

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018



St. Mary Parish Fair Thank You!

Dear friends in Christ,

On September 8th, our Parish came together to celebrate our Saint Mary Fall Fair. This event could only have happened because of the time, talent and resources so generously offered by so many Parishioners, our Parish Staff, our wonderful Ministries and the Youth of our Parish, as well as local businesses that make the day a real success. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and, in particular, John Spera and Bob Wendel who once again co-chaired this year's event. Hardworking committees led by the following Parishioners organized the various activities that came together to make this a great day for all, and I thank them as well:

Lisa DelGiudice
Rich DeSerio
John Eppolito
Tony Giobbi
Jan Hebert
JoAnne Hyland

Guido Maiolo
Doty McNicholas
John McNicholas
George Melo
Michele Mueller
Sharon Reilly

Mary Spera
Jim Stoveken
Ruth van den Nieuwenhuizen
Liz Wendel

Many local businesses and Parish families generously donated a tent sponsorship, Fair items, or services to our Fair, and I am most grateful to them as well. They are listed on the cover of this Bulletin.

Last, but not least, sincere gratitude to all of you who supported our Fall Fair by offering your time, baked goods, garden items, jewelry pieces, used books and toys, White Elephant donations, raffle baskets...and the list goes on. Without your commitment, our Fall Fair 2018 would not have been possible. May the Lord continue to bless our wonderful Saint Mary Parish.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz".

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 8

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

9:00 AM Chief John Roche

TUESDAY, October 9

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lewis Family

12:00 PM Angelia Coscio - 50th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, October 10

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

7:00 AM Argine Dalton

12:00 PM Owen Gleeson

THURSDAY, October 11

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

7:00 AM William Dolan

12:00 PM Herbert Janick Jr.

FRIDAY, October 12

Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

7:00 AM Margaret & John Grossa

12:00 PM Trudy Wireback

SATURDAY, October 13

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

8:00 AM Elizabeth McCoy

4:30 PM Mario and Louise Serfilippi

SUNDAY, October 14

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

CHURCH

7:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

9:15 AM Sandra Kalriess

11:15 AM Leslie Marie Parkel

HALL

10:30 AM Jenny, Betty, Lena and Bernice Gueci

12:00 PM John F. Brennan

5:00 PM Catherine, Denis and Thomas Sullivan



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

September 30, 2018	\$19,291	\$847,607
October 1, 2017	\$26,703	\$870,170



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Matthew Anthony, Chris Carlson, Jim Connelly, Lee and Scott McCaughey, Pat McManus, Dean Ralph O'Sullivan, Peggy Sheridan and David State.** Only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Louna Frances Romeo and Christine Ella Zhang** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

Candle Intentions

A Church Altar Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Stephen Rogers

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DIVORCECARE

Divorce Support Group

Join us for a Christ-centered program to help face the challenges of divorce and rebuild your life. Weekly meetings are Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm through December 19 at the First Congregational Church in Ridgefield. Registration fee is \$20 and includes a workbook. The leader is Michelle Olsen 203-470-7085 from FCC with the assistance of Jim Orkin from our Parish. More info at <https://www.divorcecare.org/findagroup>. All are welcome to attend the First Congregational Fellowship Meal at 6pm prior to the meeting (cost is \$5/adult, \$3/child \$20 maximum).

Save the Date!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Saturday Oct. 20 Hotel Transylvania 3
Saturday Nov. 11 Wreck-it Ralph



**ST. MARY
POLO SHIRTS
for sale at the
Parish Office,
\$20.**



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

Please join us at our first luncheon of the school year this Tuesday, October 9! Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30, Mass will be at 12:00, with lunch to follow. Come enjoy good food and good company. Please RSVP to Saint Mary School's Office, [203-438-7288](tel:203-438-7288) by Mon, Oct 8. Suggested donation \$6.

FACE OF PRAYER

The *Face of Prayer* recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people.

You can now visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests (including yours truly!), religious, and lay leaders, across the country.

