM Ellen Stringer - 25th Anniversary

12:00 PM Jean Esposito

TUESDAY, July 11

Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

7:00 AM Kathleen Ryff-Noto

12:00 PM Jean A. Esposito

WEDNESDAY, July 12

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

7:00 AM Angelina Navarra

12:00 PM Nenay Schultz

THURSDAY, July 13

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

7:00 AM Elizabeth O'Neill

12:00 PM Marie Sanchirico

FRIDAY, July 14

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

7:00 AM Michael Shelava

12:00 PM Jean A. Esposito

SATURDAY, July 15

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

8:00 AM Paul Hutchins

4:30 PM Parishioners of the Parish

SUNDAY, July 16

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Church

7:30 AM Michael Ferrandino

9:15 AM Carmen Camuso

11:15 AM Leslie Marie Parkel

Hall

10:30 AM Helene Cally

12:00 PM Bill Fitzgerald

5:00 PM Ante and Maria Fatovich



SAVE THE DATE!

Aug. 19 - Facing the Giants (Food Trucks) Outside

Sept. 16 - Hidden Figures (BBQ) Outside

Oct. 21 - Miracle Hour & Horton Hears a Who (Babysitting and your version of "Mac n' Cheese")

Nov. 18 - Case for Christ

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

The offertory numbers for July 2nd will be in next week's bulletin. Numbers were not available at the time of printing due to the holiday bulletin schedule.

This week's second collection: Gone Fishin'
Next week's second collection: Co-Op Sunday

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.



2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$318,999
% OF GOAL	104.59%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.**



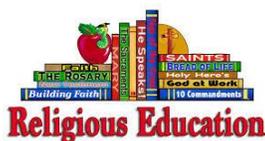
For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.

MASS INTENTIONS: June 2018 Mass Intentions are now available at the Parish Office.



Do you know someone going through a difficult time who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement and support of a Stephen Minister? 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. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show you care!



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

New RE Programs! Family Faith Formation is now available thru 8th grade! Visit our Parish Website to learn about our new RE Program being offered this Fall and for a video message from our Religious Ed Director, Pat Postiglione.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

"The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings — the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, etc. — who are in danger of being 'thrown away,' expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs. --Pope Francis
www.smcr.org/respect-life



DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, issued a statement encouraging the broadening of the exemption from the HHS mandate.

"If issued, these regulations would appropriately broaden the existing exemption to a wider range of stakeholders with religious or moral objections to the mandated coverage—not just houses of worship. This not only would eliminate an unwarranted governmental division of our religious community 'between our houses of worship and our great ministries of service to our neighbors,' but would also lift the government-imposed burden on our ministries 'to violate their own teachings within their very own institutions...Relief like this is years overdue and would be most welcomed."

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.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
 RIDGEFIELD

Top Performance in Catholic Math League

Catholic Math League is a national math competition that was started in 1997 and serves hundreds of Catholic schools nationwide. Students compete according to their math level in four contests, which are 30 minutes long. Saint Mary School competed in the Pre-Algebra category for the 2016-17 school year. Scores were entered and cumulative standings were calculated for the three highest scores per school.

We competed against 12 Catholic schools from the Northeast region, consisting of CT, NH, ME, RI, and MA, totaling 232 students. We are proud to announce that Saint Mary School finished in First Place overall in the region, and three students received top honors. **Jonathon Dowding** earned 1st place in the entire division. Our next top competitors are **Ryan Donovan**, placing 3rd and **Aidan Slovinski** placing 11th. Nationwide, our students competed against 2,283 students, and our highest scores placed us in the top 6%. Congratulations to all students who competed throughout the 2016-2017 school year!

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

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Become Fishers of Men

"Jesus said to them, 'Come after Me; I will make you fishers of men.'" —Mark 1:17

Have you gone fishing yet this year? The Lord wants you to fish for men and women every day. Fishing as Jesus knew it was more a matter of repeated effort than skill. Fishers needed skill to know where and when to fish, but mostly it took just plain hard work. Fishing in Jesus' day had nothing to do with bait, reels, or poles. Fishing was simply throwing a heavy net into the sea and dragging it back. The more times they cast the net and the longer they worked, the better their chances were of catching fish. Fishing was basically long hours of hard manual labor (e.g. see Lk 5:5).

Fishing for men and women (evangelizing) is similar. We don't need to be smart or articulate. We just need to work daily, frequently, and repeatedly to lead others to Christ. If you keep throwing the net, Jesus will provide the fish (see Jn 21:6ff; Lk 5:5-6). Those who fish a lot catch a lot of fish. www.mycatholic.com

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In in the month of July, collected food will go to Dorothy Day Hospitality House. 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 celebrated 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.



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.



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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Praise the Lord! This Corpus Christi we celebrated 23 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Mary Parish! Our Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our Religious Ed Office. Stop by anytime or sign up for an hour:

Urgently Needed: 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

Speak to our Lord with your hearts & not your lips. Show your appreciation for God's forgiveness & understanding by visiting Him in our Adoration Chapel as often as possible. Please sign up for your own hour in our chapel by calling Bill/Monica @ (914) 533-2832. God bless us.

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!**