

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017



Thank you!

We received a thank you note from Birthright of Danbury that I would like to share with you (below). Our Baby Bottle Drive raised over \$7,600 for their pregnancy support services! Special thanks to Parishioner Jennifer Mitchell and her team for their hard work running this important fundraiser. We thank you all for supporting those who choose life! —Msgr. Bronkiewicz

Dear Msgr.,

We, at Birthright of Greater Danbury, want to thank you for having the recent Baby Bottle fundraiser for us.

We are thankful for the monetary gifts totaling just over \$7,600.00!

This will allow us to keep our office open for those who need our pregnancy support services!

God bless you!
Sincerely,

Mev Rickett + Claire Bateman
(CO-DIRECTORS)



BIRTHRIGHT

Thank You



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 14

Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

- 7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Regan Family
- 12:00 PM Margaret Silk-Quick
- 7:30 PM Geno Tarsi

TUESDAY, August 15

Assumption of Mary Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth McCoy
- 9:00 AM Anna Cassone
- 12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish
- 7:30 PM Patrick O'Connor

WEDNESDAY, August 16

Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

- 7:00 AM Patti Capilli
- 12:00 PM George Hefferon

THURSDAY, August 17

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

- 7:00 AM Michael and Gertrude O'Connor
- 12:00 PM Intentions of Myles Murphy

FRIDAY, August 18

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

- 7:00 AM Kathleen Kozlark
- 12:00 PM Sister Julia Ryan, CND

SATURDAY, August 19

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

- 8:00 AM Dorothy Conway
- 4:30 PM Peggy Keane

SUNDAY, August 20

Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Church

- 7:30 AM Virginia Kelleher
- 9:15 AM Carey Depuy
- 11:15 AM Justin Langlois

Hall

- 10:30 AM Sean Donovan
- 12:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish
- 5:00 PM Philip Nappo



ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!

Thank you for your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!** Go to www.smcr.org for links.

Employment Opportunity: Good Counsel Malta House, 5 Prowitt Street, Norwalk, CT, began helping pregnant mothers and babies in 1998 and is a transitional residence whose purpose is to promote the dignity of God-given life by providing a nurturing home environment, support services and independent living skills for pregnant and parenting mothers of all faiths and their children. We are looking for a **House Manager**. Please forward cover letter/resume to: John Hinshaw, John_Hinshaw@goodcounselhomes.org



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 6, 2017	\$22,760	\$703,752
August 7, 2016	\$21,655	\$749,799

Facilities Repair		
2017	\$3,720	
2016	\$3,958	

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.



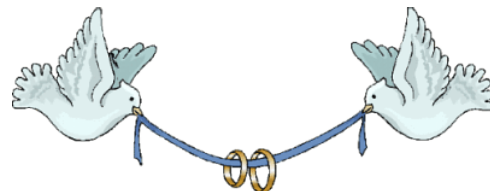
2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$354,599
% OF GOAL	116.26%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.



Marriage Banns

- II. Joseph Michael Stockmeyer – Meghan O'Donnell Galvin
- III. Bryan Binheiro Santos – Dure Aziz Amna

The TEACHING MASS has been rescheduled to November 18th. RSVP on our Parish website.



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.

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

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



When revising the current federal health care bill, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Congress to address the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) moral deficiencies and challenges with long-term sustainability. Problems with the ACA should be fixed with more narrow reforms and in a bipartisan way.

PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Caggiano on September 23, 2017 for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for the dedication of an outdoor shrine. The shrine is dedicated to young people and continues our celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance to the children of Fatima. Details about the pilgrimage can be found at www.thefaceofprayer.com or by emailing institute@diobpt.org or calling 203-416-1670.

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.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



Read Books for the Soul

Reading the Word of God is an essential part of our spiritual journey, and thankfully it is the most widely available book in the world. But for many of us, we treat the Bible more as a paperweight than as the inspired Word of God, and it sits on a counter or bookshelf, untouched, unread, and unused. Make this the summer that changes that. Find an approach that works best for you: find an app/website that gives you the Bible verse of the day, set a time or place daily where you commit yourself to reading a chapter of one of the Gospels, or meditate, pray and then open the Bible wherever you are led. Wherever you open will inspire you. Consistent reading of the Word will lead you closer to God and change your life.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS

Our new Confession Schedule will begin August 13th. We will now offer Confessions on **Tuesdays and Thursdays after our Noon Mass, from 12:30-1:00pm; before our Sunday 5pm Mass, from 4-4:45pm, and maintain our regular Saturday Confession Schedule, 3:30 to 4:30pm. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON SAT, AUG 26TH.**

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, Phil DelGiudice at compass_grp@yahoo.com or visit 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.



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

Our Lord is always with us in so many ways. He is the center of all we do, say, think & feel. Spend time with Him in our Adoration Chapel & get to know Him better. It is a perfect place to meet Him. 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!

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.



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!**

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)



Roman Catholicism has been a very moving force in the development of Western civilization and culture. It continues to be influential in religious issues, social institutions, art, education, medicine, science, music, philosophy, literature, and politics.