

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6, 2017



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## Ten August Activities for Catholic Families

1. Plan a cookout for your family (or invite friends too!) in honor of St. Lawrence, patron of grill cooks. (August 10<sup>th</sup>)
2. Do something nice for your Mom, in honor of St. Augustine, whose mother (St. Monica) followed him and prayed for years for his conversion to Christianity. St. Augustine's feast day is August 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. Have some prayer time for family members that may have fallen away from the church. St. Monica's feast day is August 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. Read about the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6<sup>th</sup>).
5. Make a sacrifice this month that benefits another person. St. Maximilian Kolbe's feast day is August 14<sup>th</sup>.
6. Attend Mass on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's a Holy Day of Obligation.
7. Work on memorizing one prayer or Bible verse with your children this month.
8. If you missed out on doing a May crowning, you can still do one on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Queenship of Mary.
9. Find a tutorial for making frosting roses and use them to decorate a sweet treat. St. Rose of Lima's feast day is August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
10. Go out past city lights to do some star watching. How many constellations can you find? St. Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers and has a feast day of August 8<sup>th</sup>.



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, August 7**

Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

7:00 AM John and Patricia O'Regan

12:00 PM Felix Lizzul

**TUESDAY, August 8**

Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

7:00 AM Joseph Dragicevich

12:00 PM Michael Edward Mezzapelle

**WEDNESDAY, August 9**

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

7:00 AM Anna Tarantino

12:00 PM Betsy Kennally

**THURSDAY, August 10**

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

7:00 AM Margaret Ruland & Joseph Bonassar

12:00 PM Bill Casey

**FRIDAY, August 11**

Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

7:00 AM Ted O'Rourke

12:00 PM Dr. Dora Maria Menezes

**SATURDAY, August 12**

Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

8:00 AM James Flattery

4:30 PM Ruth G. Karl

**SUNDAY, August 13**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

**Church**

7:30 AM Emilia & Antonio Torcellini

9:15 AM William May

11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

**Hall**

10:30 AM Frances & Quinto Carboni

12:00 PM Navio Ligi

5:00 PM Ana and Paul Lizzul



**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.

**Thank You for Your Suggestions!**

In response to Parishioner requests via our Suggestion Boxes, we will be offering **additional Confession times on Tuesdays and Thursdays after our Noon Mass, from 12:30-1:00pm, and before our Sunday 5pm Mass, from 4-4:45pm,** in addition to our regular Saturday Confessions from 3:30 to 4:30pm. This new schedule will begin August 13<sup>th</sup>.



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

July 30, 2017

\$20,503

\$680,992

July 31, 2016

\$22,048

\$728,144

**This 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](http://www.smcr.org) and click on the *Online Giving* link.



**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Zoe Elizabeth Dunderdale** 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, Conor McLaughlin, Fr. Lionel Medeiros, and Thomas Mendez.** 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**

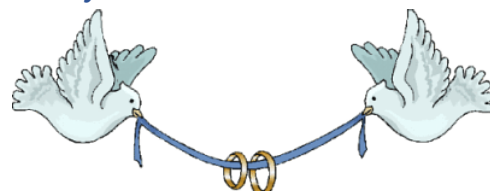
**A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Lucrezia & Carlo Ferraris**

**Marriage Banns**

**I. Joseph Michael Stockmeyer – Meghan O'Donnell Galvin**

**II. Bryan Binheiro Santos – Dure Aziz Amna**

**III. Bryan Paul Eisenman – Gina Marie Yost**





Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

**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 RE Program Option being offered this Fall and for a video message from our Religious Ed Director, Pat Postiglione.

**Why Consider Saint Mary School?**

While our students are enjoying the summer vacation, there is a lot happening at Saint Mary School this in preparation for the 2017-2018 School Year! Many of our classes are full, but spots remain in select grades.

Why consider Saint Mary School?

- ❖ Award winning school
- ❖ Challenging curriculum
- ❖ Advanced technology
- ❖ Dynamic preschool
- ❖ Vibrant Catholic education
- ❖ Strong values
- ❖ Positive school climate
- ❖ Diverse after-school activities
- ❖ Active parent community

We would love to tell you more about what makes Saint Mary School so special. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit [www.smsridgefield.org](http://www.smsridgefield.org).

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

"Therefore, by the authority which Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors ... I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being."  
Pope John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae



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

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**Spend Time Reading and Meditating and on God's Word**

In Ephesians 6:17, the apostle, Paul, writes "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." If we hope to understand God's teachings and let them guide us, spending quality time with the Bible will help us accomplish this goal. By exploring our faith in new ways, we can find inspiration, peace of mind, and wisdom, all leading us toward greater compassion and a deeper relationship with our Lord. Refreshing our faith with the help of God's Word can revitalize our Catholic faith journey in ways we could never imagine. *Beliefnet.com*

**JULY 2018 MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**



The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

**Volunteers Needed - Dorothy Day**

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).

**Birthright Needs Volunteers**

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling and practical support. If you would like to help, please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Thank you.

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

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

In the month of August, collected food will go to the Ridgefield Food Pantry. 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 Grand Knight, Philip R Del Giudice at compass\_grp@yahoo.com or visit [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.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.



**RCIA**

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 DRE, Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

- Sept. 9 – Hidden Figures (Food Trucks)
- Oct. 21 - Miracle Hour & Horton Hears a Who (bring your favorite version of "Mac n' Cheese" to share)



**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:

O means permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed. X means 1 additional adorer is needed. Blank boxes mean there are 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	O	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	O	X	X	O	X	X	X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	O		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		O		X	X	X

*Though Jesus has ascended into heaven, He 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. Jesus will always be our source of faith, hope & love. Spend time with Him in our Adoration Chapel & get to know Him better. It is a perfect place to present all your petitions, requests, worries, concerns & heartaches. 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!**



Approximately 3% of Iraq is Catholic. The Catholic Church has been in Iraq for 400 years.