



Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord
April 1, 2018



Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

On this Easter Sunday 2018 we warmly welcome all to our Saint Mary Parish Family of Faith. We congratulate those who have completed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and are now fully incorporated into our Church. They have freely chosen to embrace the Catholic faith and are invited to go forth and preach the Good News of Jesus by word and example. We also warmly welcome relatives of our Parishioners and all those who do not attend our Church on a regular basis. We hope you will return and join us more often.

"Let the Risen Jesus enter your life. Welcome him as a friend, with trust. He is life. If, up to now, you have kept him at a distance, step forward. You will not be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, do not be afraid. Trust him, be confident that he is close to you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do." --Pope Francis

Today, in a world growing more and more secular and anti-Christian, we are challenged to take these words to heart – to live, love and take risks for Christ, and to witness for Christ. We can show by our witness and our actions that we are truly the body of Christ, the community of hope, and the Easter people of faith.

As we celebrate this day, I thank you for all that you do to enhance the spiritual vitality of this wonderful Parish. I wish you and your families a holy, happy and healthy Easter season.

God bless you,

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

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz
Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 2

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

9:00 AM Joseph Pallotta

TUESDAY, April 3

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lewis Family

12:00 PM Chris Martin

WEDNESDAY, April 4

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

7:00 AM Mary Paterniani

12:00 PM Virginia Renzini

THURSDAY, April 5

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

7:00 AM Pat Ruhl

12:00 PM Mary Ryan

FRIDAY, April 6

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

7:00 AM Herb Janick

9:00 AM Mary Houlihan

12:00 PM Anna Paoletti

SATURDAY, April 7

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

8:00 AM Bill Casey - 1st Anniversary

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SUNDAY, April 8 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Church

7:30 AM Ryan Adams

9:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

11:15 AM Joseph LaPera

Hall

10:30 AM Teresa Avento

12:00 PM Frances & Otto Pambianchi

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Zembron Family



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Offertory numbers for March 25th were not available at the time of printing. They will appear in next week's Bulletin.

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

A Church Altar Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of Eileen M. Treacy

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, **May 9th** from 7:30-8:30 pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.

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!

Remember a friend or loved one with a candle lit in their name. Candle Intention options:

- Adoration Chapel Tabernacle Candle - \$40 donation, for one week
- Church Sanctuary Candle - \$40 donation, for one week
- Church Altar Candles - \$20 donation each, for one week
- Hall Sanctuary Candle - \$20 donation, burns at Sunday Mass

All intentions will be noted in our Bulletin during the week requested and each Candle Intention purchased includes a card with envelope. Please purchase at our Parish Office.



Fair Donations: Jewelry & Accessories

Our Fall Fair is in September! We are in need of donations



of jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry displays, accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.). Donation drop off: Parish Office. Thank you so much, in advance, for your generosity...Ruth VDN



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.

The Parish Offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 2nd.

RCIA

Easter Blessings for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. May God bless our RCIA Catechumen, Matthew Finnerty receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our candidates, Rich Huckstadt and Uhmeka Efide, having made Profession of Faith, and receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Please welcome them and keep our new members of the Catholic Church in your prayers!



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



Pre-purchase St. Mary Cemetery Space

"I felt good knowing I was sparing my family the burden of making this decision at a difficult time in their lives."

Secure your family heritage at St. Mary Parish. Visit www.smcr.org for more info and FAQs or call Donna Barber at the cemetery office, 203-438-3606.

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.



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

Pope Francis has said: "Religious freedom is not only that of private thought or worship. It is the liberty to live, both privately and publicly, according to the ethical principles resulting from found truth." This is why it is important that we continue to put pressure on our elected officials to change the federal health care mandate which forces religious institutions to pay for medical procedures that violate their moral principles.

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



The Catholic Church is the largest single denomination in Christianity. There are more than 1 billion Catholics in the world, in all five continents. They are particularly concentrated in southern Europe, the U.S., the Philippines, and the countries of Central and South America.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER



How to Make Sunday Holy

Keeping Sundays holy does not mean that you have to completely change your lifestyle. If your job requires that you work on Sunday, you don't have to quit. Instead, try to incorporate the holiness of the day into whatever you do; try to set aside some time during the day to reflect on God. If your family members are sports fans, turning off the TV or refusing tickets to a game would only create resentment and could actually turn people away from God. The key is to look at sports as a form of rest and recreation which allows you to appreciate God's gift of athletic ability. If you're invited to the theater or some special performance on Sunday, it's not wrong to go. Be grateful to God and enjoy yourself. But, remember to do ALL things for the glory of God! To Him goes ALL the glory!

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

CATHOLIC ACTION

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next scheduled Midnight Run is April 27th. Needed items: medium to lightweight jackets, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, new underwear (M-XL), socks, blankets, backpacks, lightly used sneakers & shoes, and travel size toiletries, including toothpaste and mouthwash. Drop off donations at the Barn from 7:30am to 3:30pm, April 23-26. Volunteers are needed to sort and fold clothing, pick up and return the van and to go on the Run. To volunteer, call Bob Wendel, 914-325-6860.



DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in April goes 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

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.



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.

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.

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. 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 wakeup call**.

CONFESSIONS NEXT SUNDAY will be in our Church (not the Parish Hall) after the Divine Mercy Sunday service.