

# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 3, 2018



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## Corpus Christi

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As Catholics we are blessed with the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. It nourishes our lives and strengthens us to follow the Lord faithfully in loving service to our brothers and sisters, especially those in need.

Pope Francis reminds us to avoid the “false bread” of the world. It is God’s food that truly satisfies. Christ is himself, “the living bread that gives life to the world.”

As we celebrate this great feast, remember that the word Eucharist means “giving thanks.” May we truly give thanks for our faith, for the gift of the Eucharistic, and for the spiritual home we call Saint Mary Parish.

Msgr. Larry Bronkiewicz

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

*Pastor*



**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, June 4**

2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12  
 7:00 AM Daniel Culhane  
 12:00 PM John Hyland

**TUESDAY, June 5**

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17  
 7:00 AM Mary McInerney  
 12:00 PM Francis J. Healey

**WEDNESDAY, June 6**

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27  
 7:00 AM Laura Mockler  
 12:00 PM Gilda Bellusci

**THURSDAY, June 7**

2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34  
 7:00 AM Vincent J. Lewis  
 12:00 PM Marie Richards

**FRIDAY, June 8**

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37  
 7:00 AM Meredith Warner  
 12:00 PM Ray Tragale

**SATURDAY, June 9**

2 Tm 4:1-8 (358)/Lk 2:41-51  
 8:00 AM Kay Kenny  
 4:30 PM Sheila Guenther

**SUNDAY, June 10**

Gn 3:9-15/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

**Church**

7:30 AM Conrad and Mary Sponberg  
 9:15 AM Francis J. Healey - 25th Anniversary  
 11:15 AM Parishioners of the Parish

**Hall**

10:30 AM Alga Postiglione  
 12:00 PM Julia and Patrick Shea  
 5:00 PM Mary Thompson



**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

May 27, 2018	\$20,884	\$481,259
May 28, 2017	\$19,869	\$474,317

*Prayers for the Sick*

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Nancy Bossidy, Bill Brown, Chris Carlson, Msgr. Stephen DiGiovanni, Lily Howard, Judy McBride, Marian Miltenis, 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. Alexander Occhiboi – Kara Mendes
- II. Robert Kyle Ellis – Britny Renee DeLuca

**2018 Jubilee Mass**

Three couples from our Parish attended the Wedding Jubilee Mass and Concert on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, with Bishop Caggiano.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Roff-Achim & Elizabeth Kaul

**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy & Mary Garofalo  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael & Theresa Liberta



**COMMUNION UPDATE**

This weekend, we will begin to offer Communion from the Cup and on the tongue again. Please continue to take advantage of our sanitation dispensers at the entrances of our Church and Parish Hall and use your own best judgement at the sign of peace. Finally, please remain at home if you are not feeling well. Thank you for your understanding. *Msgr. Bronkiewicz*

**Mass Intentions for May 2019 are open**

**Dorothy Day House of Hospitality VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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



*Mr. & Mrs. Kaul with Bishop Caggiano*

## Religious Education

### Surveys



Thank you to all who filled out a Religious Ed Survey! The feedback is much appreciated and **very helpful** as we plan for next year. If you have not had an opportunity to fill out a survey yet, there is still time. The survey links are on our Parish website, [www.smcr.org](http://www.smcr.org). Thank you again for taking the time to share your experience about the last year. We truly appreciate it!



## Saint Mary School

RIDGEFIELD

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the fourteenth class of Eighth Grade students graduated from Saint Mary School. Thank you to the entire Saint Mary Community for all that you do to make our school what it is today; a Blue Ribbon winning, Catholic faith filled environment in which boys and girls from pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 learn with enthusiasm and excitement. Congratulations to this year's Graduates and their families:

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| • Patrik Backus        | • Charles Kalbfus        |
| • Nikolas Badinelli    | • Paige Kozlicky         |
| • Meghan Carlesi       | • Elizabeth "Sasha" Kulo |
| • Julia Carrozza       | • Aurore Msays           |
| • Ben Cherico          | • Michael Pizzo          |
| • Aiden Cullen         | • Anthony Raduazzo       |
| • Ryan Donovan         | • Scott Robert           |
| • Jonathon Dowding     | • Christopher Santoro    |
| • Peter Harco          | • Ryan Tappan            |
| • Eric John Hoerdemann |                          |

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

## FAITH FORMATION CORNER



### Feast of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi is a profound, prophetic and powerful Feast in the liturgical year of the Catholic Church. On this day, we are reminded that Jesus Christ still gives Himself to us, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearances of bread and wine.

There is also an ancient and beautiful custom in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church called the Corpus Christi procession. The consecrated Host, the Body and Blood of the Lord, is reposed in what is called a monstrance. The faithful process with the Body and Blood of the Lord through the streets surrounding their church buildings. This Eucharistic procession can be a powerful witness to an age which has lost its sense of the sacred. We proclaim by our action that the Lord is truly present, giving Himself to all who call upon him. Jesus Christ is not dead, He is alive. He has been raised from the dead.

Parishes which practice the procession have experienced tremendous grace. In one inner city parish I served, I remember the beauty of witnessing the people come out of their homes as we marched through the streets. Many knelt on their porches, as the Lord passed by. It was an amazing moment of encountering the living witness of the Risen Jesus Christ. How much the world of this hour needs to encounter Him!

—Dn. Keith Fournier, Catholic.org



## ST. MARY PARISH FALL FAIR September 8<sup>th</sup>

### WHITE ELEPHANT, USED TOYS AND USED BOOKS

#### DROP OFF DATES:

- August 22 7-9 pm
- August 26 1-4 pm
- August 29 7-9 pm

*Drop off Used Toys and Used Books at Day Chapel and White Elephant items at Nancy Bossidy Rec Center Gym (lower level behind the school)*

### JEWELRY DONATION

We are collecting jewelry, jewelry boxes, jewelry accessories (watches, sunglasses, scarves, etc.) for the Fair. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## 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.*

**Join us for our next Respect Life meeting  
Wed, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Day Chapel.**

**CATHOLIC ACTION**

**DONATE: FOOD PANTRY**

Food collected in June goes to the St. Joseph Parenting Center. 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](mailto:sdmacavoy@hotmail.com).

**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.

	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	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
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	X
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	O	X	X

*This year the feast of Corpus Christi marks 24 years of our Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Many blessings & graces have been bestowed upon us over the years & we pray that the Lord will continue to do so. He loves each of us, forgives, comforts, encourages, strengthens, nourishes, sustains & heals us. How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for us? Many & new adorers are always welcome to our Adoration Chapel to pray in the Sacramental presence of Jesus. Sign up for an hour on our website, [smcr.org](http://smcr.org), or contact Monica and Bill at 914-533-2832, if you do not have computer access.*

**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.**



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



**"KNIGHT TALKS" SERIES**

*"What I Hear Your Kids Saying"*

Thursday, June 21<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 PM in the Barn, Brenner LeCompte, St. Mary Youth Minister, will share his thoughts and insights about what he sees and hears...from his program work and from his family! In a world where technology is evolving at an ever more rapid pace and kids are being prodded to "grow up" quicker, but simultaneously are being "sheltered" from maturing, Brenner's first-hand observations, and the ensuing Q&A, should prove interesting to soon-to-be parents, parents and grandparents.



**Book Club with Monsignor Bronkiewicz! Details coming soon!**