

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017



Labor Day Prayer

ON THIS WEEKEND, WHEN WE REST FROM OUR USUAL LABORS, LOVING FATHER,

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO SHOULDER THE TASKS OF HUMAN LABOR —

IN THE MARKETPLACE, IN FACTORIES AND OFFICES, IN THE PROFESSIONS,
AND IN FAMILY LIVING.

WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE GIFT AND OPPORTUNITY OF WORK,

MAY OUR EFFORTS ALWAYS BE PURE OF HEART, FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS AND THE GLORY
OF YOUR NAME.

WE LIFT UP TO YOU ALL WHO LONG FOR JUST EMPLOYMENT

AND THOSE WHO WORK TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF WORKERS EVERYWHERE.

MAY THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOW RETIRED ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE STILL MAKE A
VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION

TO OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD BY OUR PRAYERS AND DEEDS OF CHARITY.

MAY OUR WORKING AND OUR RESTING ALL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU

UNTIL THE DAY WE SHARE TOGETHER IN ETERNAL REST WITH ALL OUR DEPARTED
IN YOUR KINGDOM

AS YOU LIVE AND REIGN FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD
FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 4

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

9:00 AM Jack Maguire - 4th Anniversary

TUESDAY, September 5

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

7:00 AM Mary Paterniani

12:00 PM James Lian

WEDNESDAY, September 6

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

7:00 AM Margaret Keating

12:00 PM Les DiLisio

THURSDAY, September 7

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

7:00 AM Carol Gallagher

12:00 PM Erin Bridget Vick

FRIDAY, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

7:00 AM Mary P. Culhane

12:00 PM Chuck Attridge - 3rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, September 9

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM John Esposito

4:30 PM John Miltenis

SUNDAY, September 10

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Church

7:30 AM Ryan Adams

9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

11:15 AM Sister Mary Dorena, C.S.J.

Hall

10:30 AM Chuck Attridge - 3rd Anniversary

12:00 PM Carol Kiefaber

5:00 PM Richie Widmer



ONLINE SUGGESTION BOXES!

Thank you for your ideas for our **Church Refurbish** and our **Parish!**
Go to 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.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

August 27, 2017	\$21,881	\$768,230
August 28, 2016	\$21,278	\$815,609

Hospitality House		
2017	\$4,048	
2016	\$5,630	



2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

PARISH GOAL	\$305,000
RAISED TO DATE	\$356,949
% OF GOAL	117.03%

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **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

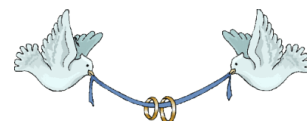


Church Sanctuary Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of **Dolores Wagner**

A Church Altar Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of **Philomena & Pasquale Figliola**



Marriage Banns

- I. Rocco Joseph Buetti & Mallory Paige Mahedy**
- II. Sean Dennis Haddid & Stephanie Ann Sheldon**

August 2018 Mass Intentions available.



Fall Schedules! Go to www.smcr.org for the 2017-2018 Religious Ed Calendars. Registration is now online. Visit our Parish Website to learn about our new Family Formation Program.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Back to school

There was so much excitement and enthusiasm as our Kindergarten – Grade 8 students came back to school last week. The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start, and there are many new enhancements, both big and small, including a new interactive Middle School Spanish program, an additional PK 4 year old class, a new Before Care program for preschoolers, and an 8th Grade Capstone project to name just a few. Our youngest learners, our Preschool friends join us this week.

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.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

**A person's a person,
no matter how small.**

--Dr. Seuss



Join us for our next Respect Life meeting September 6th at 7pm in the Day Chapel. www.smcr.org/respect-life

Project Rachel: Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? Call our confidential phone line to find out about our upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing for women, men and siblings at 203.895.3554 or 203.416.1619. You can also email us at projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

**DEFENDING OUR
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**



In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in ways that protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

PILGRIMAGE - WASHINGTON D.C.

Join Bishop Caggiano September 23rd, 2017 for a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Details at www.thefaceofprayer.com or email institute@diobpt.org or call 203-416-1670.



**12-DAY PILGRIMAGE
NORTHERN ITALY**

September 15th – 26th, 2018

Visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, La Verna, Padua, Venice, and Stresa. Spiritual

Director: Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport. Go to www.smcr.org for more details and itinerary.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

**On Labor Day, Teach your Kids about
the Dignity of Work**



Labor Day is the last hurrah of summer, a day for barbecues and, for many kids, their last taste of freedom before school starts up again. But, Labor Day is so much more! Perhaps it's fitting that it comes as school is ramping up, because school is the labor of children. It also comes as some parents' jobs move from a slower summer pace to a fuller schedule. Labor Day is also the celebration of the fruits of our labors, our various contributions to society.

Our Catholic faith has a long tradition of teaching about labor...and Labor Day is the perfect time to share it with your kids! Go to www.pbgrace.com/labor-day for some background, plus suggested activities.



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 13th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

In the month of September, collected food will go to the Saint Joseph Parenting Center. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our order was founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Marquette Council's activities started here at St. Mary Parish in 1894 and have continued uninterrupted for over 120 years. Our goal is to offer our members and their families an opportunity to share God's love through service to our Priests, Parish and community. Want to enrich your faith & model strong values for your family? Learn more at www.KOFC.org or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, Compass_grp@yahoo.com.

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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	X	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	O	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		O		X	X	X

Summer is rapidly coming to a close. Don't miss this opportunity to tell Jesus how much He means to you today & always. Sign up for a scheduled hour or as a substitute. Check the table - we need permanent adorers to fill 5 different hours. Consider taking one of them. Please sign up for an hour 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!

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

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: Movie Night!

Oct. 21 - Miracle Hour & Horton Hears a Who



Thank you for your feedback on our homilies. Go to www.smcr.org for a link to our HOMILY SURVEY.