

Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord
March 25, 2018



Today, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week during which we commemorate the final visit of our Lord to the Holy City, and his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This holiest week in the Church year is such an important time spiritually. Let's make the most of this time. Please carefully review the schedule of our Masses and our other liturgical services for the week and participate as much as you can. Details are in our Parish Bulletin and on our Parish website.

This Monday, March 26, is **Reconciliation Monday** - Fr. Joe Prince, Fr. Justin Raj, IMS, and Fr. John Inserra will be hearing Confessions in our Church from 3:00-9:00PM. Msgr. Bronkiewicz and Fr. Sean will be at Saint Francis in Weston.

God's blessings on our Lenten journey of faith.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 26

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

- 7:00 AM Ryan Adams
- 12:00 PM Patricia Bonpietro

TUESDAY, March 27

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

- 7:00 AM Maron and Ronald Bonassar
- 12:00 PM James O'Neill

WEDNESDAY, March 28

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

- 7:00 AM Barbara Ferrandino
- 12:00 PM Mae Azar

THURSDAY, March 29

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

- 7:30 PM Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's

FRIDAY, March 30

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

- 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 8:00 PM Tenebrae

SATURDAY, March 31

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
 Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

- 10:30 AM Traditional Easter Food Blessing
- 8:00 PM Trice Calise

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

CHURCH

- 7:00 AM Parishioners of the Parish
- 9:00 AM Enzo & Elsie Bartolucci
- 10:15 AM Teresa Avento

GYM

- 8:00 AM John Henwood
- 9:30 AM McQuillan Family
- 11:00 AM Les DiLisio
- 12:30 PM Felix Lizzul



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

March 18, 2018	\$26,216	\$255,154
March 19, 2017	\$23,446	\$252,835
Flowers		
2018	\$4,569	
2017	\$4,355	

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Mike DeSerio, Shelagh Featherstone, Margaret Hughes, Lee & Scott McCaughey, Jennie Palmieri and Vincent Ryan:** 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
 Annamae Jacobs*

*A Church Altar Candle
 is Burning in Loving Memory of
 Charles Henry Micha*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday at 12 Noon in our Church

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 26th from 3-9PM in our Church. Confessions heard by 3 priests from other parishes.

MEATLESS LENTEN FRIDAYS

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Limit of one full meal for all between the ages of 18 and 59. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for all those who are 14 and over.



Our Music Director, Darren Motise, will play an organ recital at The United States Military Academy at West Point on Sunday, April 22nd at 4pm. The concert will take place in the magnificent Cadet Chapel, which houses the world's largest church organ. Repertoire will include works by Bach and Duruflé. Admission is free.

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!

ARCHDIOCESAN HYMN FESTIVAL



Join fellow choir members and cantors from around the tristate area in discovering and singing the "hidden gems" of Catholic hymnody as well as beloved favorites. All voices are welcome at this exciting evening of music-making and fellowship! Church of St. Joseph (Somers), Monday, April 16, 7-8:30pm. Suggested donation: \$15 (participants keep all distributed music). More information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops. Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Our next St. Mary Respect Life meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 4th at 7PM in the Day Chapel (in the Parish Hall).



www.smcr.org/respect-life

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



The Second Vatican Council in 1965 adopted the *Dignitatis Humanae*, a declaration on religious liberty. It states that religious freedom should extend not only to individuals, but also families, communities, and institutions. As parents have a fundamental right to teach their children their faith, companies should also have the right to contribute to the common good by expressing their religious practices. Ultimately, religious freedom belongs to groups as well as individuals.

Let us pray that legislators who work to replace the federal health care mandate read and be inspired by *Dignitatis Humanae*.

DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP



meets Sundays at 7:30pm in the Barn, next to our Church. No meeting 4/1. All faiths welcome!

20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

SMS Annual Golf Scramble and Spring Soiree Dinner

On Monday, May 23rd Saint Mary School will be hosting our annual Golf Scramble and Spring Soiree Dinner. We invite all parishioners to join us in supporting and celebrating Catholic Education. The events will be hosted at the Salem Golf Club. There is a dinner only option as well as the golf plus dinner option. Sponsorship and registration forms are located via the Saint Mary School website at www.smsridgefield.org/parents_golf.html.

Saint Mary School is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at (203) 438-7288, or visit www.smsridgefield.org.

Clergy Hospital Visits

Until further notice, please contact our Parish Office directly in the event of an admission to Danbury Hospital.

B I B L E

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Upset	John 14
Weak	Psalm 18:1-29
Lonely	Psalm 23
Sinned	Psalm 51
Worried	Matthew 8:19-31
Anxious	Philippians 4:4-9
Unhappy	Colossians 3:12-17
In danger	Psalm 91
Depressed	Psalm 27
Lack of Faith	Exodus 14
Need Courage	Joshua 1
Need Direction	Psalm 73:21-26
Seeking peace	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a trip	Psalm 121
Struggling with loss	Luke 15
Struggling Financially	Psalm 37
Discouraged with work	Psalm 126

AVAILABLE 24/7 | PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED
DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Mass Intentions for March 2019 will be available in the Parish Office starting on April 3, 2018.

CATHOLIC ACTION

VOLUNTEERS: LUNCH & BINGO



Two or three volunteers needed to serve lunch. Commitment is appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. ALSO needed: 2 Bingo Callers. Wednesdays 1-2:30. Commitment - 1 hour a month. Where: Congregate

Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com

DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in March goes to the Knights of Columbus Easter Food Drive. 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 IS BACK!

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.



RCIA



This group is open to anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to join and learn more about the

Catholic Faith. For more info, call Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or ppostiglione@smcr.org

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.



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:

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.
X = there is at least 1 adorer. 2 adorers are desired.

Blank boxes= 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	O	X	X	X
3am-4am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4am-5am	X	X		X	X	X	O
5am-6am	X	X	X	X		X	X
6am-7am	X	X	X	X		X	X
7am-8am	X	O	X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9am-10am	X	X	X		X	X	X
10am-11am	X	X		X		X	X
11am-12N	O	X	X	X	X		O
12N-1pm	X	X		X	X	X	X
1pm-2pm	X	X		X	X	X	O
2pm-3pm	X	O	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm	X	X	X		X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X				X	X	O
5pm-6pm	X			X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X	X	X		X	X	O
7pm-8pm	X	X				X	X
8pm-9pm	X	X	X			X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10pm-11pm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

As we enter the final stages of Lent, Jesus' hour is fast approaching. Though we all want to get to Heaven, we try to postpone death doing all we can to preserve & lengthen our lives. The fear & uncertainty of the unknown clouds our thinking. Jesus knew what God had planned for Him & surrendered to it just as we need to accept & trust in God's plan for our salvation. Let us take advantage of our time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Call Bill or Monica at 914-533-2832 to sign up as an adorer or substitute or sign up at our website. 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!



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 wake up call.**