

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018



First Holy Communion

Next Saturday, and the following weekend, one hundred and four children will be making their **First Holy Communion at Saint Mary Parish**. Our Catechism teaches that when we receive the Jesus in the Eucharist, it recalls the Lord's Last Supper with his Apostles when they received His Body and Blood for the first time.

Our 3rd Grade Parishioners have been looking forward to this day for a long time and are excited. Thank you to our parents who are their first and best of teachers in the ways of our Catholic faith. After all, it is through them more than anyone else that our First Communicants have come to know and love the Lord with the help of their parents. One thing is very clear - our children need to sense the faith of their parents or they will not grow in faith themselves.

First Holy Communion is also a time of great joy...for relatives, friends, and teachers who have helped in various ways to lead our First Communicants to this special day.

Let us support our First Communicants and their families by praying for them and asking God to bless them all with an extra dose of His love.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 30

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

7:00 AM Irene Massagli
12:00 PM Elizabeth Hance

TUESDAY, May 1

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31aor, for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58

7:00 AM Olivia Menapace
12:00 PM Marguerite Redmond

WEDNESDAY, May 2

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

7:00 AM Ed Lawlor †
12:00 PM David Higgins

THURSDAY, May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

7:00 AM Madeline Jones - 1st Anniversary
12:00 PM Joseph Strilowich

FRIDAY, May 4

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

7:00 AM Ryan Adams
9:00 AM David Higgins
12:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gucci

SATURDAY, May 5

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

8:00 AM Robert Linnon - 8th Anniversary
4:30 PM Mario & Louise Serfilippi

SUNDAY, May 6

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Church

7:30 AM Dante Ligi
9:15 AM Mary Hogan Thompson
11:15 AM Patrick Disbrow

Hall

10:30 AM Gliceria C. Probst
12:00 PM Catherine & Denis Sullivan
5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

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| April 22, 2018 | \$23,017 | \$373,351 |
| April 23, 2017 | \$22,815 | \$369,933 |

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Bill Brown, Mike DeSerio, Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni, Shelagh Featherstone, Margaret Hughes, Lee & Scott McCaughey, Jennie Palmieri, Gloria Putnam 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
Judith Knapp

Adoration Tabernacle Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of
Robert A. Jasminski

Two Church Altar Candles

are Burning in Loving Memory of
Brayton Fogerty



BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Emma Bridget Raymond** who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

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



Making Room for God's Love: *Humanae vitae* at 50

A symposium marking the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's landmark encyclical letter

featuring talks by
George Weigel
Mary Eberstadt
Mary Hallan FioRito

A panel of medical experts

Vigil Mass celebrated by
Bishop Frank Caggiano

Saturday, June 23, 2018
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"In preserving intact the whole moral law of marriage, the Church is convinced that she is contributing to the creation of a truly human civilization."
Blessed Pope Paul VI

Love One Another as I have Loved You



In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus has called us all to do. In Stephen Ministry, people with special gifts for caring put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who need it most. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk to one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders, Mary Ann O'Grady – 203-438-5610 or Jack Hughes – 203-665-0054. Our Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.



Fair Donations: Jewelry & Accessories

Thank you for all the jewelry donations that have been coming in!



We are currently collecting donations of jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry displays, accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.) for our Fall Fair in September. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your generosity!

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3, 9am-6pm (Program begins at 11:45am). Prayer Stations Event: visit the stations in quiet, contemplative personal prayer.

*Sponsored by MidDay Community Bible Study Group of Ridgefield. In observance of National Day of Prayer 2018. Ballard Park, at the Gazebo, Ridgefield, CT
Contact Priscilla Black,
203-431-9768 or pblack35@comcast.net*

NO CONFESSIONS: Saturday, May 5th and Saturday, May 12th due to First Communion services.

TAG SALE

Saturday, May 5th, 9am-4pm. St. Marguerite Parish, 138 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield, CT. Home décor, kitchen items, CDs/DVDs, small furniture, collectibles, shoes, electronics, costume jewelry, Christmas decorations, toys, books, purses, etc. **Review Day: Friday, May 4th, 5-7pm, \$5 admission fee on this day only.**



20th ANNIVERSARY



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

Grade 5 Living Wax Museum

Ms. Richards' Grade 5 students amazed the SMS community with their Living Wax Museum. Each student researched and wrote a report on a figure from early American history. They created backdrops with fun facts and depictions of their figure, and dressed in period costumes. Students themselves came to life in character and presented one minute depiction of their figure from memory. It was a creative, interactive way to present important historical figures. The entire school community had the opportunity to visit the "museum."

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.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Read Books for the Soul



Reading the Word of God is an essential part of our spiritual journey, and thankfully it is the most widely available book in the world. But for many of us, we treat the Bible more as a paperweight than as the inspired Word of God, and it sits on a counter or bookshelf, untouched, unread, and unused. Make this the summer changes that. Find an approach that works best for you: find an app/website that gives you the Bible verse of the day, set a time or place daily where you commit yourself to reading a chapter of one of the Gospels, or meditate, pray and then open the Bible wherever you are led. Wherever you open will inspire you. Consistent reading of the Word will lead you closer to God and change your life.



Save the date for this year's praise and worship! The annual Parish music event will take place Saturday, June 9 at 7:00 PM. in the Parish Hall. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

CATHOLIC ACTION



DONATE: FOOD PANTRY

Food collected in May goes to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Collection bins are in the Church and Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

Join our DD 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 if interested.



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 lstoveken@comcast.net.



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.**

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 .**

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| 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 | X |
| 5am-6am | X | X | X | X | | X | X |
| 6am-7am | X | X | X | X | | X | O |
| 7am-8am | X | O | X | X | X | X | O |
| 8am-9am | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 9am-10am | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 10am-11am | X | X | | X | | X | X |
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| 2pm-3pm | X | O | X | X | | X | X |
| 3pm-4pm | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| 4pm-5pm | X | | | | X | X | X |
| 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 |

Come to the Adoration Chapel & share God's unconditional love. Call Bill or Monica at 914-533-2832 to sign up for chapel. 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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any baptized adult over the age of 18 who has received Communion may be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. Instruction will be provided. Please call our Religious Ed Office to register. Or for more info, contact Pat Postiglione, 203-438-7335 or ppostiglione@smcr.org



MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2019 OPEN TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018.