

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

October 21, 2018



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### Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life month. As Christians, we are called to promote the Gospel of Life. All human life is created in God's image and likeness and is precious in God's sight. In the Kingdom of God, even the poorest, the smallest, and the most forgotten are truly important. In our own community we know that the elderly, the physically and mentally challenged, and the unborn are flesh and blood human beings and deserve our love and support. That is why we promote respect for all human life from conception until natural death.

Pope Francis has spoken about the dignity of all human life and has strongly criticized a "throwaway culture" that places too little value on human life. "Unfortunately what is thrown away is not only food and disposable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as unnecessary." He stressed the need to respect the dignity of the most vulnerable and marginalized in society.

If you would like to join our Parish Respect Life Ministry, to help bring others to a greater understanding of the sanctity of human life, please see our Website for contacts and details.

May God bless you and your families for all you do to embrace and support a culture of life.

*Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz*

Pastor



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, October 22**

*Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21*

7:00 AM Ryan Adams

12:00 PM Chief John Roche

**TUESDAY, October 23**

*Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38*

7:00 AM Dick Pagano

12:00 PM Blanche Herring

**WEDNESDAY, October 24**

*Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48*

7:00 AM Adele Anderson

12:00 PM Jesse Joseph

**THURSDAY, October 25**

*Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53*

7:00 AM Madeline Rothman

12:00 PM Daniel Culhane - 2nd Anniversary

**FRIDAY, October 26**

*Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59*

7:00 AM Carolyn Dragicevich

12:00 PM Jack Hanney - 13th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, October 27**

*Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9*

8:00 AM Bernard Braskamp

4:30 PM Mary McInerney

**SUNDAY, October 28**

*Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52*

**CHURCH**

7:30 AM Robert A. Law Jr.

9:15 AM Steven Lancaster

11:15 AM Maureen Sutherland

**HALL**

10:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

12:00 PM Ellen Duffy Bush

5:00 PM Antonio V. Fernandez

**DIVORCECARE**

**Divorce Support Group**

St. Mary Parish is partnering with First Congregational Church in Ridgefield to bring you DivorceCare. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm through December 19 at the First Congregational Church. Registration fee is \$20. Contact Michelle Olsen 203-470-7085 for more info.



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.



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE**

**October 14, 2018**      \$19,793 \$887,915

October 15, 2017      \$23,792 \$917,255

**Hospitality House**

2018      \$5,014

2017      \$5,803



*Prayers for the Sick*

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

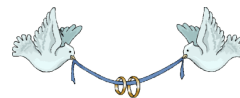
**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Callan Kathleen Brennan and Caroline Sofia Nikodijevic** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



*Marriage Banns*

*II. Kevin Francis Shaughnessy – Melissa Elisabeth Lucia*



*Candle Intentions*



*Church Sanctuary Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of Robert A. Law Jr.*

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**



Pre-Baptism instruction is required for parents who have not had any within five years and wish to have their child baptized. Our next class will be held on Wednesday, **November 14th** from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Please call

our Parish Office to register.



### RCIA

*RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, will have the first gathering of the year on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 in the School Library. If you are curious about the Catholic faith and have not yet received the Sacraments of the Church, please join us! For more info, call Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or [ppostiglione@smcr.org](mailto:ppostiglione@smcr.org).*

### EVENT RENTAL SPACE

Need a place to gather after a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding Rehearsal? St. Mary Parish offers a variety of venues for social events and meetings, including our Parish Barn for smaller groups and our Parish Hall for larger groups, up to 245. Dance floor, free parking and on-site caterer available. Please contact our Parish Office, 203-438-6538, for more information.



### CALLING ALL COOKS!

Join our Dorothy Day House of Hospitality volunteers to occasionally prepare salads and/or a tray of food for the main course that we serve the third Sunday of each month. Please contact [mbreilly28@gmail.com](mailto:mbreilly28@gmail.com) if interested. Thank you!

### RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



*Each child is sent into the world by God with a unique message to deliver, a new song to sing, and a personal act of love to bestow.*

### 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.** [municipalagent@ridgefield.org](mailto:municipalagent@ridgefield.org). **Free Individual Counseling Sessions** at the **Library** are available by appointment. Call 203-431-2754.



Saint Mary School  
RIDGEFIELD

### Trunk or Treat

One of our favorite events is our annual Trunk or Treat celebration. Students in Preschool – Grade 8 and their families are invited to an afternoon of “trick-or-treating” in the safety of the school parking lot. Families decorate their trunks in a range of simple to elaborate themes. There are games, face painting, a photo booth and DJ. Middle School volunteers help the little ones with games and face painting, and lead the dancing fun. It is a wonderful community event!

*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](http://www.smsridgefield.org).*

### 37th Annual Kennedy Catholic High School Auction

Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 6:00 PM  
in the Lakeview Room at Kennedy Catholic HS



RSVP by Monday, November 5  
(914) 232-5061 Ext. 110  
[Advancement@KennedyCatholic.org](mailto:Advancement@KennedyCatholic.org)  
[www.KennedyCatholic.org/Auction](http://www.KennedyCatholic.org/Auction)



\$60 in Advance/\$65 at the Door

- Live & Silent Auction •
- Basket Raffle • Sr. Barbara's Money Tree Raffle •
- 50/50 Raffle • Beats Headphone Raffle •
- Beer, Wine, Appetizers, Dinner & Dessert

*Raffle tickets cannot be purchased by credit card, please bring cash or check.*



### Remember Your Prayers

Jesus held in the highest esteem the Jewish prayer known as the Shema, which exhorts believers to love God with all their heart. The Shema has survived thousands of years of Jewish exile, dispersion, and persecution and remains a bedrock of Jewish identity to this day. At the end of World War II, an esteemed rabbi traveled Europe to reclaim Jewish children who had been hidden during the Holocaust with non-Jewish families. He would loudly proclaim “Shema Yisrael” (“Hear, O Israel”—the first words of the prayer) at gatherings of children and then look at their faces to see which ones recognized it from their earliest memories of praying with their Jewish families. Pray these words with Christ and live them.

## CATHOLIC ACTION

### Midnight Run: November 9th

The next scheduled Midnight Run is November 9th. Needed items: jackets, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, new underwear (M-XL), socks, blankets, backpacks, lightly used sneakers and shoes.

Drop off your donation at the Barn from 7:30am to 3:30pm, November 2 to 8. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the Run. Call Bob Wendel at 914-325-6860

### 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](http://www.KOFC.org) or contact Phil Del Giudice, Grand Knight, [Compass\\_grp@yahoo.com](mailto:Compass_grp@yahoo.com).



### EUCHARISTIC 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](http://www.smcr.org), or if you do not have computer access, contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832.



### 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 [jstoveken@comcast.net](mailto:jstoveken@comcast.net).

**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, 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.**

### 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

203-438-3606

#### ADORATION

Monica & Bill Brown  
914-533-2832

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**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lourduraj P., O. Praem., frraj@smcr.org**

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