



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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July 15/16, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The yearly Co-operative Mission Appeal, sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies (formerly known as the Propagation of the Faith) will take place the weekend of July 15/16 in all our parishes. The collection calls us to remember our own commitment to the mission of preaching the Gospel, and gives us a chance to cooperate in our missionary vocation in the Church.

This collection helps religious orders of priests, nuns and brothers who do missionary work outside the USA. Missionaries will speak in many parishes and to give an insight into their challenges and successes in caring for God's people, especially those in developing countries.

The funds collected are divided equally between all those who speak on Co-op Mission Weekend. By doing so, we place in their hands the tools for effective work in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I ask you to be as generous as your financial situation allows. Beyond that, I ask you to pray for all who are working in mission areas, and pray for all those who desperately need their message of God's love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Caggiano".

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, July 17**

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1

7:00 AM Josephine Egan  
12:00 PM Marjorie Bellion

**TUESDAY, July 18**

Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

7:00 AM Eileen Jordan McLaughlin Tracy  
12:00 PM Bill Casey

**WEDNESDAY, July 19**

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

7:00 AM Dwino Pierandri  
12:00 PM Dec. Members of the Burkart Family

**THURSDAY, July 20**

Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

7:00 AM Albert Soricelli  
12:00 PM Mary Catherine Schaeffner

**FRIDAY, July 21**

Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8

7:00 AM John Wagner  
12:00 PM Intentions of Steven and Elizabeth Gmelin

**SATURDAY, July 22**

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

8:00 AM Alice Nell  
4:30 PM Sophie, Lee & Harry O'Brien

**SUNDAY, July 23**

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-

**Church**

7:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish  
9:15 AM Robert Barredo  
11:15 AM Mary Liston Reilly

**Hall**

10:30 AM Sean Donovan  
12:00 PM Joe Ruscigno  
5:00 PM David Anderson



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

<b>July 2, 2017</b>	<b>\$20,380</b>	<b>\$602,072</b>
July 3, 2016	\$22,685	\$640,138

<b>Facilities Repairs</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>\$4,123</b>
	2016	\$4,227

<b>July 9, 2017</b>	<b>\$20,476</b>	<b>\$622,548</b>
July 10, 2016	\$22,802	\$662,940

<b>Gone Fishin'</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>\$3,050</b>
	2016	\$2,235

**This week's second collection: Co-Op Sunday**  
**Next week's second collection: Hospitality House**

**We're still here while you're on vacation!**



Please use *Online Giving* to keep up with offertory. Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) and click on the *Online Giving* link.



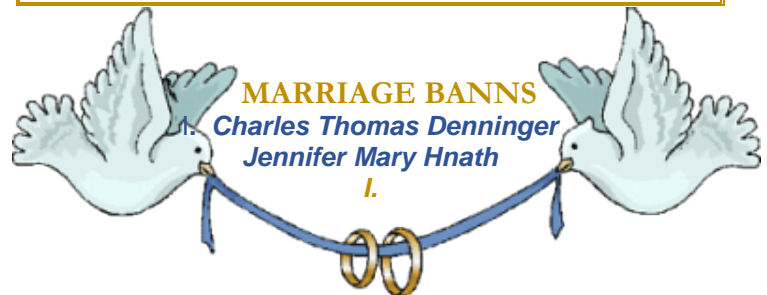
**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Isla Georgianne McKinney** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

**Prayers for the Sick**

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mary Jo Calamai, Josie Connelly, Joseph Lopera, Conor McLaughlin, Fr. Lionel Medeiros, 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.*



**MARRIAGE BANNS**

**Charles Thomas Denninger**  
**Jennifer Mary Hnath**



**Saturday, August 19**  
**Something for everyone**  
**Food trucks 6 - 9**  
**Fun activities 6 - 9**  
**Movie starts at Dusk (approx. 8:30/8:45)**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**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



**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

"Every child not allowed to be born, but unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, the Lord's face . . . Life is always, in all its phases and at any age, sacred..."



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

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**



In June, the bishops from the United States voted to establish a permanent Committee for Religious Liberty. Currently, the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty seeks to strengthen and sustain religious freedom by assisting the U.S. bishops, individually and collectively, to teach about religious freedom to the faithful and the broader public, and to promote and defend religious freedom in law and policy. Let us pray that the committee can encourage lawmakers to protect this First Amendment right as they revamp the HHS mandate.

**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](mailto:mbreilly28@gmail.com).

**NO CONFESSIONS: Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**TEACHING MASS rescheduled to November 18<sup>th</sup>. RSVP on our Parish website.**

**20th ANNIVERSARY**



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**Congratulations to the Class of 2017!**

Congratulations to members of the Saint Mary School Class of 2017 who will attend the following high schools in the fall:

- ❖ Brewster High School
- ❖ Fairfield College Preparatory School
- ❖ Immaculate High School
- ❖ Joel Barlow High School
- ❖ Kennedy Catholic High School
- ❖ Ridgefield High School

*Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades 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).*

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**Have a Little Faith!**

When we read all through the Gospels we see how Jesus loved and always responded to anyone that had faith. He loved it. He loved it when those placed their full trust in Him. ([Matthew 8:5-13](#); [Matthew 15:21-28](#); [Mark 5:21-24](#); [Luke 19:1-10](#)).

Also, what's so amazing is that Jesus said you don't even need a lot of faith. Jesus in fact said that just a little amount can move mountains. In other words, just a little faith can do amazing things in your life and in the lives of those around you. ([Matthew 17:20](#); [1 Corinthians 13:2](#)).

Jesus said our faith could be compared to a mustard seed. What's interesting is that a mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. But it also is a seed. A seed is worth more when it continues to grow. You water and feed the seed of your faith by giving it nourishment. We get nourishment by reading Gods Word; worshipping; praying. All those things feed the seed of faith in your life. ([Matthew 17:20](#)).

[Hebrews 4:16](#) says that we should have confidence; which actually means faith—to approach God's throne of grace. Saying you believe is one thing. Walking that out, day in & day out is another. [www.cbn.com](http://www.cbn.com)

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

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](mailto:jmpmcnich@yahoo.com) or visit [www.kofc245.org](http://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.



**ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!**

Give us your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!** Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for links. 😊

**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	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	X	X	X	O	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
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

*It is through Jesus that we are brought the good news of hope & the promises of God. St. Clement once said, "If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes." This is the promise of our Adoration Chapel. A place to enter with great hope & present ourselves to Jesus. He is always there for us & hears us! Please sign up for an hour by calling Bill & Monica @ (914)-533-2832. God bless us all.*

**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!**