

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018



This Sunday we celebrate **Mother's Day** and honor our Moms, Grandmoms and Great Grandmoms in a special way. We remember them with love and give thanks for the many ways that they have touched our lives.

And of course because it is May we think of Mary, the Mother of God. During this month we honor Mary in a special way. We call her by many titles - Queen of Peace, Our Lady of the Rosary, Patroness of our Parish! Mary was a mother who brought up her Child with the help of Joseph, her husband. She did all the things for her Child that every 1st century Israeli Mom did - nursing Him, helping Him to grow up in the very challenging world of their day. And of course, she had to watch her Son, Jesus, suffer and die at the end of his public ministry and was also able to welcome Him back from death at His Resurrection!

On this special day, let us remember Mary, Mother of the Church, and give thanks for our wonderful mothers. Whether we are 15 or 45 or 75, we can still thank them for all they do and for the example they set for us. Let us honor them by obeying them in our younger years and by graciously taking care of them in their advancing years. God bless all Moms on Mother's Day 2018!

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

Pastor



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

7:00 AM Alda Carboni

12:00 PM Ruth Karl - 5th Anniversary

TUESDAY, May 15

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

7:00 AM Virginia Curnal

12:00 PM Herb Janick

WEDNESDAY, May 16

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

7:00 AM James O'Neill

12:00 PM Vito DeSerio

THURSDAY, May 17

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

7:00 AM Ann Depuy

12:00 PM Benjamin John Ramos Jr.

FRIDAY, May 18

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

7:00 AM Czeslaw Ortonowski

12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Coscio Family

SATURDAY, May 19

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39, or, for the Extended Vigil, Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

8:00 AM Marie Richards

4:30 PM Joseph Strilowich

SUNDAY, May 20

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Church

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg

9:15 AM Dina Casavecchia

11:15 AM Leslie Marie Parkel

Hall

10:30 AM Kevin Flanagan

12:00 PM Frances Pambianchi

5:00 PM Parishioners of the Parish



Moms! Please enjoy a carnation after Mass from our Men's Ministry! Happy Mother's Day!

RELIGIOUS ED SURVEYS

Survey links are on our Parish website, www.smcr.org. Please share with us your experience from the past year.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

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| May 6, 2018 | \$22,360 | \$417,832 |
| May 7, 2017 | \$21,687 | \$410,786 |

Facilities Repairs

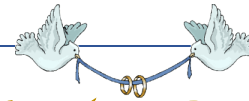
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| 2018 | \$4,170 |
| 2017 | \$4,535 |

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Bill Brown, Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni, Lily Howard, Vincent Ryan and Margaret Short:**



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.



Marriage Banns

- I. Austin Francis Moore – Elyse Monica Murphy*
- II. Sean Brian Matos – Laura Theresa Richards*



Candle Intentions

Adoration Tabernacle Candle is Burning in Loving Memory of

Cecilia O'Toole

A Church Altar Candle

is Burning in Loving Memory of

William Melnick

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family **Lukasz Marek Bury, Patrick Declan Coogan and Eli Steven Greco** who were baptized in our Church last weekend.



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MINISTRY

Do you know someone going through a difficult time who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement and support of a Stephen Minister? 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. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way to show you care!



Saint Mary School
RIDGEFIELD

World Language Expo

Students in Kindergarten - Grade 8 participated in the annual World Language Expo, highlighting French and Spanish speaking countries and their geography, culture, dress, food, art, music, and history. Our entire community visited the Expo and learned so much.

Students at Saint Mary take Spanish beginning in Preschool, French and Spanish in Kindergarten - Grade 5, and choose Spanish or French for Middle School. Middle School World Language meets daily.

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.

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 our Parish Hall. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER



The Most Important Person
ON EARTH IS
A Mother

SHE CANNOT CLAIM THE HONOR OF HAVING BUILT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL. SHE NEED NOT. SHE HAS BUILT SOMETHING MORE MAGNIFICENT THAN ANY CATHEDRAL: A DWELLING FOR AN IMMORTAL SOUL, THE TINY PERFECTION OF HER BABY'S BODY.

THE ANGELS HAVE NOT BEEN BLESSED WITH SUCH A GRACE. THEY CANNOT SHARE IN GOD'S CREATIVE MIRACLE TO BRING NEW SAINTS TO HEAVEN.

ONLY A HUMAN MOTHER CAN.

MOTHERS ARE CLOSER TO GOD THE CREATOR THAN ANY OTHER CREATURE; GOD JOINS FORCES WITH MOTHERS IN PERFORMING THIS ACT OF CREATION.

WHAT ON GOD'S GOOD EARTH IS MORE GLORIOUS THAN THIS: TO BE A MOTHER?

JOSEPH CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

Religious Education



Congratulations to our Third Grade Parishioners who are making their First Communion this weekend. May God bless each of them and their families as they continue their journey with Jesus and grow in our Catholic faith.



ST. MARY PARISH
FALL FAIR

PLANNING MEETING: The next Parish Fair Planning meeting will be Thursday, May 24th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All Committee chairs and anyone interested in getting involved in Fair planning are encouraged to attend.

John Spera, Bob Wendel
Parish Fair Chairs

JEWELRY DONATION: We are currently collecting donations of jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry displays, accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.) for our Fall Fair in September. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



FLU SEASON IS LASTING LONGER THAN EXPECTED. As a result, we're extending the suspension of Communion from the Cup and on the tongue through May.



Our Connecticut Dept. of Public Health reports that flu activity will continue into May. They also encourage anyone who has not yet received the flu vaccine to do so. In addition, we are advised to "take other important steps to prevent influenza-related illness and hospitalization." So please take advantage of our sanitation dispensers at the entrances of the Church and Parish Hall and avoid physical contact at the sign of peace. Finally, please remain at home if you are not feeling well. Thank you for your understanding.
Monsignor Bronkiewicz



EWTN RADIO
IS COMING TO OUR DIOCESE!

Visit www.veritascatholic.com to learn more and to support this apostolate dedicated to bringing faithful, entertaining Catholic programming to our community.

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!



Two or three **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to serve lunch. Commitment is appx 2x/month, weekdays of your choosing, Mon-Fri. Hours: 11:45am-1:00pm. Where: Congregate Housing, 51 Prospect Ridge. For more info or questions, contact Suzanne

MacAvoy, 203 438-7056, sdmacavoy@hotmail.com.



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

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 jestoveken@comcast.net.



Dorothy Day House of Hospitality VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.



PRAY TO OUR MOTHER

Whether we are a child asking for help in school or a sick or elderly person 'at the hour of our death,' Mary hears our prayer, and prays for us.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut, is open 24/7. The entrance is near our RE 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 |
| 11am-12N | O | X | X | X | X | | O |
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| 3pm-4pm | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
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Having celebrated the Ascension of our Lord, we realize that Jesus will always be our source of faith, hope & love. Come to our Adoration Chapel to present all your petitions, requests, worries, concerns & heartaches to the Lover of us all. Sign up for an hour on our website, smcr.org, or contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832, if you do not have access to a computer. 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.**