

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

August 20, 2017



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### *Prayer for Peace*

*In light of the threats to peace that we see around us in today's world, in Asia and the Middle East, I recommend that we keep praying fervently for peace in our world. The prayer below is one of the Church's official prayers for peace taken from the Roman Missal:*

***“O God of peace, who are peace itself  
and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp,  
nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart  
may persevere in what is good  
and that those in conflict  
may forget evil and so be healed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.”***

*Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz  
Pastor*



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, August 21**

Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

7:00 AM Joan Ryff  
12:00 PM Oliver John Reilly

**TUESDAY, August 22**

Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

7:00 AM Nancy and John Kearns  
12:00 PM Anne Girolmetti - 15th Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, August 23**

Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

7:00 AM Rita Binninger  
12:00 PM Bernice Dasaro

**THURSDAY, August 24**

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

7:00 AM Peter LaForte  
12:00 PM Mary Paterniani

**FRIDAY, August 25**

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

7:00 AM Ursula Barrios  
12:00 PM Brian Sullivan

**SATURDAY, August 26**

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

8:00 AM Felix Lizzul  
4:30 PM Dolores Wagner

**SUNDAY, August 27**

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**Church**

7:30 AM Thomas Carey  
9:15 AM Robert H. DeSpirito  
11:15 AM Eleanor M. Church

**Hall**

10:30 AM Pat Gotimer  
12:00 PM Grace Nneji  
5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



**ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!**

Thank you for your ideas for our Church Refurbish and our Parish! Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for links.

**NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

In response to recent Parishioner feedback, we are offering additional Confession times:

--Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:00pm, after our Noon Mass

--Sunday from 4-4:45pm, before our 5pm Mass

These new times are in addition to our regular Saturday Confessions from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday, August, 26<sup>th</sup>.**



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

August 13, 2017 \$  
August 14, 2016 \$

Assumption 2017 \$  
2016 \$

**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.



**2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

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

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

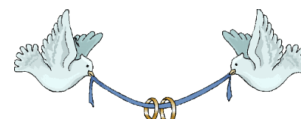
***Prayers for the Sick***

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.



***Candle Intentions***

***The Church Sanctuary Candle & Two Church Altar Candles are Burning in Loving Memory of the Dec. Members of the Galvin, O'Donnell and Stockmeyer Families***



***Marriage Banns***

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



**Online Registration!** Religious Education registration is now online! Visit our Parish Website to learn about our new RE Family Formation Program option being offered this Fall.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” --Pope Francis



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

**DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**



According to USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, “The Catholic Church teaches that religious freedom has to do with immunity from coercion. Immunity from government coercion is a right that all citizens in this country should enjoy. So, in asking for an exemption to the HHS mandate to fully accommodate deeply held moral and religious beliefs, the USCCB is asking that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life.”

Let us pray that efforts to change the health care bill protect our First Amendment rights.

**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 dedicated to young people and continues our celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance to the children of Fatima. Details about the pilgramige can be found at [www.thefaceofprayer.com](http://www.thefaceofprayer.com) or by emailing [institute@diobpt.org](mailto: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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).

**FAITH FORMATION CORNER**



**The Rosary**

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer. —On the Most Holy Rosary (Rosarium Virginis Mariae)



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., Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

**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](mailto: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)



Thank you for your feedback on our homilies. Go to [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org) for a link to our **HOMILY SURVEY**.

**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

Come and spend time in the Eucharistic presence of Our Savior and strengthen your relationship with Him! You can never out give the Lord. So offer Him some of your own time. 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!**

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



**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!**