Be sure to join the movement by texting PRAY to 55778 to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

New Chairs in Parish Hall

New chairs have been added to the two front rows on the side entrance in the Parish Hall for those who would benefit from an arm chair.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 8th, in observance of Columbus Day. ChristLife will not take place that evening.

REGISTER 

Registering at our Parish is an expression of your desire to be part of our

Roman Catholic Family of Faith and a commitment to the life and support of our Parish. We invite and encourage you to officially register as a Parishioner. It's easy. Stop by or office or go to our website. We welcome you!

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MINISTRY.

If you know of someone going through a difficult time, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders,

Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They help bring the healing power of Christ's love.



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Music at SMS – Did you Know?

The halls of SMS are alive with the sound of music! Students from our youngest three year olds – Grade 8 enjoy weekly music class with Mr. Fox. Throughout the year students have an opportunity to perform at events such as Veterans Day, Praise and Thanksgiving, and the Christmas Pageant. Older students audition to be a part of the Saint Mary Singers, who perform at First Friday Mass each month. Preschool – Grade 8 students may take a weekly violin class, and Grade 3-8 students may participate weekly in Band. The culmination is our Annual Spring Concert in which all of our students get a chance to shine!

Saint Mary School is currently enrolling students in select grades for the 2018-2019 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.

MEDICARE COUNSELING

Ridgefield Social Services is once again offering free confidential Medicare prescription counseling session on **November 1, 2018 at 1:30 pm at Founders Hall. Free Individual Counseling Sessions** at the **Library** are available by appointment. Call 203.431.2754. These free one-on-one meetings provide a confidential review of your prescription coverage, an explanation of benefits and general assistance to people with Medicare. Counselors will compare your current coverage with plans for 2019 assuring all your medications are covered and you are not paying more then you need. **municipalagent@ridgefield.org**



Take Five for Faith An Angel on My Shoulder
Daily renewal for busy Catholics

In his first inaugural address, President Abraham Lincoln hoped the nation would be "touched . . . by the better angels of our nature." His imagery says a lot about life: We can take either the high road or the low. We can be selfish and angry, or generous and kind. Saint Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) knew both sides. He admitted he had a "caustic temper" and had to mind his "black and boiling moods." He also wrote: "We should remember that Christ himself said that by gentleness we inherit the earth. If we act on this, we will win people over so that they will turn to the Lord. That will not happen if we treat people harshly or sharply." By which angels do we choose to live, the better or the worse?

CATHOLIC ACTION

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in September goes to the St. Joseph Parenting Center. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to serve lunch 2x/month, weekdays, 11:45am-1:00pm @ Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. Contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com.

MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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 @ www.smcr.org, or if you do not have computer access, contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832.



EFFECTIVE FATHERS

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 9TH - 11TH

SAINT MARY PARISH HALL - RIDGEBFIELD, CT
GUEST SPEAKER

Sponsored by
Saint Mary Men's Ministry

THOMAS H. GROOME

BOSTON COLLEGE, School of Theology



PILGRIM VIRGIN

The Pilgrim Virgin statue is ready to travel to your home upon request. The message of Fatima remains the same and is more urgent than ever: say the Rosary daily for peace in the world, pray for the conversion of sinners and observe First Saturday Devotion. To arrange for a visit of the Pilgrim Virgin statue to your home, please call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341 or email at lstoveken@comcast.net.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Church)

Sunday
7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM (Church)

10:30 AM Family Mass, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM Youth Mass (Hall)

Monday - Friday
7:00 AM and 12:00 noon (Church)

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil Mass 7:30 PM
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
7:30 PM (Church)

Our Mission:

LIVE the gift of our faith, **ENRICH** our understanding of that gift, and **PRACTICE** our faith in compassionate service.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Every Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30-1PM and every Saturday from 3:30-4:30PM (Church)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:30 PM
New parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Call Parish office to schedule both

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least 9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make arrangements

In case of serious illness or death in the family, call Parish Office immediately.

CEMETERY

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ADORATION
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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!